

# Gail Boushey and Joan Moser DVDs

## **CAFÉ in the Classroom - Helping Children Visualize Literacy Goals**

8850742 95 minutes 12+  
DVD 2007 Choice Literacy

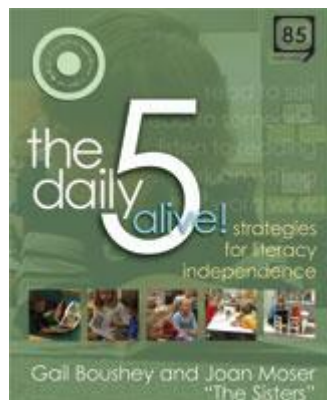


Assessing young readers involves more than determining a reading level and moving them onto the next. Gail Boushey & Joan Moser developed the CAFÉ assessment system to help elementary students understand and master different strategies used by successful readers.

CAFÉ is an acronym for Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency, and Expanding Vocabulary, and the system includes goal-setting with students in individual conferences, posting of goals on a whole-class board, developing small group instruction based on clusters of students with similar goals, and targeting whole-class instruction based on emerging student needs. The DVD includes video of many individual conferences, small group lessons, and whole class instruction in Joan's K-2 multiage classroom. The companion CD presents workshop suggestions for use of the video in professional development settings, blank assessment forms for use in the teacher's conferring and planning notebook, student work samples, and profiles of students presented in the video to enhance the viewing experience.

## **Daily Five Alive!**

8850734 85 minutes 12+  
DVD 2007 Stenhouse



It's a common dilemma: Teachers need time to work in one-on-one conferences and in small groups with students during literacy workshop. Yet assigning "busywork" to the rest of the class doesn't help students develop the essential reading and writing skills they need. Can we really expect young readers and

writers to tackle challenging work on their own without constant support and intervention from teachers? This question led Gail Boushey and Joan Moser to develop The Daily Five—a structured set of literacy tasks that research shows are linked to literacy achievement. The five tasks are outlined in detail in Gail and Joan's book The Daily Five.

## **Good-Fit Books**

8850744 15 minutes 12+  
DVD 2007 Stenhouse

The ability to select just-right books is a key element in developing confident, successful, independent readers.

Gail starts this mini-lesson with Joan's K-2 multiage students by modeling how she picks a pair of shoes that are a good fit for her. Having engaged the class, the sisters show how to use a similar five-step process to select appropriate books for a Daily Five book box:



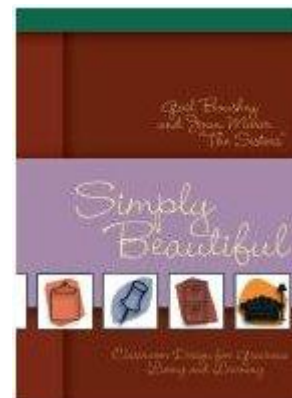
look at the book, consider the purpose and decide, am I interested in it? Do I comprehend it? Do I know most of the words? They show examples of successful and unsuccessful matches to clarify the children's understanding.

## **Simply Beautiful - Classroom Design for Gracious Living and Learning**

8850740 60 minutes 12+  
DVD 2002 Choice Literacy

Classrooms don't have to be dank and dreary places - in fact, teachers are discovering that more inviting classrooms create more opportunities for learning.

The authors visit the classrooms of five new teachers to help each one deal with specific design challenges that include: redesigning poor lighting in the meeting area; displaying student work creatively; reorganizing materials for easy access; sorting through accumulated materials in a cramped storage area; and



dressing up plain walls on a budget. It includes a fifteen-minute tour of a model classroom at the start, giving viewers a sense of possibility and the research base that supports elegant classroom design. Joan and Gail then move into the classrooms of their young colleagues, and with flair and humor show how simple, "quick change" strategies can yield amazing results. Each makeover takes less than 30 minutes in real-time, with minimal expense.