

A Note to the Teacher

A few years ago, I realized that I was asking my students to read every night, yet not all of them had access to books in their home. I wanted my students to not only read, but to spend time with their families as well.

This is where the concept of Take Home Book Bags came in. I created bags that were centered around a theme or an author. In each bag, I included a collection of 3-4 books as well as a set of activities.

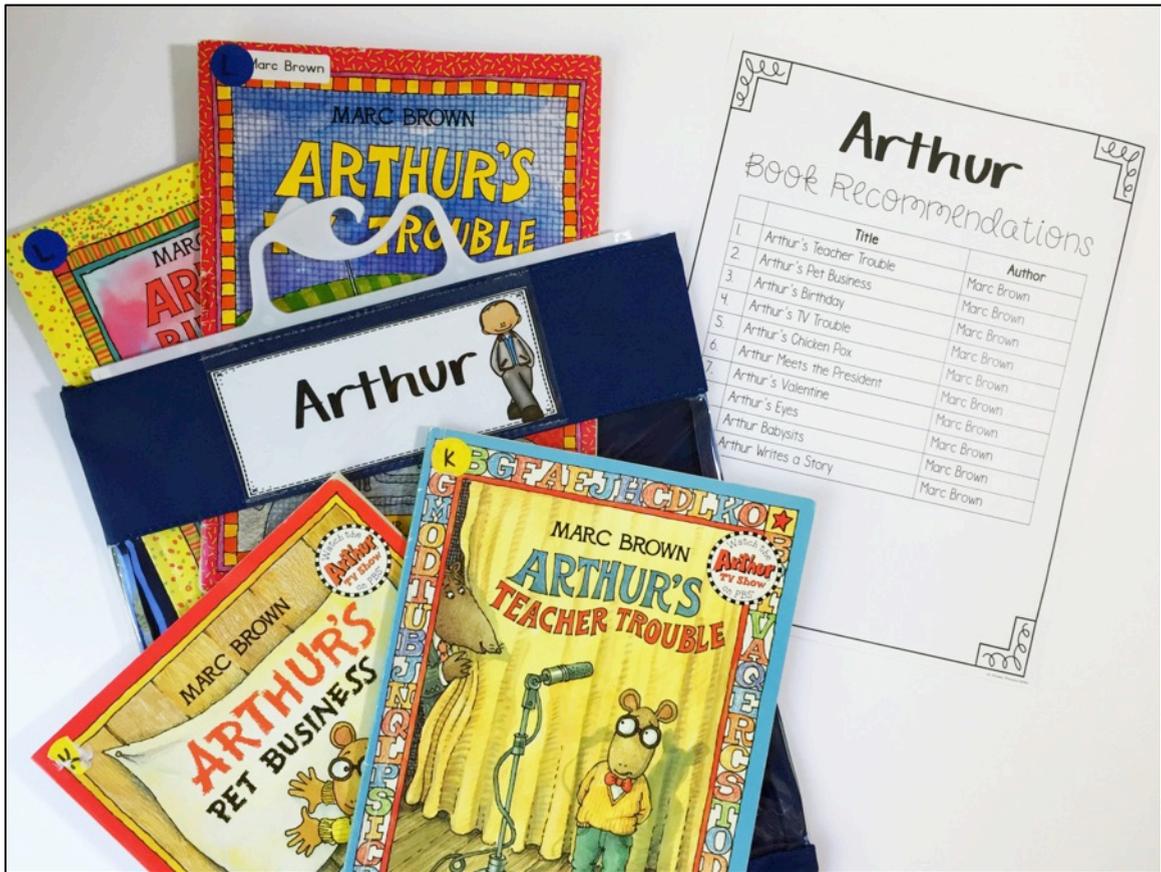
I made enough bags so that each student could take home one per week, plus a few extras. On Thursdays, my students would pick out their book bag. At home, they would enjoy the books both independently and with their parents, siblings, pets, etc. They then had the option to play the games, write a journal entry and complete fun hands-on activities. The book bag would then be returned on Tuesday.

My purpose for the book bags was not for students to do work or complete a worksheet. It was for them to enjoy reading as a part of their lives and as a way to share their learning with those around them.

In this resource, you'll find the materials to create book bags in your own classroom for your students to take home and enjoy with their families.

Enjoy,
Sara 😊

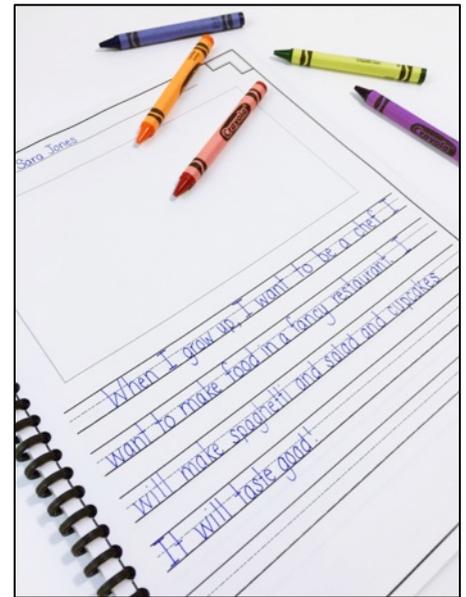
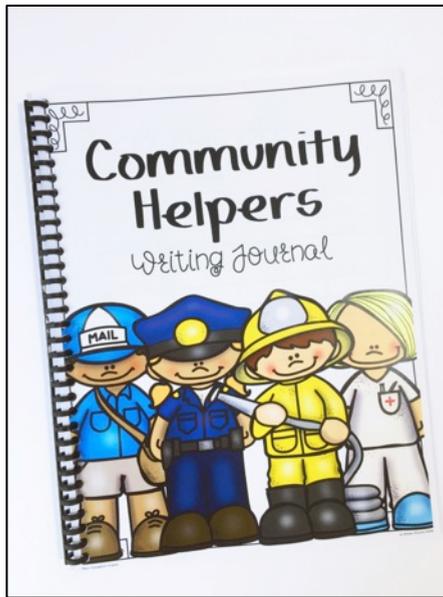
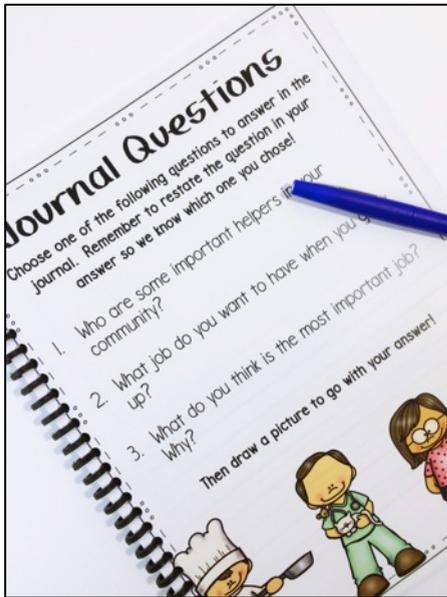
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A list of book recommendations for each theme.

books not included

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A variety of journal options that include questions unique to each theme.

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A different game for each bag that students can play with their families.

each game requires little to no extra materials from the teacher

A list of suggested activities for students to complete with their families that connect to the bag's theme.

