

PART II - OPTIONAL LESSONS

Optional Lesson #1 - Professional Storyteller

Bring a professional storyteller into the class to tell a few tales. As a rule, these people are great with kids and usually require only a modest honorarium. Coordinating the lesson with other grades and/or schools could help to make the project more cost effective.



Optional Lesson #2 - "Reading Buddy" - Cross Grading

Students select a favourite folktale (from the library or home) and read this to a student in the primary grades. This "reading buddy" idea works best if it is ongoing throughout the year and not just a one time attempt with a single folktale.



Optional Lesson #3 - Tape Recorder - Homework Assignment

Assign students to read a story aloud at home into a cassette tape recorder. Encourage students to be as expressive with their voices as possible. The story should be short and simple since the mere action of reading into a cassette player is extremely difficult for some students. As a variation, some students may choose to record themselves on video. (To gain students confidence and trust, explain that only the teacher will hear these tapes and that all tapes will self destruct in a "Mission Impossible-like" manner after being heard)

