Title: **Crocodile’s Smile**  Level: D ISBN: 9780845499139 Publisher: Seedling

Familiar Read: (3 min.)

Familiar Writing: (3 min.) Word Building (3 min.)

1. cannot do swim, swimming

2. have mile, smile, file, pile, while

3. some

Before Reading: (5-7 min.)

* Book Introduction: (include meaning, structure, visual)

Mother crocodile is on her way to the river. She sees many of her friends but she cannot smile at them because her mouth is full. She can’t talk with her full mouth so when her friends ask her questions, she answers by shaking her head. Ask kids a few questions and have them answer by only shaking their heads! “Do you like pancakes?” “Do you like cats?” “Do you have a sister?” “Do you like spinach?”

Show p. 3 and notice the quotation marks that show one of the characters talking.

Do a picture walk and name each of the characters and the fruit pictured. **Don’t show the ending.**

Let’s read to find out more about why mother crocodile isn’t talking to her friends.

Difficult Words/Vocabulary – river (build concept in discussion above)

* Suggested Teaching Point: (refer to Behaviors to Notice and Support)

Good readers think about the story while they are reading. They stop and make predictions about what might happen? They remember the story so they can talk about it with others.

During Reading: (5-10 min.) \*Revisit the teaching point as needed.

Prompts to Support readers: *Does it match? Does it sound right? Does it make sense*?

After Reading: (5-7 min.)

* Discuss the story

Retell the story using words like first, next, finally.

Why couldn’t mother crocodile smile or talk to her friends?

What did you think would be in mother crocodile’s mouth? (I thought it might be a bird because I saw a crocodile at the zoo snap at and eat a real bird!)

Why were the babies in mother’s mouth? Mother crocodiles keep the babies in her mouth to keep them safe.

Did any of you see a clue about what was in mother mouth? (Look through the book for clues, p. 7 shows something green poking out of mother’s mouth.) While you read, stop and think, look at the pictures, **you** need to be a thinker to really enjoy the story.

Do you know any other animals that carry their babies in their mouth?

Writing Connection: (5 min.)

Draw a picture of mother crocodile with her babies in her mouth. Write a sentence to tell why they are inside her mouth.