



# Program Overview, Early Readers

## **Objective:**

To boost reading skills by introducing the **elements** and **meaning** of stories through authentic folk literature.

### *Whootie Owl's Unique Child-Savvy Format:*

1. **Read Aloud \***

*or Shared Reading*

- Engages the interest of the listener
- Introduces a model from which to teach the elements and meaning of a story

2. **Skill Builders**

- Builds reading comprehension skills
- Introduces the concept of story elements (*characters, setting, plot, main idea*) with activities that are *designed around the story*

3. **Composition**

- Builds writing skills
- Deepens understanding

4. **Reader's Theatre**

- Reinforces comprehension of the text
- Promotes oral literacy
- Closes Whootie Owl's program on a fun, upbeat note