



## Introduction

This is a first grade lesson focusing on retelling and other comprehension skills. Students will participate in several engaging partner/group activities and a writing activity.

## Learning Objectives

- [CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.1](#); Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.
- [CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.2](#); Retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson.
- [CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.3](#); Describe characters, settings, and major events in a story, using key details.

## Materials Needed

- *Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes

## Procedure

**Warm-up** – Show students the book *Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes. Begin by taking a picture walk through the book. Discuss what students think might be happening in the book. Allow students to make predictions.

1. Read aloud the book *Chrysanthemum*. The first time you read, read straight through the book purely for the students to listen and enjoy.
2. After reading the book, go back through the book to ask students questions about key details. Also, allow students to ask questions about key details in the text. **NOTE: As teachers, it is pretty easy for us to remember to ask questions for our students to answer. However, the standard says that students should be able to**

How does the character feel in this part of the story? How do you know? What words did you hear that made you think that?

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