

I love to use children's literature to help spun their prior knowledge connections. I like using the books by Mem Fox and/or Cynthia Rylant.

My favorite is Mem Fox's Wilford Gordon McDonald Patridge (I hope they are in the right order) I like to bring in a basket with MY memories- and share with the students.

For instance, a paper clip (I TRY to be very organized.), a picture of my animals and my family(they are dearest to me) , a good book I am reading(my pleasure is reading), a diskette (something to represent technology because this is my passion).

I read the book to the students and discuss memory and how wonderful it is to have one. I review the book with the students(sequence) then I share my memories. For homework they have to go home and bag up three things to show and share their memories with the class.

They will be required to write about their memories and share their books in groups.

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