

Tool:	Guided Reading Beachball
Category:	Reading
Urban Specialist:	Andrea Mitchell
School Level:	Elementary
Target Audience:	Lower Elementary grades 1-3
References:	Cunningham, Patricia, & Allington, Richard. (1999). Classrooms That Work. They Can Read and Write. Addison Wesley Educational Publishers. United States.
<p>Rationale: To help the child to develop a clear sense of story structure and their comprehension. It will help the children organize their thoughts about what they are reading.</p>	
<p>Description:</p> <p>Using the guided reading beachball helps children develop important concepts.</p> <p>After reading a story, the teacher will toss the ball to one of the students. There are questions on each of the colored stripes of the beachball. The questions are as follows: What is the title and the author? Who are the main characters? What is the setting? What happened in the story? How did the story end? What was your favorite part of the story? You can make it into a game. They can toss it to someone else after they answer and tell them the color stripe that they want them to answer. The children love it.</p>	