

NURTURING THE YOUNG CHILD’S LOVE OF WORDS, LANGUAGE AND BOOKS – Jean Reidy

JEAN REIDY’S BOOKS

TOO PURPLEY!

A picky preschooler’s search for the perfect clothes.
Illustrated by Genevieve Leloup. (Bloomsbury, 2010)

TOO PICKLEY!

A picky preschooler’s search for the perfect food.
Illustrated by Genevieve Leloup (Bloomsbury, 2010)

MY OWN LITTLE PIECE OF THE UNIVERSE

A cumulative verse about earth, space and a kid’s
comforting sense of place. Illustrated by Caldecott Honor
illustrator Margaret Chodos-Irvine.
(Disney Hyperion, Fall 2011)

THERE’S A CORNER IN MY HOUSE

A subversive look at what might happen when a kid with
a big imagination is stuck in time out. To be illustrated by
Robert Neubecker, creator of WOW! CITY! and WOW!
SCHOOL! (Disney Hyperion, 2012)

TOO PRINCESSY!

A picky preschooler’s search for the perfect toy. To be
illustrated by Genevieve Leloup (Bloomsbury, 2012)

*“The fire of literacy is created by
the emotional sparks between a
child, a book, and the person
reading. It isn’t achieved by the
book alone, nor by the child alone,
nor by the adult who’s reading
aloud – it’s the relationship
winding between all three, bringing
them together in easy harmony.”*
Mem Fox

Jean Reidy’s Read Aloud Tips

- 1. Choose books with the 4 Rs-
rhyme, rhythm, repetition and
relatability.**
- 2. Loosen up your listeners with
a pre-read activity.**
- 3. Read the book out loud first.**
- 4. Play reading detectives – look
for word clues in pictures,
rhyme, rhythm and repetition.**
- 5. Read again as a read-a-long.**
- 6. Chat it up.**
- 7. Have fun!**

The Characteristics of a Vibrant Triangle Book (Tam Smith)

- 1. Spare and purposeful language*
- 2. Limited text on a page that helps to create an emotional experience*
- 3. Narrative structure that extends the story beyond itself*
- 4. Narrative as an intuitive stepping stone for learning about the world*

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(tied to learning standards) for all of Jean’s books visit
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