

Albert Starts School

Grade 1

4 skill lessons · 2 math-through-reading

Skill lessons

4 lessons on the mathematics the book carries. Printable workbook pages and teacher keys are not available for this book yet.

1. The Week Albert Walks

Concept · Ordering the seven days of the week and stepping forward and back along them

2. One Thing on Every Day

Representation · Matching one item to one day so that every day has exactly one

3. Whose Turn Was Wednesday

Application · Counting back along the days to place turns in a rotation

4. One Day Only, or Any Day

Reasoning · Sorting events by whether they are fixed to one day or allowed on any day

Math through the reading

The mathematics is reached through a sentence the book prints: change one word in the reading and the numbers change with it. These carry their own standards, matched against these lessons rather than inherited from the skill ones.

5. The Word That Moves the Pointer

Integrated · Children hear Melody's sentence twice, once with tomorrow and once with yesterday, step a pointer along the day strip each time, and say which word sent Albert's turn to which day.

6. Rebuild the Rota in Order

Integrated · Children receive the five rota sentences out of order, restore the sequence on a day strip, and lay a name card after each one, showing that Albert's Wednesday is reached twice by two different walks.

Reading and language lessons

5 lessons on the reading and language the book carries - what a word means in its sentence, how a character is shown, how a text is built. No mathematics: these are matched against the English language arts curricula, which are a different and smaller set than the mathematics ones.

7. At Home and At School: Following a Pair of Words Through a Story

Language · Two Words a Story Keeps Repeating

8. The Next Day Was: How the Story Says Time Has Passed

Language · Time-Order Words That Carry a Story Forward

9. A Paw Shot Up, A Face Fell: Reading Feelings the Story Does Not Name

Language · Showing a Feeling With an Action

10. Who Said That? Sorting Two Voices in a Printed Conversation

Language · Working Out Who Is Speaking

11. Playing School: The Same Word Meaning Two Different Things

Language · One Word Used Two Ways