

March. Reading @ Home

Hello Bear Creek Families!

Spring break is almost here, if you need ideas to help your child review, you can look back at our monthly reading at home activities.

This month we will focus on comparative reading, this means comparing characters, and details from two texts.

According to PBS learning, "when students compare texts, they can better comprehend the complexity of ideas" and it prepares them for a higher-level analysis of texts.

Once again, I have included a description of what is required from each grade level regarding comparative reading so you can see how the complexity changes as students progress through grade levels.

I have split the supports into Kindergarten - 2nd grade, and 3rd - 5th grade with a visual example of suggested activities.

As always if you have any questions or need support, please feel free to reach out. Happy reading!



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K-2 IDEAS

- K-2 focuses on comparing characters experiences in similar stories or comparing details from similar informational texts.
- The first activity is to simply list details about two books: the settings, characters, events and theme (see below)
- The second activity is for informational texts using a Venn diagram. You list the different details in the outer circle and similar details in the crossed over circle.
- Once you have this information you can have a discussion with your child about the similarities and differences between the two texts.

3-5 IDEAS

- 3-5 focuses on comparing how author's present information, accounts of the same event, and primary and secondary sources.
- The first activity is to simply use a 3-column chart to list details that are different in the outside rectangles, and details that are similar in the middle. (see example to the right).
- The second activity is to use a bubble chart to find similarities in the middle bubbles (circles) and differences in the outer bubbles.
- Students can also use a Venn diagram to also do this work.

Fifth Grade	Compare and contrast primary and secondary sources related to the same topic.
Fourth Grade	Compare and contrast accounts of the same event using primary and secondary sources related to the same topic.
Third Grade	Compare and contrast how two authors present information on the same topic or theme.
Second Grade	Compare and contrast important details presented by two texts on the same topic or theme.
First Grade	Compare and contrast two texts on the same topic.
Kindergarten	Compare and contrast characters' experiences in stories.



Name: _____

Attributes to Compare and Contrast	Title: _____	Title: _____
Settings	_____	_____
Characters	_____	_____
Events	_____	_____
Theme	_____	_____

COMPARISON TEXT STRUCTURE		
	BOTH	

