

back-to-school activities

First Day Jitters Read-Aloud Companion



Reading activities aligned to the book

First Day of School Graphic Organizers

Great Back-to-School Morning Work

Book not included

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- Partner Work
- No-Prep Sub Work
- Get-to-Know You
- Reading Stations
- Open House Worksheets
- Morning Work
- Ice Breaker Activity

AND MORE!



First Day Jitters--Compare and Contrast

I can compare and contrast different details from a text (story) to better understand it. I can describe those differences and similarities clearly using evidence from the text.

Directions: In the Venn-Diagram below, write all the differences and similarities of Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell.

Describe Sarah Hartwell Describe Mr. Hartwell

How They're the Same

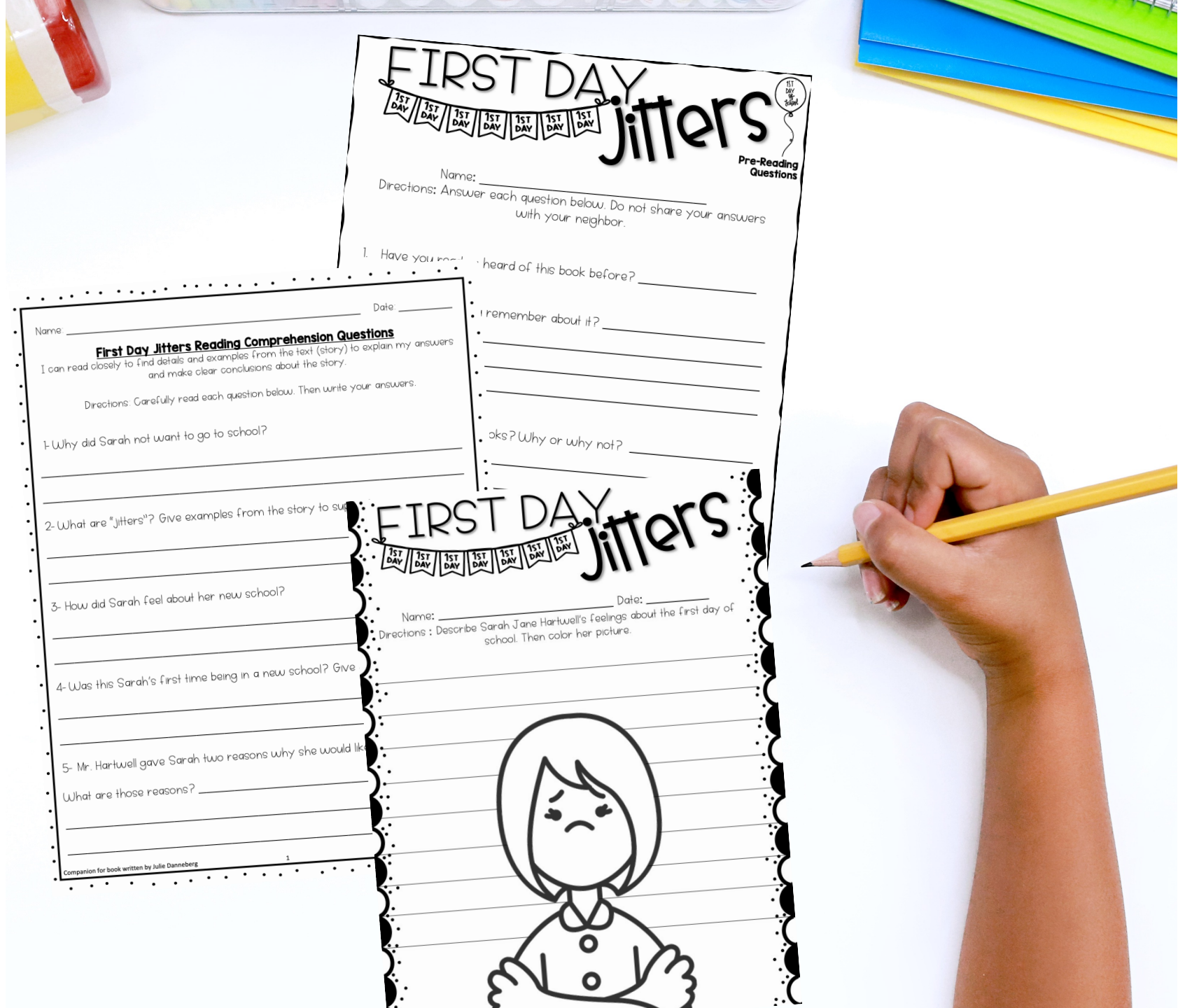
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Pre-Reading Student Questionnaire Included

+ reading
comprehension
activities



You also get all of this:

Letter to a Sub Teacher

Parent Letter

Vocabulary Activities

Lesson Plan: Guided Reading Questions

+ ANSWER KEYS

Homework Reading Assignment

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Reading out loud to your child can make a huge difference in the reading growth that happens in and out of school!

To make reading with your child easier, I've provided a story that has sticky notes with questions throughout the book for you to ask while you are reading to your child.

These questions will best prepare them to grow stronger in the reading skills we are learning in class.

Once you have read the book and asked the questions, please sign below and return the materials by:

Thank you for all that you do!
Any comments or questions?

Parent Signature: _____

Notes to the Teacher: _____

Thank you for Subbing in my Class!!

I really appreciate you for being available to sub in my class! Here you will find instructions for our read-aloud book and activity. Please feel free to leave me any comments below about the activity.

Thanks again and Happy Reading! ☺

From, _____





Read the book *First Day Jitters* by Julie Danneberg out loud to the students.

Additional Teacher Comments: _____

FIRST DAY Jitters

Vocabulary Directions: Answer each question below by writing your answer in the "Your Answer" box. It is ok to take your best guess based on how the words are used in the book. Then scan the QR Code to see if your answer is correct.

Name: _____

Question	Your Answer	QR-Check Your Answer
What does "jitters" mean?		
What does it mean when it says, "she tunneled down to the end of her bed"?		
Define the underline word: "Mr. Hartwell chuckled"		
What do the words "tumbled, stumbled, and fumbled" mean?		

Black Line Master 2 of Sticky Notes

Pages 12-13
Based on the picture, what do you think "tumbled, stumbled, and fumbled" mean?
Vocabulary in Context

Page 17
Have we seen Sarah's face yet?
Why do you think the illustrator is not showing Sarah's face?

Pages 16-17
Based on these descriptions, what emotion is Sarah feeling?
Making Real-Life Connections

Pages 20-21
What do you think the word "gushed" means based on the story?
Students may have a hard time defining this, so invite them to give examples of Mrs. Burton's tone of voice to demonstrate "gushing"

Page 23
Do you think it's true that everyone is nervous their first day? Why or why not?
Making Real-Life Connections

Page 24
How would you feel if you were Sarah?

easy, no stress 😊



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school activity.**

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Jitter Jargon

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions : Part 1-Sarah mentioned different feelings related to her "jitters" about the first day of school. Which phrases below relate to the word "jitters"? Cut and paste them in the speech bubble.

Part 2--Then write your own related words that mean the same as "jitters."

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Everyone is nervous on their first day.	She couldn't breathe.	We told them you were coming!
Come on, I'll show you where to go.	I feel sick. My head hurts.	Sarah hands were cold and clammy.
Think of all the new friends you'll meet.	I just hate my new school.	I don't want to start over again!



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