

# Overview of CKLA Preschool Components and Domains

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## Program Components:

- 7 Teacher Guides, 1 per domain
- 7 Full-Color Flip Books, 1 per domain
- 1 Big Book, *Classic Tales*
- 7 sets of Image Cards, 1 per domain (story sequencing, vocabulary and concept cards)
- 7 sets of Transition and Learning Center Cards, 1 per domain
- Student Activity Pages, 1 per student per domain
- Nursery Rhymes and Songs Posters

## Domain Topics:

**Note 7/15/13:** *CKLA–PreK materials are currently in development and therefore subject to change. These suggested trade books are slated for inclusion in the curriculum at this time, but slight changes may occur. All listed trade books are appropriate for use as supplemental materials in the event that they are not included in the final curriculum.*

All domains have Teacher Guides with original read-alouds, accompanying Flip Book illustrations, an average of 3 trade books lessons, small group literacy skills activities with activity pages for school and home, and recommended learning center activities.

### *All About Me*

#### Original Read-Alouds

- I Am Special - What Makes Me, Me!
- Parts Outside My Body, Parts Inside my Body
- We Use Our Senses to Learn
- I Am Growing and Changing
- I Am a Human Being!

#### Trade Book Lessons

- *Shades of People* by Shelly Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly
- *My Five Senses* by Alik
- *My Amazing Body: A First Look at Health and Fitness* by Pat Thomas

### *Family*

#### Original Read-Alouds

- All Kinds of Families
- Family Activities and Routines
- Family Celebrations and Traditions

## ***Family (continued)***

### **Trade Book Lessons**

- *Families* by Ann Morris
- *Houses and Homes* by Ann Morris
- *Full, Full, Full of Love* by Trish Cooke
- *Career Day* by Anne Rockwell

## ***Animals***

### **Original Read-Alouds**

- We've All Got Body Parts
- Animals' Body Parts
- All Kinds of Animals
- Animals Protect Themselves
- Animals Have Needs

### **Trade Book Lessons**

- *Is Your Mama a Llama?* by Deborah Guarino and Steven Kellogg
- *See Me Grow* by Penelope Arlon and Tory Gordon-Harris
- *What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?* by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page

## ***Plants***

### **Original Read-Alouds**

- Plants Are All Around Us
- Plants Have Different Parts
- Plants Grow
- Plants Have Basic Needs
- Plants Are Important in Our World

### **Trade Book Lessons**

- *Flowers* by Vijaya Khisty Bodach
- *A Fruit Is a Suitcase for Seeds* by Jean Richards
- *Sunflower House* by Eve Bunting

## ***Habitats***

### **Original Read-Alouds**

- Woodland
- Pond
- Ocean

- Desert
- Farm

### ***Habitats (continued)***

#### **Trade Book Lessons**

- *In the Woods: Who's Been Here?* by Lindsay Barrett George
- *Life in a Pond*, by Carol Lindeen
- *Here Is the Southwestern Desert*, by Madeleine Dunphy

### ***Classic Tales***

(Read-alouds interspersed between other domains throughout the year)

#### **Original Read-Alouds:**

- *The Lion and the Mouse*
- *The City Mouse and The Country Mouse*
- *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*
- *The Gingerbread Man*
- *The Shoemaker and the Elves*
- *The Little Red Hen*
- *Thumbelina*
- *How Turtle Got His Shell (Native American folktale)*
- *Why Flies Buzz (African folktale)*
- *The Three Little Pigs*

#### **Trade Book Lesson**

- *The Three Horrid Little Pigs* by Liz Pichon

### ***Important People in American History***

(Read-alouds interspersed throughout the year, aligned with related holidays)

#### **Original Read-Alouds:**

- The Native Americans
- The Pilgrims
- Barack Obama
- George Washington
- Abraham Lincoln
- Sally Ride
- Sonia Sotomayor

#### **Trade Book Lesson**

- *Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King* by Jean Marzollo

## **What can we do now to prepare for CKLA–NY Preschool?**

The CKLA–NY Preschool materials represent a *comprehensive* English language arts (ELA) program for pre-kindergarten students. One premise upon which the CKLA materials have been constructed is that staying on topic provides repeated exposure to the content, concepts, and vocabulary associated with the topic—facilitating student learning.

Educators are encouraged to extend the CKLA–NY Preschool topics beyond the time spent on ELA activities. The materials provide some guidance on how to leverage learning centers to reinforce ELA learning. However, there is plenty of opportunity for educators to use these topics to engage their own expertise and creativity to ensure additional opportunities for related student learning. To begin preparing for CKLA–NY Preschool:

- Review the preceding list of domain topics.
- Begin to take inventory of existing books and classroom materials, considering for which topics your teachers may need additional materials to support extension activities and learning centers.
- Purchase and build familiarity with the trade books listed for each domain. Give these a try with the students!