

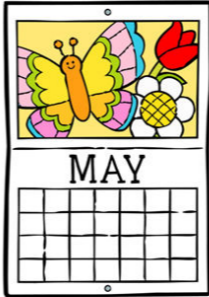
ABOUT THIS PICTURE BOOK LESSON

This Picture Book Lesson takes about 25-30 minutes to teach.

It is a mini version of my longer Library Lessons, which are designed for 50-minute library class times.

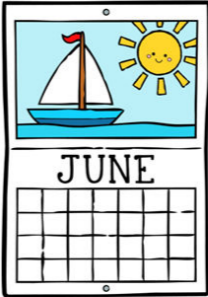
TRIVIA QUESTION

In the USA, people watch fireworks on Independence Day.
During what month is Independence Day in the USA?



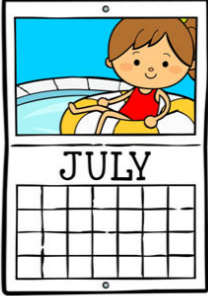
MAY

OR



JUNE

OR



JULY

(answer on next slide)

Fireworks - Library Lesson ©MrsReaderPants 2025

It includes all the same printables as my other Library Lessons:
Recommended Reads, two differentiated Scavenger Hunts, and answer key.

USE THIS LESSON WITH

WOULD YOU RATHER...?



Watch a big fireworks show

Light sparklers in the backyard

This lesson is designed to accompany the picture book *Fireworks* by Matthew Burgess (2025).

I love *Fireworks* for all elementary grades, but if you want an alternative for older students, check out “Firework Poem” by Enid Blyton (1933). It is widely available online and also includes onomatopoeia.

EDITABLE IN THREE FORMATS

Presentation is editable in PowerPoint and Google Slides.

Printables are editable in PowerPoint, Google Slides, and PDF formats.



DON'T LIKE FIREWORKS?

You are not alone!

Animals do not like fireworks, either.

The loud noises are scary to animals.

GUIDES YOUR ENTIRE LESSON

WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

1



Choose a book

2



Check out

3




Read quietly **OR** work
on the scavenger hunt

The presentation guides your lesson from start to finish!

Includes sign language, reminder slides, and a “What Should We Do Now?” slide. All editable!

PART I - WHOLE-GROUP LESSON

These slides introduce a read-aloud (*Fireworks* by Matthew Burgess) with a short whole-group discussion about onomatopoeia.



**ONOMATOPOEIA
IN TODAY'S BOOK**

Fireworks has lots of onomatopoeia!

What sounds do fireworks make?

What onomatopoeia words do you think we might hear in *Fireworks*?

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PART II - SCROLLING SLIDES



The slides in Part II need to be set on a timer (instructions with visuals included).

The scrolling slides include fun facts about fireworks, firework vocabulary, Would-You-Rathers, and trivia questions.

Students watch the slideshow to find the images and information included in the differentiated Scavenger Hunt activities.

IS THERE ANY AI?

IMAGES

This presentation has
ZERO AI-generated images!

To support human artists, all clipart was purchased from human artists, some of whom are also classroom teachers, on TPT.

All photos are public domain photos.



TRIVIA ANSWER

What is the setting of *Fireworks*?

ANSWER: summer in a city

The first sentence of the story tells us it is summer.

You can see the city and tall buildings in some of the illustrations.


TEXT: All text is original (**not AI-generated**), thoroughly-researched, and written by a certified Texas teacher-librarian with an MLS Degree.


PRINTABLE ACTIVITIES

Name _____ Teacher _____

SCAVENGER HUNT


How many of these pictures and facts can you find in the presentation?


When is the USA's birthday? 


If your pet is afraid of fireworks, what can you do to help them? 


Why is watermelon called watermelon?


2 SCAVENGER HUNTS

What country invented fireworks? 

Write one sparkler safety tip. 

How many Americans were injured from fireworks in 2023? 

