

WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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Ages 5-12

CONNECT.

While it's probably too hard to remember every book you've ever read, it may be possible to recount those you've read in the past couple months or at least your favorites! Do your best to name as many as possible.

INVESTIGATE.

Now let's create a reading log so you can keep track of all the books you read in the future.

You'll need:

- Your School Bus Bookends
 - Spiral notebook
 - Ruler
 - Marker
 - Pen
 - String
 - Scissors
1. Think for a moment: If you were looking back on your reading log one year from now, what would you like to see? The title and author are important. Maybe a quick book summary or star review? Is there anything else that you may like to remember about each book?
 2. Open your spiral notebook to the first page and set up your reading log. Use the ruler to measure and create several even columns up and down the page. You'll need one column per category that you want to record.
 3. Label the first column "Title," the second column "Author," and so on until you have labeled each of your desired categories.
 4. Copy this layout on the next several pages.
 5. Start your reading log by adding at least one book that you've read recently.
 6. Next, tie the string to one end of your notebook's spirals. Think about how long the string should be in order to write comfortably and then attach the other end to your pen. Now, you'll always have a pen handy!

OPTIMIZE.

You'll need:

- Your School Bus Bookends
 - Your Reading Log
 - Scissors
 - Glue
 - Markers
 - Masking paper
 - Pencil
1. Now that the inside of your reading log is complete, it's time to create the cover!
 2. Unroll the masking paper and place your reading log on top of it. Lightly trace the front cover with your pencil, and then cut it out carefully. Repeat with the back cover.
 3. Secure the masking paper cutouts to the front and back of your reading log. If the paper has adhesive, you should be able to remove the backing and then attach the paper directly to your notebook. Otherwise, you can use the glue to secure the paper to both covers.
 4. Look at or imagine the covers of your favorite books. With these covers in mind, think about how you would like to design the cover of your own reading log. You could include images from your favorite book scenes or even create a collage of everything that comes to mind when you think of reading. The choice is yours!
 5. Finally, place your reading log between your School Bus Bookends and next to any books you hope to read soon. You now have no excuse not to track everything you read. Time to start reading!

Tip: Be sure to include your name, a title for your reading log, and at least one eye-catching illustration!

