

Mini-Lesson: Predicting in a Series (2nd Grade)

Intention (Skill): Predicting in a Series

Teaching Point (Strategy): Readers can use the patterns in a series to help them make predictions.

Connection: All week, you've been looking for and talking about patterns in a series. You've talked about how characters mostly stay the same in a series, and how even the problem is similar in series books.

Today, I want to teach you that you can use the patterns in a series to help you make predictions.

Teach: Let me show you what I mean. I've read a lot of Lilly (Kevin Henkes) books, and I've noticed patterns. I've noticed that Lilly has a lot of confidence, and she really loves to be the center of attention. I've also noticed that this usually causes a problem for her. I can use these patterns to help me make predictions. If I'm in the library and I see a new book called *Lilly Goes to a New School*, I can talk about how her first day might go before I even read the book. I would predict that Lilly might get in a little bit of trouble on her first day at a new school because she would probably shout out in class or try to be the boss. I also think she might have trouble at recess because she would probably want to be in charge of whatever game they play. I wonder if she would wear her crown or her red boots...

Did you see how I used the patterns in this series to help me make a prediction?

Active Engagement: Now it's your turn to try it. I know your teacher has been talking about Amelia Bedelia this week. I want you to imagine you just walked into the library, and there's a new Amelia Bedelia book there. In that book, she has decided to be a substitute teacher! Based on what you know about Amelia Bedelia, turn and talk to your partner about how her first day as a substitute teacher might go. Use the patterns that you've noticed to make a prediction.

Link: So today when you go off to read, you're going to have a card with an idea for a new book in the series you're reading. You are going to use the patterns you've noticed in that series to make predictions about this new book idea. You can do this any time you read series books.

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