

## Author Study – Eric Carle (Part 2)

GRADE(S)	Primary – Kindergarten
GOALS	To introduce a body of work by the author studied in Kindergarten under the America’s Choice Instructional Model. Students will be able to identify an author’s body of work through common themes and illustrations and will complete an activity that reinforces, but also give their own interpretation of, the storyline of the book.
ESSENTIAL QUESTION	What is an author? Why do we read many books by one author? How would you describe books by this author?
STANDARD(S)	ELA 2 Library Standards 1, 5
MATERIALS	Book – Carle, Eric. <i>A House for Hermit Crab</i> , New York: Scholastic, Inc., 1987. Worksheet of a hermit crab drawn from the book Assorted craft materials—chenille pipe cleaners; eyes; sequins; crayons; glue Small paper cups for sequins Eric Carle’s biography to be displayed with students’ work Complete a one-page description of lesson to go with display Display of other Eric Carle books for students to view (also for final display of students’ work) Calendar if discussing months of the year (see description below)
DESCRIPTION	Time: two class periods (20 minutes for lesson, 10 minutes for book exchange)— Lesson 1 -- Introduce the book. Read story, allowing time to ask questions about story and relate text to self--crab grows out of its shell, just as they grow too, needing new clothes, and “decorating” themselves with jewelry and hair decorations. Also, if time allows, introduce the months of the year (this should be done in cooperation with teacher who may initially introduce concept of months in classroom). Lesson 2— Review book and check for understanding of content. Explain to students the activity worksheet and how it will be completed; show example of completed one. Distribute worksheets and materials to each student; sequins should be put in paper cups for distribution. Display completed activity sheets in library with description of the lesson and author’s biography along with books he has written.
ASSESSMENT	Students will describe what they liked about the story and why. Students will create their own house for hermit crab to be displayed in library.