Shared Reading Handout

How Mother Nature
Flowered the Fields of Earth and Mars

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**SHARED READING HANDOUT**

**Title of Book:** How Mother Nature Flowered the Fields of Earth and Mars  
**Genre of Book:** Fairy Tale  
**Lesson Focus:** Fairy Tale Genre  
- Setting  
- Characters  
- Events / Plots  
- Theme  

**Focus Comprehension Strategies:**  
- Previewing  
- Self Questioning  
- Summarizing  

**Think Aloud:**

**Previewing**  
When I look at the cover and title page, I see Mother Nature. I have seen Mother Nature in fairy tales. That makes me think that this might be a fairy tale.

**Self Questioning**  
When the story didn’t begin "Once upon a time," I wonder "Is it a fairy tale?" But as I read more and see that Mother Nature is talking to the bees, beavers and earthworms, I think this is a fairy tale.

**Summarizing and Self Questioning**  
After reading the story, the biggest event that stands out to me is the growing and care of flowers. I wonder whether flowers are the theme. As I look back at the story, I will check again to see whether flowers are really the most important idea in the story.
Writing Connection Activities:

Create original student fairy tale (small groups of students)
Brainstorm ideas
Plan setting
Create characters
Outline events / plot
First draft writing
Revise / edit
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