What metal salt causes BLUE fireworks? 




 lightning

New Year hat

Name _____ Teacher _____

SUMMER ONOMATOPOEIA

Use the word bank to match the sound words with the pictures. Write each word in the box.

 bee  bicycle horn  bug spray



chirp
honk
splat
crackle
shhhh

sh zz zle chirp onk splat crackle shhh

Name _____ **ANSWER KEY** Teacher _____

SUMMER ONOMATOPOEIA

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 bug spray  cricket

shhh

Name _____ **ANSWER KEY** Teacher _____

SUMMER ONOMATOPOEIA

Use the word bank to match the sound words with the pictures. Write each word in the box.


 cricket  grilling meat


shhh

Name _____ **ANSWER KEY** Teacher _____

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Keep early-finishers engaged during checkout! All images and answers to the scavenger hunt questions appear in Part II of the presentation. Two differentiated versions of each!

 like or understand the loud noises

China

What country invented fireworks?

Seeing lightning is first

lightning or thunder?

RECOMMENDED READS

This is an editable list of 39 recommended picture books, fiction, and graphic novel titles with summer settings and themes.

I am a Texas-certified, experienced school librarian and ELA teacher. I hand-selected every book on this list. Every title on this list is well-reviewed for Grades 2-4+ (some fiction titles work better for Grades 4-5) and includes positive professional reviews in Titlewave.

Use it for your own reference, add it to book displays, or send it to teachers or home to parents!

RECOMMENDED READS

“Books About Fireworks, Summer Camp, Independence Day, and Summer Celebrations”

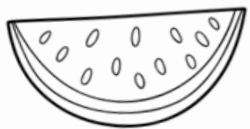
PICTURE BOOKS

Fireworks (Burgess)
With Dad (Jackson)
Heatwave (Redniss)
Summer Is Here (Watson)
Summer Is for Cousins (LaRocca)
Zap! Clap! Boom! The Story of a Thunderstorm (Salas)
A Bed of Stars (Love)
A Day for Sandcastles (Lawson)
The World Belonged to Us (Woodson)
The Depth of the Lake and the Height of the Sky (Kim)
Noah's Seal (Marlow)
Paletero Man (Diaz)
Bubbles...Up! (Davies)
Sunrise Summer (Swanson)



GRAPHIC NOVELS

Gamerville (Christmas)
Continental Drifter (MacLeod)
Upstaged (Easter)
Fibbed (Agyemang)
Growing Pangs (Ormsbee)
Long Distance (Gardner)
My Own World (Holmes)
Trespassers (Bard)



FICTION

Miss Liberty (Haley)
The Firefly Summer (Matson)
Cookies & Milk (Amos)
Take It from the Top (Swinarski)
Nightmare in the Backyard (Strand)
Natural Genius of Ants (Culley)

