



Interactive Read Aloud

with CLASS® Concepts

Welcome to Teachstone's Interactive Reading Guide with CLASS[®] Concepts

How to use the guide:

This guide is meant to help you enhance the experience of reading with children. The ideas in the guide will help you make the most of story time, supporting children's learning and engaging with them in a meaningful way.

When planning for story time, begin by reading the book. Then, read this guide. Choose the ideas you think will be most helpful based on what you know about the children you are reading to. It is not recommended that you use all of the ideas in the guide at once, as this may disrupt the flow of the story.

What is CLASS[®]?:

CLASS stands for the Classroom Assessment Scoring System. Developed in 2008 at the University of Virginia, it is a research-driven tool used to improve how teachers interact with children every day to cultivate supportive, structured, and engaging classroom experiences.

The CLASS framework is divided into three domains: Emotional Support, Classroom Organization, and Instructional Support. Each domain is subdivided into several dimensions. This guide offers suggestions on using strategies from each of the CLASS dimensions listed below.

Emotional Support:

Positive Climate (PC)

Teacher Sensitivity (TS)

Regard for Student Perspectives (RSP)

Classroom Organization:

Behavior Management (BM)

Productivity (P)

Instructional Learning Formats (ILF)

Instructional Support:

Concept Development (CD)

Quality of Feedback (QF)

Language Modeling (LM)

HARPREET LOVES COLORS:

Harpreet wore different colors to let everyone know how he was feeling that day.

How many colors does he like? What is your favorite color? (QF, CD, RSP)

YELLOW, RED, GREEN, & PINK:

How can you spread cheer? Have you ever heard of an extra boost of courage?

(QF, LM)

THE MOVE:

Across the country means you move far away from your home. You might need to fly to your new city or country. An example could be when you go to cooking school in Paris, you move out of the country. Harpreet said saying goodbye took a lot of courage. Why does Harpreet think he needs a lot of courage? (LM, QF, CD)

NOT SO HAPPY OCCASION:

Harpreet says he is nervous. That means you are feeling a little scared. You might get sweaty, your heart beats fast similar to when you are active (running, jumping, riding your tricycle). Harpreet says that his heart is thumping in his chest. That means that it's beating really, really hard. When Harpreet was sad, he said it was like a cloud to rain. What do you think Harpreet means by that? (LM, QF)

THE COLOR WHITE:

Harpreet says he wears white when he feels shy and he doesn't want to be seen.

Why do you think he doesn't want to be seen? (QF, CD, RSP)

WEARING WHITE:

Harpreet says that he wears white when he is shy. Have you felt shy in a new place? (QF, RSP)

ORDINARY DAY:

What do you think invisible means? Why do you think Harpreet wants to be invisible? Invisible means that you cannot be seen. It is clear like water - you can see right through it. (LM, QF, CD, RSP)

PARENTS CHECKING IN:

Looking at the page, Harpreet's parents know which colors Harpreet enjoys wearing. When his mom asks Harpreet what colors he wants to wear on this day, he says that there's no reason to be brave. Why do you think he doesn't want to be brave? Why do you think he doesn't want to go outside? (QF, CD, RSP)

GLOOMY DAY:

When Harpreet went to school, he says he felt gloomier than ever. What does he mean by gloomier than ever? If Harpreet is frowning, how is he feeling? (LM, QF, CD, RSP)

MEETING ABBY:

Looking at the pages, what is happening with Harpreet and Abby? How does Harpreet look in this picture? What are they both doing on the page right now? (CD, QF)

HARPREET AND ABBY:

Harpreet is wearing red, yellow, pink and green again like he did at the beginning of the book. What feelings do you think Harpreet is experiencing again? What kind of feelings do you think Harpreet is feeling while spending time with Abby? (QF, RSP)

TREES WITH MOM:

The trees have buds and the birds are chirping. Harpreet tells his mom, he's using white because it reminds him of snow. Why do you think Harpreet wants to be reminded about the snow? What season do you think it is now? (CD, LM, RSP)

ABBY AND HARPREET:

Harpreet says that he likes wearing white when he hangs out with his friend Abby. Do you think that Harpreet will still wear white when he's feeling shy? (QF, RSP)

VOCABULARY

Patka	Smooth	Invisible
Muted	Gently	Brave
Pastel	Announced	Replied
Neon	Across the country	Gloomier
Spreading	Adventure	Frown
Boost	Courage	Itchy
Bhangra beats	Characters	Extended
Bright	Nervous	Bud
Celebrating	Thumping	Chirping
Bopping	Sad	
Colorful	Shy	

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