

## Sample Late First Grade / Early Fluent Book

Level 14

Word count this book: 230

One of several stories about the joy of reading

"I have exciting news," said Mrs. Hall.

"We're going to have a reading contest.

The first grade class that reads the most books will win a treat.

The treat will be a daytime pajama party one Friday afternoon."





Slightly smaller font, a little less space between the lines, longer sentences

Much less reliance on illustration to cue text

"Yay!" shouted the children.
"We will read **lots** of books."

For the next few weeks, the children read before, during, and after school.



Challenging word (favorite) introduced here and reinforced on later pages

One day, Mrs. Hall asked the children to talk about their favorite books.





Boldface type here and elsewhere presents opportunities for students to read expressively.

Victor held up his favorite book.

"This book has a wolf who huffs and puffs."

"My favorite book has a wolf, too," said Derek.

"He tries to trick a little girl."





As on the preceding page, students will have fun guessing the King School Kids' favorite books.

"My favorite book is about a princess with long hair," said Jasmin.

"In **my** favorite book, there's also a princess," said Kendra.

"She can't fall asleep because her bed feels hard."



The word *proud* appears throughout the Series, emphasizing the importance of taking pride in doing one's best.

The first grade teachers counted the books their classes had read.

Mrs. Hall's class won!

"I'm proud of you," Mrs. Hall said.

"Now we can have our daytime pajama party!"





Students will enjoy finding their favorite characters in the dark.

After recess on Friday, the children put on pajamas.

They spread out pillows and blankets. Mrs. Hall shut off the lights, pulled down the shades, and turned on a flashlight. Then she read to the children.

"This was **my** favorite book when I was in first grade," she said.





The ending focuses on a universal childhood experience: amazement that adults were once kids, too.

