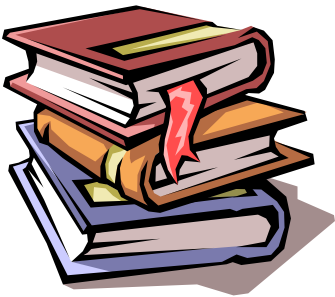


Sharing Our Thinking

What Are Mentor Texts?

- Mentor texts are pieces of literature that you can return to and reread for many different purposes.
- Mentor texts are to be studied and then imitated.
- Mentor texts help students make powerful connections to their own lives.
- Mentor texts help students take risks and try out new strategies.
- Mentor texts should be books that students can relate to and can read independently or with some support.



Why Use Picture Books as Mentor Texts?

- Picture books provide the models that will help students grow as writers.
- They stimulate creativity and create interest.
- They are rich in beautiful illustrations that add another layer to the text.
- They can be used to connect reading strategies to author's craft.
- They contain multiple life lessons.
- They are culturally diverse.
- They demonstrate the importance of choosing words wisely.
- They are short enough to be shared entirely in one reading.