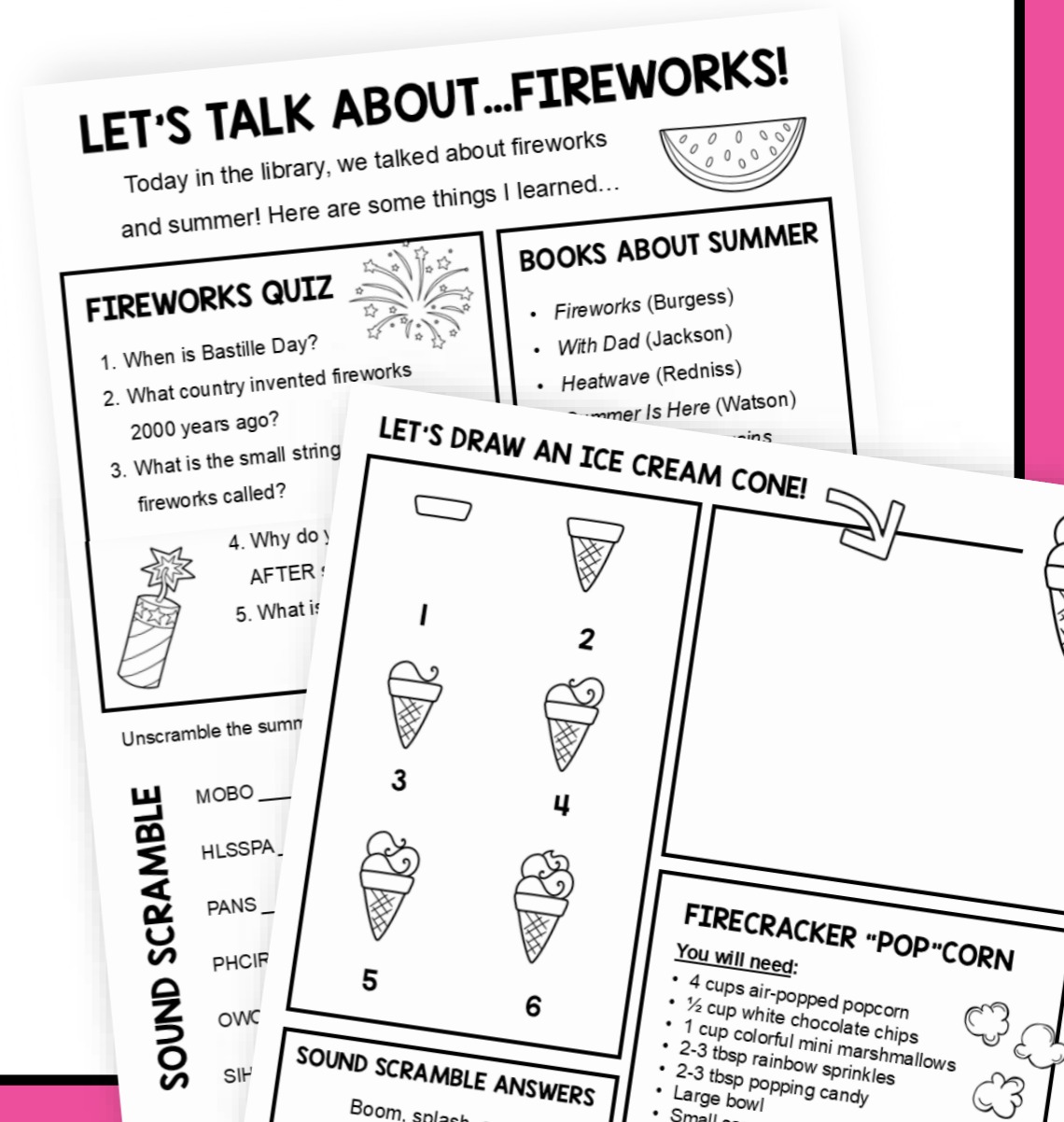


TAKE-HOME EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Students love to show off what they've learned!

This take-home extension activity includes:

- Short quiz over facts in the presentation (answers on back)
- List of 5 recommended picture books about summer
- “Fireworks” sign language
- Sound Scramble (unscramble onomatopoeia words)
- Fireworks vocabulary from presentation
- How to draw an ice cream cone
- Easy-to-make Firecracker “Pop”corn recipe

