BOOK CITATION

STORY SYNOPSIS
Story summary: Lola visits the library on Saturdays with her dad and borrows some books. Each night her parents read her one of the stories. On the following day, Lola incorporates the story into her dramatic play. On the final page, Lola’s dad reads her a story about a “wild and wicked monster” (alluding to Where the Wild Things Are). The story ends with the question, “What will Lola be tomorrow?”

Things to notice about the book: Some children might not readily make the connection from story topics to Lola’s pretend play (e.g., a story about friends leads to Lola playing with babies and drinking cappuccino). The final question requires children to make an inference; this inference is highly supported by the series of episodes in the book, so long as children have been given opportunities to see the connection between books read and dramatic play for each episode.

VOCABULARY
Key words: excellent, fancy, fantastic, fierce

Topic words: librarian, pilot, doctor, construction worker, farmer, firefighter, police officer, scientist, engineer, chef

Bonus words: Paris and Lagos, hammer, saw

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES
- Bring in outfits or props and have children dress up and pretend to work in different occupations (e.g., a pilot’s hat, firefighter’s helmet, doctor’s lab coat, engineer’s tools, chef’s apron). Talk with the children about what people in these jobs do.
- Take children to the school library to pick out a book.
- As a home connection activity, have children go to the library with their parents, talk with them about what they saw and did, and draw a picture of their trip. The take-home handout provides instructions in English and Spanish for this activity.

CONTENT STANDARDS
References to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in English language arts (ELA) are provided in the Appendix, along with space to record your corresponding state standards and numbers.

MATERIALS
- Lola Loves Stories
- Lola Loves Stories Teacher Guide
- Picture cards for vocabulary words
- (Optional) Where the Wild Things Are (Lesson Four)
- Writing handout (Lesson Five)
- Family literacy take-home handout
- (Optional) Outfits or props for extension activities
Lola Loves Stories
LESSON ONE

1. Book Introduction

- Point to the title and author’s name on the cover. Explain to the children that a book’s title is the name of the book, the author is the person who wrote the book and the illustrator is the person who drew the pictures.

Today we will read a story about a little girl. The title of this book is *Lola Loves Stories*. The author is Anna McQuinn and the illustrator is Rosalind Beardshaw.

Remember, the title of the book is *Lola Loves Stories*. What do you think the little girl likes to do?

How do you know?

Anticipated response: The girl likes to read stories.

Anticipated response: It says that in the title.

2. Warm-up

**Background Information: Libraries**

- Get children ready to read the book by talking to them about libraries.

Lola likes to go to the the library. Who can tell us about libraries? What are they like? What do you do there?

Anticipated response: Open-ended.

3. Vocabulary Development

- Locate the picture card for the key word **excellent**.

We are going to learn a word in the story before we read. The word is **excellent**.

- Show the picture to the children as you read the vocabulary development script on the back of the card.

- Point to key elements of the picture as you talk about it.

4. Interactive Reading

- Introduce the day’s reading.

Let’s read to find out what stories Lola likes!
Read pages 1–2

- Point to the picture of Lola and her daddy.

**Where is Lola going?**

*Anticipated response: Lola is going to the library.*

**What do you find in libraries?**

*Anticipated response: You find lots of books.*

**Look at the picture. How do you think Lola feels? How do you know?**

*Anticipated response: Lola feels happy. The picture shows she is smiling and skipping.*

**Why do you think she feels that way?**

*Anticipated response: She feels happy because she is going to the library with her dad.*

Read pages 3–4

- Congratulate the children who touched their ears when they heard the word *excellent.*
- Refer back to children who described the library during warm-up.

**Look at the picture. How can you tell that the library is busy?**

*Anticipated response: There are lots of children in the library.*

**How does this library look like the one you know?**

*Anticipated response: Open-ended. Children might mention that there are books, book shelves and many children looking at books.*

**What kinds of books does Lola find?**

*Anticipated response: Lola finds some excellent books.*

**Who remembers what *excellent* means?**

*Anticipated response: Excellent means very good.*

**PARTNER TALK: Name a book you think is excellent. Tell your partner why you think it is excellent.**

*Anticipated response: Open-ended*

Read pages 5–6

- Point to the fairy princess in the picture of the book that Lola and her daddy are reading.

**What is Lola’s first book about?**

*Anticipated response: Her first book is about a fairy princess.*
Read pages 5–6 (continued)

Books about fairy princesses are called fairy tales. Fairy tales are stories about things that did not really happen. Fairy princesses are princesses in fairy tales.

