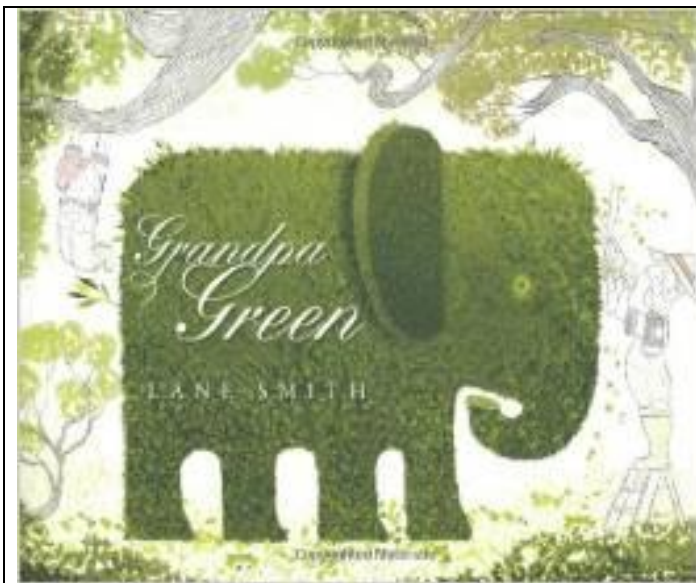


PICTURE BOOK EXTENDER: Read-Alouds Aligned to Common Core

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Grade K Discussion Questions

RL K.4 Ask and answer questions about unknown words in the text.

Take a few moments to look at the cover of the book. What is the grandfather doing? Does anyone know what topiary is? Has anyone ever seen a topiary? What shape was it? Why might he be carving an elephant?

RL K.10 Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.

Not everyone has a garden with topiary trees in the shapes that help us remember something. So what are other ways we remember things? What is a memory? What does the author mean at the end of the story when he tells us the garden “remembers” things?

Grandpa Green

By Lane Smith (2011)
GRADES for USE: preschool-2

SUMMARY OF BOOK:

Great Grandpa Green's, great grandson narrates the story of his great grandfather's life. He walks through a garden of topiary trees that his grandfather has masterfully carved into shapes that depict special memories in his life. The book explores aging, history, memories and family bonding.

Grade K Activities

W K.8 With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.

Have the children write a personal narrative about a special memory with a grandparent, parents or special older adult.

W K.7 Participate in shared research and writing projects.

Send the children home with a set of questions (3-5) that they can ask an older adult. (Example: “Tell me about what it was like when you were growing up?”)

Host a grand-friend day at school. Invite grand-friends to come to class to participate in a read-aloud, and make special nature inspired (use swigs, leaves...) picture frames. Take digital pictures of the guests with the child, and place in the frame.