

Guided Reading Lesson Plan (Levels A-L)

Title: Counting Stars Level: F ISBN: 978-1-61672-519-8 Publisher: Benchmark

Familiar Read: (3 min.)	
Familiar Writing: (3 min.) 1. many 2. there 3. these	Word Building (3 min.) Word Family: ight. Write ight on the white board and build the words night, bright, light, fight, might, right, tight, sight, and slight
Before Reading: (5-7 min.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book Introduction: (include meaning, structure, visual) Ask students if they have ever seen the stars out at night. Have you ever tried to count them? Today we are going to be reading a book about counting stars. So let's look at the cover, what are some things you notice? Have you ever heard of a constellation, who can tell me in their own words what it is? Let's look through the pictures and see if we can get an idea of what the book will be talking about. <i>Note on page five there is a constellation.</i> Notice on page 7 the Big Dipper, has anyone seen this before? Okay, now we are going to read through the book.• Difficult Words/Vocabulary: Delphinis (5), Cygnus (11), Pegasus (13), Orion (15)• Suggested Teaching Point: (refer to Behaviors to Notice and Support) Readers will notice punctuation marks.	
During Reading: (5-10 min.) *Revisit the teaching point as needed. Prompts to Support readers: <i>Does it match? Does it sound right? Does it make sense?</i> Encourage students to notice punctuation marks.	
After Reading: (5-7 min.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss the story What is the constellation that looks like a lion called? Where is that found in the book? Why can't you count all of the stars? Why do you think the authors included the drawings of the constellations not just the stars?• Return to Teaching Point: What is one area in which you noticed punctuation marks?• Comprehension Strategy Focus: connections, questions, inferences, visualizing, summarizing, synthesizing, determining importance, sequencing During what times are the different constellations seen in the sky? Make a chart of spring, summer, fall, and winter. Place Leo, Cygnus, Pegasus, and Orion respectively.	
Writing Connection: (5 min.) Write about the stars that are in the sky during the current season.	