



# Literacy



Read a super strawberry book.

(NCSCOS Competency Goal 2- The learner will develop and apply strategies and skills to comprehend text that is read, heard, and viewed.)

Here are a few suggestions:

The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear by Don Wood

Freckleface Strawberry by Julianne Moore

The Strawberry Girl by Lois Lenski

Strawberry Drums (poetry) by Adrian Mitchell

The First Strawberries by Joseph Bruchac and Anna Vojtech

Strawberries are Red by Petr Horacek

Strawberry Shortcake Treasury by Siobhan Ciminera, Sonia Sander, and Monique Z. Stephens

The Grey Lady and the Strawberry Snatcher by Molly Bang

**Strawberry Cookbooks:**

Totally Strawberries Cookbook by Helene Siegel and Karen Gillingham

Berry Yummy Cookbook (Strawberry Shortcake) by Judith Bryant

A Strawberry Cookbook (From the Strawberry Patch) by Sharon K. Alexander

## Fiction or Nonfiction

(NCSCOS Competency Goal 3 The learner will make connections through the use of oral language, written language, and media and technology.)

Examine the characteristics of the books to determine their genre. Students can sort the books as fiction or nonfiction.

It is also fun to sort a collection of various strawberries (plastic, stuffed, ceramic, along with a variety of real strawberries). Students can identify the features of the fake items similarly to fiction texts.



## Story Sequencing

Use a flow map to help students retell the stories you read.

(First, Next, Then, Last... In the beginning, Meanwhile, Finally...etc.)

To add a "strawberry shake," write students' ideas on a leaf, flower, or strawberry. Use ribbon to create a "vine" to hang the leaves in order.

**In the Kitchen:** Compare story sequencing to using a recipe. The cookbooks listed above may be helpful.

**Word Study:**

(NCSCOS Competency Goal 2- The learner will develop and apply enabling strategies to read and write.)

Discuss compound words such as "strawberry." List many other words. Use the book Strawberry Bullfrog by Laura Hambleton for additional ideas.



(NCSCOS Competency Goal 1 The learner will develop and apply strategies and skills to comprehend text that is read, heard, and viewed-poetry. Goal 4 Apply strategies and skills to create written texts.)

### **Strawberry Patch**

(Tune: Paw Paw Patch)

Where oh where are all the children?

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Where oh where are all the children?

Way down yonder in the strawberry patch.

Pickin' up strawberries, put 'em in the basket,

Pickin' up strawberries, put 'em in the basket,

Pickin' up strawberries, put 'em in the basket,

Way down yonder in the strawberry patch.

Take the berries home and wash em up

Take the berries home and wash em up

Take the berries home and wash em up

Way down yonder in the strawberry patch!

Slice the berries up and make a pie.

Slice the berries up and make a pie.

Slice the berries up and make a pie.

Way down yonder in the strawberry patch!

### **Picked A Strawberry**

(tune: "Clementine")

Picked a strawberry,

Picked a strawberry

That was growing

In the sun.

Then I washed it,

And I ate it,

And I picked another one.

Students create their own strawberry poem. See the attached template for a fun rhythm that encourages children to think about "word families" when writing a poem.



## Predicting

(NCSCOS Competency Goal 4 The learner will apply strategies and skills to create oral, written, and visual texts.)

Use the following link to find a great lesson outline for predicting events in text using the story [The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear.](http://www.teachervision.fen.com/skill-builder/lesson-plan/48712.html)

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## Story Writing

(NCSCOS Competency Goal 5 The learner will apply grammar and language conventions to communicate effectively.)

Use "thinking maps" to plan and write strawberry stories:

### Flow Map Stories

"How To Make  
Strawberry Shortcake"

"The Lifecycle of A Strawberry"

"Our Trip to the Strawberry Patch"

### Tree Map Stories

A Strawberry

The Vollmer Farm

Farmer John

Strawberry Shortcake