

KEEP BOOKS

SUMMARY

KEEP BOOKS offer a wide variety of high interest titles at reading levels appropriate for pre-kindergarten through grade 2. The format of simple line drawings encourages the child to contribute color and add details to the illustrations. There is a place for the child to write his or her name. Some sets also have a practice page for writing and spelling. KEEP BOOKS are designed as a school/home book program that addresses the need for inexpensive but appropriate books in the home. Children learn to read and to take care of their books at school, then take them home to keep.

IMPACT

Teachers find KEEP BOOKS useful for introducing simple texts to students and for reinforcing early reading behaviors. Once children learn about and practice reading their books at school, they take them home and keep them in a decorated shoe box or special container. The books create positive communication between parents, children, and the school. Children are encouraged to read the books over and over, improving fluency and expanding their repertoire of known words. Over time, reading achievement increases through repetition and motivation. Children feel successful, which encourages them to read more difficult texts! They take ownership, build their own libraries, and expand their reading capacity to higher levels!

FUTURE PLANS

Educators at The Ohio State University develop and write KEEP BOOKS. They are sold on a not-for profit basis and help support our other literacy programs (Literacy Collaborative and Reading Recovery.) Our catalog has a large selection of books that are designed for Pre-K through 2nd grade students. We plan to expand our selections through new titles and ebook opportunities in the next year. We have just received approval for online ordering for KEEP BOOKS, which will make ordering more convenient. Haitian and Spanish titles are also available. We are marketing KEEP BOOKS to schools for a variety of reasons: 1) School-to-home connection; 2) Kindergarten Round-up; 3) Independent reading; 4) Leveled books for Guided Reading, and more.

COLLABORATORS

- College of Education and Human Ecology
- Department of Teaching and Learning
- Uniprint
- Numerous schools across the United States



Explore our early literacy offerings at keepbooks.org. Let us help you build strong school-to-home relationships with families!

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