

Stellar workshop on UPDATES to 2-week cycles

We are delighted to hear from so many schools that Grade R teachers and children continue to love the Stellar stories and that the two-week story-based teaching cycle is working well in classrooms.

We hope you will be excited to hear that since the big provincial ELIT roll out in 2016, we have revised the materials to take on board everything we learned from that experience. (Some quick reassurance – the story packs still have the warm, practical and supportive approach that teachers have loved. Spot, Ali, Baby Bird and all the other favourite stories are still there!

For those who do not yet have their own set of Stellar materials, who would like to update their files, or who would like the opportunity to refresh their programme understanding, this workshop offers an opportunity to engage with Wordworks staff about the changes we have made to the materials.

The revisions include:

- New content, so that the two-week cycle includes whole class and rotation activities every day
- Integration of fifteen minutes of phonological awareness and letter–sound activities into each day’s programme (in place of a separate *Letters and Sounds Manual*). Two new letters are introduced for each story instead of one.
- More listening activities and additional shared writing and reading activities
- A brand-new *Teacher’s guide for parent meetings*, to assist teachers to reach out to families as partners in early learning
- Revised activities
- Improved translations.

We look forward to showing you what we have done – and to hearing from you about your early language and literacy work with children in the past two years!