**PARTNER TALK:** Have you ever read a book or seen a movie about a fairy princess or a fairy prince? What did the princess or prince look like? What did she or he do?

**Anticipated response:** Open-ended. As they describe the princess or prince, revoice their contributions using more sophisticated or precise language.

Read pages 7–8

**Fancy** means special, nicer than usual.

- Point to Lola in the picture.

**Look at the picture. What makes Lola's dress fancy?**

**Anticipated response:** Open-ended. Children might mention that Lola’s dress has butterfly wings, puffy sleeves and a frilly bottom hem. As they describe the dress, point to the part of the illustration that shows what they are describing and revoice their contributions using more sophisticated or precise language.

**What else is she wearing that is fancy?**

**Anticipated response:** She is wearing fancy shoes, a fancy bracelet, and she has a fancy crown and wand.

**Lola is a fabulous princess. Fabulous means excellent or very good. What makes Lola a fabulous princess?**

**Anticipated response:** Open-ended. Children might mention that she is dressed up like a princess and she is dancing and smiling.

5. Read-aloud Closure

- Ask children a question that helps them understand that Lola is getting her ideas about how to play from the stories she reads.

**How do you think Lola got the idea to dress up as a fairy princess?**

**Anticipated response:** She got the idea from reading a book about a fairy princess.
6. Language Development

During this language development activity you will help children learn to ask questions using the words *who* and *where*.

- Turn to pages 1 and 2 and model using the word *who*.

- Turn to pages 3 and 4 and give children opportunities to ask and answer questions using the word *who*. One child will ask a question using the word *who* and the other children will answer it.

- Turn to pages 1 and 2 and model using the word *where*.

- Turn to pages 3 and 4 and give children opportunities to ask and answer questions using the word *where*.

Today we are going to play a question game. You are going to practice asking questions with the words *who* and *where*.

**Who** is used when you want to ask a question about a person. Who goes to the library with Lola?

Now it is your turn to make up and answer questions using the word *who*.

**Where** is used when you want to ask a question about a place. Where does Lola go with her daddy?

Now it is your turn to make up and answer questions using the word *where*.

Anticipated responses:

- *Who* is used when you want to ask a question about a person. Who goes to the library with Lola? Anticipated response: Lola's daddy goes to the library with her.

- Some anticipated responses: Who has red shoes? The girl with red hair. Who is reading? The boy with tan shoes. Some anticipated responses: Where is Lola? Lola is at the library. Where is the boy? The boy is at the library.

7. Center Time

- Locate the picture cards for the topic words *librarian*, *construction worker*, *pilot*, *doctor* and *farmer*.

- Show each picture to the children as you read the script on the back of the card.

- Point to key elements of the pictures as you talk about them.

- Ask children if they can name other kinds of workers.

We are going to learn the names of different kinds of workers. In the story, Lola loves stories, so the first worker we will learn about is a *librarian*.

Can anyone name other kinds of workers? Anticipated response: Open-ended.
1. Foundational Skills Development

**Phonological Awareness**
- Work with children to develop their phonological awareness through clapping fingers for the number of syllables that appear in each word.

*Let’s see how many syllables each word has by clapping our fingers. I am going to say a word and we are going to clap our fingers for each syllable. Ready?*

**Fierce.** [Clap as you say the word.] *Only one syllable! Can you say fierce three times with me, clapping the syllables with your fingers?*

*Anticipated response: Children clap and repeat.*

**Read.** *Only one syllable! Can you say read three times with me, clapping the syllables with your fingers?*

*Anticipated response: Children clap and repeat.*

**Lo-la.** *Two syllables! Can you say Lola three times with me, clapping the syllables with your fingers?*

*Anticipated response: Children clap and repeat.*

**Fan-tas-tic.** *Three syllables. Can you say fantastic three times with me, clapping the syllables with your fingers?*

*Anticipated response: Children clap and repeat.*

**Fan-cy.** *Two syllables. Can you say fancy three times with me, clapping the syllables with your fingers?*

*Anticipated response: Children clap and repeat.*

**Sto-ry.** *Two syllables. Can you say story three times with me, clapping the syllables with your fingers?*

*Anticipated response: Children clap and repeat.*

**Ex-cel-lent.** *Three syllables. Can you say excellent three times with me, clapping the syllables with your fingers?*

*Anticipated response: Children clap and repeat.*

2. Writing Development

This shared writing practice will help children use a combination of drawing, dictating and writing to compose an opinion piece in which they describe their favorite part of the book.