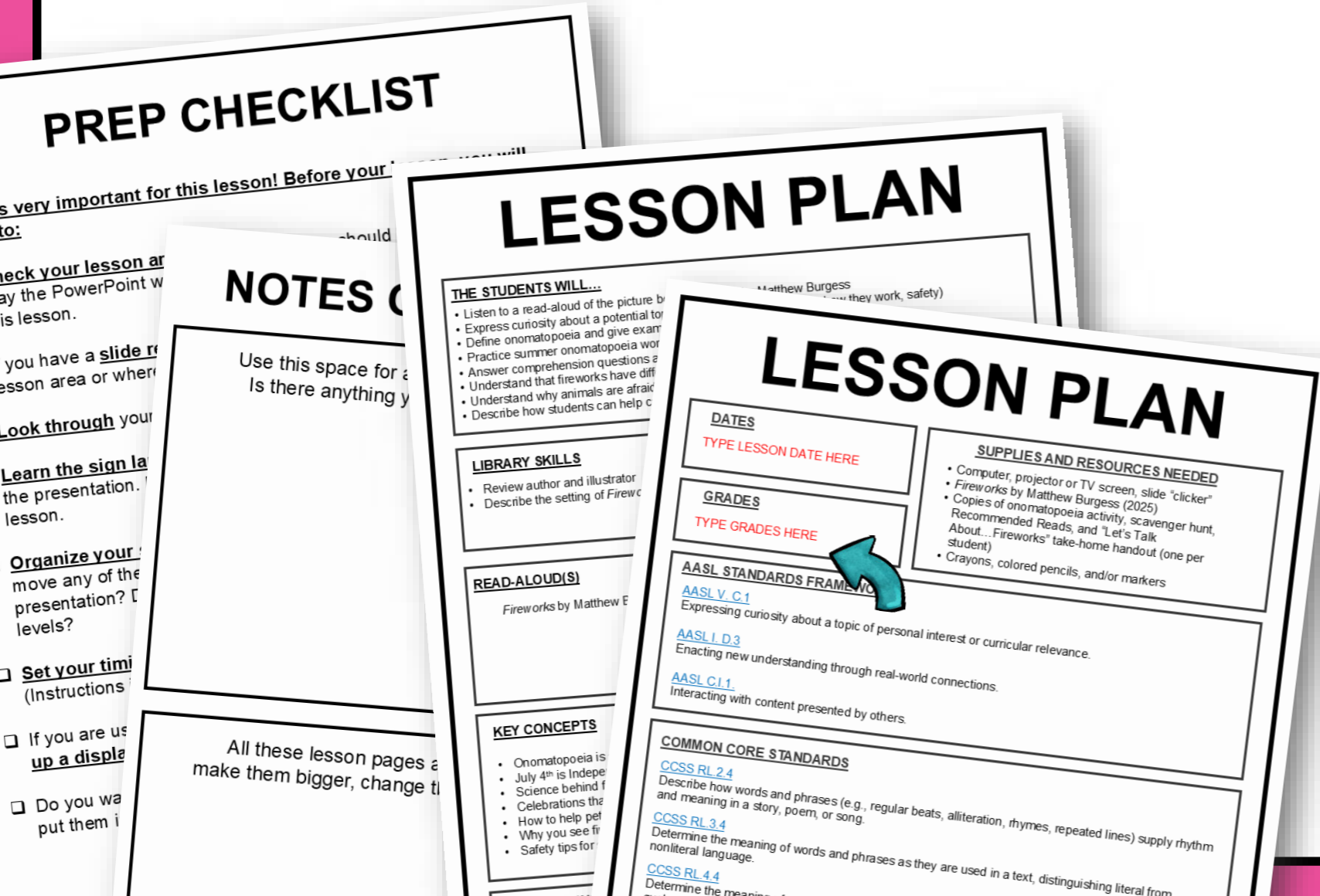


EDITABLE LESSON PLAN

Includes pre-filled lesson plan with AASL, CCSS, and TEKS standards for Grades 2-4.

The Notes page is a place where you can make notes to yourself for next year, or whenever you teach this lesson again.

100% editable to make it as easy and useful as possible!




MORE PICTURE BOOK LESSONS

Love this Picture Book Lesson Lesson? I have a lot more! All follow the same format as this one.


INCLUDES GOOGLE™ SLIDES

DON'T TRUST FISH PICTURE BOOK LESSON




GRADES
K-3

designed for use with *Don't Trust Fish*
picture book by Neil Sharpson




INCLUDES GOOGLE™ SLIDES

PICTURE BOOK LIBRARY LESSON MINI




GRADES
2-4

designed for use with...
Fireworks by Matthew Burgess



INCLUDES GOOGLE™ SLIDES

HERE IS A BOOK PICTURE BOOK LESSON



GRADES
1-3

designed for use with...
Here Is a Book by Elisha Cooper

