



Teacher Resources

for

This School Year Will Be the Best!

Comprehension (ELA. 2.3)	Vocabulary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » What did the teacher ask her students when they went and sat on the rug in the beginning of the story? (Page 1) » What does one of the students hope they will have at lunch? (Page 7) » What is the teacher's wish for her school year? (Page 27) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Remember » Squirt » Science » Measure » Hatch » Principal » Perfect
Fluency (ELA. 2.1)	Writing Prompt (ELA. 2.20)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Use this text as a reader's theater script. Assign each student a page and time to practice their part with expression. Perform the script, having students orally read their parts. » Echo read the text with your students using different expressions. For example, read in a silly voice, a loud or soft voice, or read like you are singing a song. Read one line of the book and then have your students repeat the line using the same expression. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Write an opinion piece that discusses the writing prompt, "Why do you think this school year will be the best?" by supplying reasons that support your opinion, using linking words to connect opinion and reasons, and providing a concluding statement.
Language (ELA 2.37)	Companion Texts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Forming Contractions <p>Mentor Sentences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » "I'll bring my pet snake for show-and-tell." (Page 6) 	<p>First Day Jitters by Julie Danneberg</p> <p>If You Take a Mouse to School by Laura Numeroff</p> <p>The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson</p> <p>The Pigeon HAS to Go to School! by Mo Willems</p> <p>David Goes to School by David Shannon</p>

