

1. Title of Program: Rebus Puzzles

2. The purpose of this program is for readers to solve Rebus (picture) puzzles similar to the notes referenced in *Summer and Bird*.

3. TEKS (n/a)

4. Using a designated space in the Library (table or display area), provide printed copies of several Rebus picture puzzles of various levels. Consider printing on colored paper to identify the level of difficulty. Participants can work in groups or individually to decode the messages. Include an answer 'book' for checking answers. As a daily/weekly/monthly contest, post one of the puzzles as a contest and have participants submit their answer. Award prizes to the winners. Students can also create their own Rebus puzzles as well.

5. Program Related Books to Display or Book Talk

Balliett, Blue, and Brett Helquist. *Chasing Vermeer*. New York: Scholastic, 2004. Print.

This great mystery features another puzzle game: pentominoes!

From the publisher:

*This bewitching first novel is a puzzle, wrapped in a mystery, disguised as an adventure, and delivered as a work of art.*

*When a book of unexplainable occurrences brings Petra and Calder together, strange things start to happen: Seemingly unrelated events connect; an eccentric old woman seeks their company; an invaluable Vermeer painting disappears. Before they know it, the two find themselves at the center of an international art scandal, where no one is spared from suspicion. As Petra and Calder are drawn clue by clue into a mysterious labyrinth, they must draw on their powers of intuition, their problem solving skills, and their knowledge of Vermeer. Can they decipher a crime that has stumped even the FBI?*

6. List of Supplies

Printed Rebus picture puzzles, pencils, answer 'book' or binder, basket or 'ballot box' for contest entries, contest entry forms

#### 7. Incentives

Small prizes such as posters, signed bookmarks, etc.

#### 8. Resources

[http://kids.niehs.nih.gov/games/riddles/rebus\\_puzzle.htm](http://kids.niehs.nih.gov/games/riddles/rebus_puzzle.htm)

<http://worksheets.theteacherscorner.net/make-your-own/brain-teasers/>

<http://www.teachingideas.co.uk/more/timefiller/rebus.htm>

Clarity Media. *Rebus: 100 Picture Phrase Puzzles*. Vol. 1. New York: CreateSpace Independent Platform, 2012. Print.

Fremont, Victoria, and Ted Lavish. *Rebus Word and Picture Puzzles*. New York: Dover Publications, 1995. Print. Dover Little Activity Books.

Martin, Pat, Joanne Kelly, and Kay Grabow. *Rebuses for Readers*. Englewood, CO: Teacher Ideas, 1992. Print.

Weissinger, Norbert. *1001 Word Rebuses*. New York: AuthorHouse, 2005. Print.

#### 9. Professional Resources

One of the best examples of the Rebus puzzles like those found in *Summer and Bird* can be found on the underside of Lone Star beer bottle caps. While the bottle caps themselves may not be appropriate for your library, many of the phrases and pictures are school appropriate.

<http://thismatters.net/hobbies/lonestar/>

Site for making your own Rebus worksheets: <http://worksheets.theteacherscorner.net/make-your-own/brain-teasers/>

10. Program Flyers, Poster, Advertisements, Bulletin Board Ideas, Templates, Rubrics, etc.

Display student created Rebus puzzles

Bulletin board featuring a Rebus puzzle of the day

### **Another option for the Self-Directed Program**

1. Title of Program: Origami Birds

2. The purpose of this program is for readers to create their own unique origami birds.

3. TEKS (n/a)

4. Display instructions for making several styles of Origami birds (see resources TBD) along with various colors of paper. Participants may make a bird to either hang in the library or to take home. Consider holding a contest and award prizes for birds in various categories (e.g. most unique, most colorful, most like a real bird, etc.).

5. Program Related Books to Display or Book Talk

Various Origami and Craft Books TBD

Books about Birds for inspiration

6. List of Supplies

Several copies of printed instructions for folding origami birds, colored paper, craft decorating supplies

7. Incentives

Take home your origami bird

Optional contest – prizes for birds in various categories

8. Resources

Boursin, Didier. *Origami Paper Animals*. Toronto: Firefly, 2001. Print.

"Origami Birds." *Origami-Instructions.com*. N.p., n.d. Web. 25 Feb. 2014. <<http://www.origami-instructions.com/origami-birds.html>>.

Mulatinho, Paulo. *Origami: 30 Fold-by-fold Projects*. Edison, NJ: Chartwell, 1995. Print.

## 9. Professional Resources

See resources (#8)

## 10. Program Flyers, Poster, Advertisements, Bulletin Board Ideas, Templates, Rubrics, etc.

Hang examples of the birds in the craft area or throughout the library