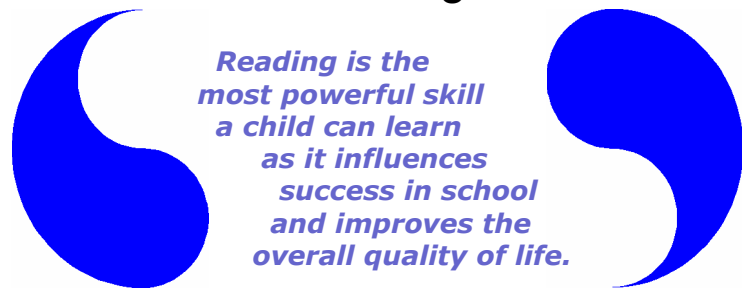


Stories and More II grades 2 - 3



Stories and More II (SAM II) is a literature-based reading program that offers 2nd and 3rd grade students engaging experiences with literature, in print and on the computer. Designed to complement a literature-based or a traditional approach to reading, **SAM II** provides entertaining fiction and informative non-fiction arranged in theme related units. This collection of books will encourage your children to develop reading skills and a love of literature as well as to spark their interest in science and social studies. All 22 books are leveled for **Guided Reading** instruction and **Read Aloud Records** are available for every story.

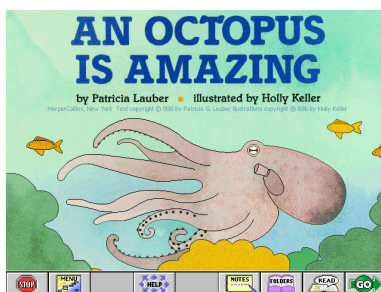
Children in your class will thrill to the discovery of other cultures and other times in Barbara Cooney's magical *Roxaboxen* and Karen Lynn Williams' *Galimoto*; they will be intrigued by the world of natural discovery in Patricia Lauber's *An Octopus is Amazing* and Judy Hawes' *Fireflies in the Night*, along with other engaging and informative works.

Sophisticated technology may deliver reading instruction, but the heart of **SAM II** is books – high-interest books with challenging content. The twelve core books offer interactive, animated pre- and post activities that support reading comprehension and heighten interest. These books as well as an additional 10 related books in the online library are read by a variety of expressive readers—both young and old. Although **SAM II** is designed primarily for the interests and reading levels of 2nd and 3rd grade children, audio support throughout makes the books and activities accessible to children with special needs, including those in Special Education, English as a Second Language, and Title I programs.

With an emphasis on cross-disciplinary themes, books and activities, **SAM II** provides natural connections to other areas of the curriculum and to other Bright Blue Software instructional software such as *Math and More* and *The Nature of Science Series*.

Other features make curriculum integration easy as well. The online *Notes* feature allows teachers to have students write about their reactions to the literature or concepts gained as they read. Teachers can create and add their own questions to reading activities.

The **Stories and More II Teacher's Guide**, which provides comprehensive lesson plans and an emphasis on integrating literature with other curricular areas, is provided with every network license.



SAM II Titles by Theme

Look and Discover

The Trek
Shadows Here, There, and Everywhere
When the Tide is Low

Times and Places

Roxaboxen
The House on Maple Street
Galimoto

World Watch

Nine O'clock Lullaby
Houses and Homes
World Water Watch

Creature Features

An Octopus is Amazing
Fireflies in the Night
Lizard in the Sun

Online Activities:

Starting Off:

stimulates prior knowledge, students construct knowledge base for new ideas

Reading Time:

entire book read aloud by a variety of child & adult voices, includes online tools

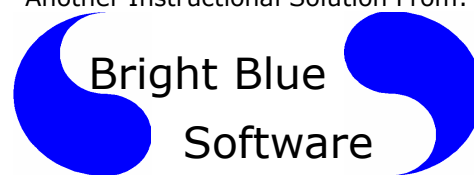
Thinking About:

extends reading comprehension by encouraging students to think back & respond to what they have read

Going Beyond:

students articulate their own thoughts & relate story themes to their own lives

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Books can tell more than a story.

It is only when students have had opportunities to apply what they have learned that they gain a deeper understanding of what they have read.