- Write Lola Loves Stories at the top of a chart paper or whiteboard.
2. Writing Development (continued)

- Read the title and then ask children to read the title as you point to each word.

- Tell children they will write about their favorite part of the book. Tell children your favorite part of the book.

- Have children talk about their favorite parts in pairs.

- Elicit some responses. Prompt extended answers by asking children why they like their favorite part.

- As children share their ideas, write what they say on the chart paper or whiteboard. Read each line as you write it and then read it again, pointing to each word as children read aloud with you.

- Depending on children’s ages, name capital letters and punctuation marks.

- Have children draw a picture on their writing handouts that shows their favorite part of the story. Go around the room and have children describe their pictures. Write what they say underneath their pictures. Have children who are more advanced write about their own pictures using invented spelling. Have individual children read aloud with you the words under their pictures.

"Let’s all read the title together."

"PARTNER TALK
Now you are going to tell your partner about your favorite part of the book. I am going to write down what some of you tell me. Then we will all read what I have written."

"Now you are going to draw a picture about your favorite part of the book. I will come around and write what you tell me about your favorite part."

"Anticipated response:
Children read along with you."
Draw a picture of your favorite part of *Lola Loves Stories*.

Write about your favorite part of *Lola Loves Stories*.

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Lola Loves Stories
Family Literacy Activity

Name_______________________________________________________________

Instructions

1. Visit your local library with your child.

2. Talk about what you see. Encourage your child to use new words.

3. Have your child draw a picture of your trip.

4. Ask your child to tell you about the picture. Write what your child says. Ask questions to help your child tell you more about the picture. Fill up as many lines as you can. Then point to each word as you read the words aloud and have your child follow along.
A Lola le Encantan los Cuentos
Actividad de Alfabetización Familiar

Instrucciones

1. Visiten su biblioteca local con su niño/a.

2. Hablen de lo que se ve. Aliente a su niño/a a usar palabras nuevas.

3. Pídale a su niño/a que haga un dibujo de su viaje.

4. Pídale a su niño/a que le cuente sobre el dibujo. Escribe lo que dice tu niño/a. Haga preguntas para ayudarle a su niño/a a contarle más sobre el dibujo. Llene tantas líneas como sea posible. Luego señale cada palabra mientras lee las palabras en voz alta y haga que su niño/a lo siga.
Lesson One: Vocabulary Development
Let’s look at a picture that helps us understand the word excellent.

This is an excellent breakfast. [Point to the bowl of cereal in the picture.] There is cereal, fruit and milk. It tastes very good. It is also good for you.

Excellent means that something is very good! It is not awful or terrible.

En español excellent quiere decir excelente.

Let’s all say “excellent” three times.

In the story, Lola finds some excellent books.

PARTNER TALK
If you could have an excellent meal, what would it be? Describe it. Anticipated response: Open-ended.

Other things can be excellent also. If you are an excellent basketball player, you score lots of points. Let’s pretend we are excellent players and shoot some baskets. [Act out.]

What is the letter name? What sound does the letter “e” make?

As we read, listen for the word excellent. If you hear it, wiggle your ears.

Lesson Two: Reinforcement
Remember, excellent means that something is very good. Lola picked some excellent books. We saw a picture of an excellent breakfast. There was cereal, fruit and milk. It tasted very good and was good for you.

I am going to name some things. If they are excellent, put your thumbs up and say “excellent.” If they are not excellent, put your thumbs down and stay quiet.

- A friend who helps you. [Pause for children to respond.] Thumbs up. A friend who helps you is an excellent friend.

- Crossing the street when there is a red light. [Pause for children to respond.] Thumbs down. Crossing the street when there is a red light is not an excellent thing to do. It is a terrible thing to do.

- A really good swimmer. [Pause for children to respond.] Thumbs up. A really good swimmer is an excellent swimmer.
scientist
This is a picture of scientists. [Point to the scientists in the picture.]

In this picture, we see scientists studying medicine to see if it helps people who are sick.

A **scientist** studies things to understand how they work.

Let’s pretend to be scientists and shake up our test tubes. [Act out.]

Let’s all say, “We were scientists and we shook up our test tubes.”
Saw
This is a picture of saw. [Point to the saw in the picture.]

In this picture we can see a saw being used to cut a piece of wood.

A saw is a tool for cutting wood or metal.

Let’s pretend we are cutting a piece of wood with a saw. [Act out.] Let’s all say, “We cut a piece of wood with a saw.”
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