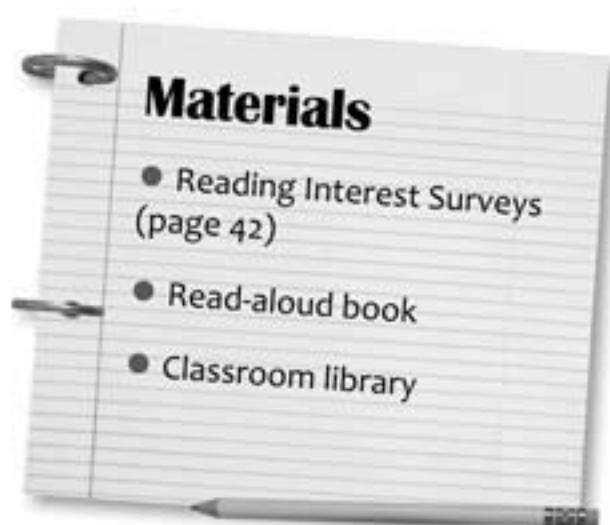


# DAY 1 Getting to Know Your Students

As you implement a Reading Workshop in your classroom, you'll connect with your students in amazing ways. The Reading Interest Survey will help you assess their feelings about reading before they embark on the Reading Workshop journey with you. It's also important to give them time to read on their own the very first day. Finally, end by reading aloud one of your favorite books. Following these simple steps will give your students a taste of the Reading Workshop experience, leaving them eager for more.

## Suggested Read Alouds

- *Thank You, Mr. Falker* ~ Polacco
- *Teacher from the Black Lagoon* ~ Thaler



## Reading Survey

Begin by asking your students to take a survey that will help you understand their reading preferences. Be sure to administer it before discussing your reading program with them. If you wait too long, your students may not respond honestly if they dislike reading. Simply pass out the survey and tell them you want to learn more about each of them as readers. If you're planning to allow students to check out books from your classroom library on Day 1, briefly review your guidelines for doing so. Then, as the class completes the survey, allow small groups of students to visit your classroom library to select a book.

READING INTEREST SURVEY	
Name _____	_____
How do you feel about reading? Do you love it? Explain your feelings.	
_____	
_____	
What do you like about reading?	
_____	
What don't you like about reading?	
_____	
Do you have a favorite book? If so, what is it and why do you like it?	
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Do you ever read or listen just for fun, even when you aren't required to read? If so, what types of things do you enjoy reading?	
_____	
What topics would you like to read about the most?	
_____	
Do you like to read newspapers or magazines? Explain.	
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