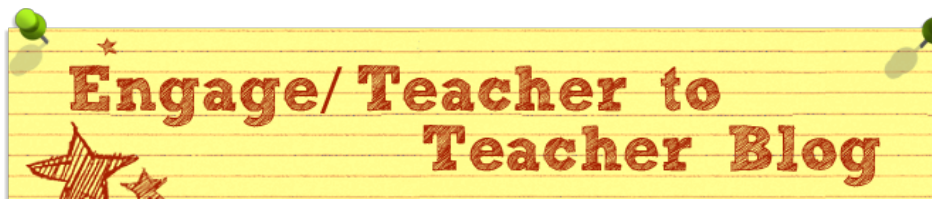


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### Roundup: Engage/Teacher to Teacher Blog for Fall 2011



Where did fall go? It's hard to believe, but here we are, flying into the holiday season, the symbolic (if not actual) midpoint of the school year.

In the happy chaos that occurs with each influx of new students, and the festive hub-bub that is upon us, we understand you may not have had time to read the Engage/Teacher to Teacher blog each and every day.

And, since we don't want you to miss a single, stellar thing, we thought we'd offer you a quick way to get at all of the great teaching tips, interesting interviews, and more from your favorite writers and fellow teachers.

As a teacher, every day is a new challenge, and our **Teaching Tips** are a great source for ready-to-use advice from professionals in the field. The lessons are brief and approachable, and cover topics like [rethinking the delivery of instruction](#) and [using art in the literacy classroom](#).

Our **5 Questions With...** interview series provides a great way to get some quick insight into your favorite authors—and learn about others you may not have discovered yet. For instance, the legendary [Judy Blume](#) talked about the ongoing censorship of her books (in honor of Banned Books Week) with surprising candor (yes, surprising even for Ms.

Blume!). Need an author who'll appeal to your reluctant teen readers? Check out what [Matt de la Pena](#) has to say about his tales of basketball and the "bad" kids.

This fall, **Listen Up!** podcasts featured everyone from *New York Times* bestselling author [Meg Cabot](#) to Pulitzer Prize winning humorist [Dave Barry: he and his Starcatchers series co-author Ridley Pearson](#) made us laugh almost as much as they did themselves. And if it's goosebumps you're after, then you'll have to check out our chat with [R.L. Stine](#).

Here are some of the other things you may have missed this fall on the Engage/Teacher to Teacher Blog:

#### Teaching Tips

[Tony Varrato—First-Day Writing Preassessment Activity](#)

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[Cynthia Lord—Tips for Teaching Revision](#)

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[The 2 Sisters \(Gail Boushey and Joan Moser\)—Rethinking the Delivery of Instruction](#)

[Diane Lapp, Kelly Johnson, and Maria Grant—Wallwisher: Supporting Engagement, Instruction, and Assessment](#)

[Kathleen Hunter—How Storyboarding Books Aids in Comprehension Assessment](#)

[Jan Miller Burkins and Rachel Watkins—'Tis the Season to Break With Tradition: Reinvent Your Holiday Book List](#)

[Julia D. Ramsay—Make Every Day 'I Love to Write Day'](#)

[William G. Brozo—Reading to Build Knowledge for Disciplinary Learning](#)

#### Listen Up! (podcasts)

[Pam Munoz Ryan on finding inspiration in her own family](#)

[Kathleen Krull—Award-winning biographer](#)

[Ellen Hopkins \(Crank trilogy\) defines perfection](#)

[Gordon Korman—Author of THE MEDUSA PLOT](#)

[Kate Messner—Teacher and author of REAL REVISION](#)

[Jack Gantos—Newbery Honor winner and National Book Award finalist](#)

[Sharon Draper—Celebrated teacher and author \(COPPER SUN\)](#)

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[Walter Wick—Photographic illustrator \(I SPY\)](#)  
[Trudy Ludwig—Anti-bullying advocate and author of CONFESSIONS OF A FORMER BULLY](#)  
[David Lubar—Author of the fun and frightful Weenies series](#)  
[David Lubar—Reads a spooktastic Weenie tale](#)  
[Brandon Mull—Writer of best-selling fantasy series Fablehaven](#)  
[Jon Scieszka—Humorous author of the SPHDZ series and founder of Guys Read](#)  
[Rosemary Wells—Author and illustrator of over forty Max and Ruby books](#)

#### Quick Clips (videos)

[Lara Zielen's thank you message to her teachers](#)  
[Lisa Yee's "How I Write Books"](#)

#### In Other Words (guest blog posts)

[Marissa Moss— Bringing the 'Story' Back into 'History'](#)  
[Lori DiGisi— The Difference Between the 'What' and the 'How' of the Common Core](#)  
[Douglas Fisher— Adding Attention to Evidence Through Teacher Modeling](#)  
[Lesley Morrow— The Common Core State Standards for Literacy: How Do We Make Them Work?](#)  
[Jane Yolen— Three Magic Words](#)  
[Kathleen Krull—The Common Core: Showing Nonfiction the Love](#)  
[Kiera Stewart—Surviving Serpent-Filled Seas of Epic Proportions \(Or Fifth-Period PE\)](#)  
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[Alan Sitomer— Kids Must Taste Academic Fun!](#)  
[Anna Staniszewski— What Will Your Impossible Be?](#)  
[Jacqueline Jules— 'Are You Really Writing a Book About Me?': A Thanksgiving Tale](#)  
[Mrs. Mimi—Read Aloud Rut—I've Fallen and I Can't Get Up](#)

#### 5 Questions With... (mini-interviews)

[Catherine Balkin \(BalkinBuddies.com\)](#)  
[Larry Dane Brimner \(BIRMINGHAM SUNDAY\)](#)  
[Jo Knowles \(PEARL, JUMPING OFF SWINGS\)](#)  
[Mary Pearson \(THE ADORATION OF JENNA FOX\)](#)  
[Jude Watson \(39 Clues series\)](#)  
[The Two Writing Teachers, Ruth Ayres and Stacey Shubitz](#)  
[Nancy Werlin \(EXTRAORDINARY, IMPOSSIBLE\)](#)  
[Coe Booth \(KENDRA, BRONXWOOD\)](#)  
[Valerie Ellery and Jennifer L. Rosenboom \(SUSTAINING STRATEGIC READERS\)](#)  
[Megan Kelley Hall and Carrie Jones \(DEAR BULLY\)](#)  
[Jacqueline Jules \(Zapato Power chapter book series\)](#)  
[Carolyn Crimi \(WHERE'S MY MUMMY?\)](#)  
[Debby Dahl Edwardson \(MY NAME IS NOT EASY\)](#)  
[Melissa Sweet \(BALLOONS OVER BROADWAY: THE TRUE STORY OF THE PUPPETEER OF MACY'S PARADE\)](#)  
[Toni Buzzeo \(Lighthouse Christmas\)](#)

#### Putting Books to Work (book-specific lessons)

[Susan Kaye Jennings puts INTO THE FIRESTORM: A NOVEL OF SAN FRANCISCO, 1906 to work](#)  
[Mike Bentz puts the 39 Clues Series to work](#)  
[Kathy Prater puts INTERRUPTING CHICKEN to work](#)  
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