

Lesson 8: Abandoning Books for Good Reasons

Supplies Needed:

- Good Reasons to Abandon Books Anchor Chart
- Individual student book bags or baskets

Procedure:

- Discuss the meaning of the word “abandon”. One definition is “to give up completely”.
- Tell them that sometimes they may need to abandon a book they are beginning to read. Illustrate this by reading the beginning of a book that does not immediately grab your attention. As you read, share your thoughts such as “I am not yet pulled into the book” or “This is not making me want to keep reading. I am already bored.”
- Ask students if they have any other ideas why they might decide to or even **NEED** to abandon a book they have begun to read. Show and discuss the anchor chart and then display it in the room.
- It is also important to emphasize that while there can be good reasons to abandon a book, it should not become a habit.
- To make sure students are not choosing to do this too often, one suggestion is to tell them that they will need to talk to you during a conference before they can abandon a book and let you know their reason for doing so.
- Have students get their book bags and find their reading spot to begin independent reading.

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