Reading and Writing Informational text in the Primary Grades
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Reading and writing go hand in hand, both skills work together to improve each other. When students are engaged in writing, they end up working on their reading skills at the same time! Using writing as a strategy to improve reading skills is a sneaky way to disguise practicing things like fluency, comprehension, and phonics. One fun way to use writing as a reading strategy is by asking students to become authors! They can write a mini-book, picture book, or even try their hand at a chapter book or comic-book. Ask your reader to read a page in the text to themselves. Then, let them act out what happened and you have to guess, or vice versa.


272 pages : 24 cm. Explains the importance of teaching primary school students how to read and write informational text and offers suggestions for integrating it into the curriculum. Primary grades. "Research-based practices"--Cover. Includes bibliographical references (pages 239-264) and index. Why include informational text in the primary classroom? A research-based rationale -- A framework for weaving informational texts into the primary classroom: the Early Literacy Project -- Shared reading and read aloud: developing language, world knowledge, and comprehension with informat... Authors of informational text employ a variety of structures to assist the reader in finding information quickly and efficiently. These might include a table of contents, an index, bold or italicized text, glossaries for specialized vocabulary, embedded definitions for specialized vocabulary, realistic illustrations of photos, captions and other labels, and graphs and charts. Unlike narratives that tell a story across time in a linear fashion, informational text is often (though not always) non-linear. Reading and writing informational text in the primary grades: Research based practices. New York: Scholastic. Correll Book Awards. Lifespan Literacy Community Programs. Correll Book Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Informational Text.