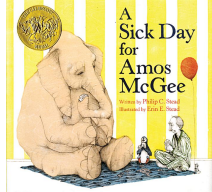
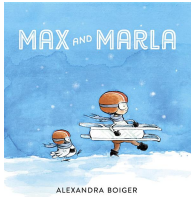
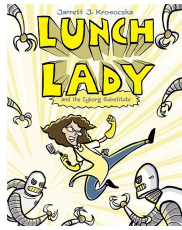


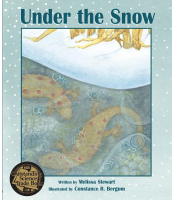
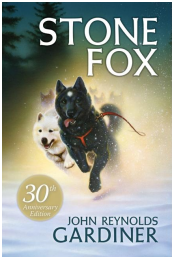

December Book Ideas

Refer to the [TeachingBooks Literary Calendar](#) for curricular connections and birthday and holiday celebrations.


Grades	Title	Themes	Possibilities or Choose Your Own
PreK-2	 <p>A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip C. Stead and Erin E. Stead</p>	Picture Book Health Social-Emotional Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play the Audio Name Pronunciation of illustrator Erin E. Stead. Utilize the viewing activities in the Lesson Plan from Weston Woods — before and after the reading. Read <i>A Sick Day for Amos McGee</i> or play the Video Book Reading excerpt. Click Discover Like Books to find similar titles for Social-Emotional Learning.
	 <p>Max and Marla by Alexandra Boiger</p>	Picture Book Sports Winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> View the Book Trailer of <i>Max and Marla</i> by Alexandra Boiger. Ask students what questions they have about the story. Play the Complete Video Reading of <i>Max and Marla</i>. Pair this book with <i>Don't Blink</i> by Amy Rosenthal, using the Activity Guide from Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award.
1-5	 <p>Lunch Lady by Jarrett J. Krosoczka</p>	Chapter Book Graphic Novel Humor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce the Lunch Lady Series Page by choosing a Book Trailer from the Filter Results menu. Choose Book 1 and play the Meet-the-Author Recording. Ask students to write down 3 things they learned. Extend your story hooks by sharing the Series' Activity Sheets from Jarrett J. Krosoczka. Find out more about the Lunch Lady series by watching the Series TED Talk Author Interview. Ask, what can you do for your lunch heroes?

December Lesson Ideas

Literary highlights and extensions for the month of December

Grades	Title	Themes	Possibilities or Choose Your Own
1-5	 <p><u>Under the Snow</u> by Melissa Stewart and Constance R. Bergum</p>	Picture Book Nonfiction Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Read the Author Interview. Play the embedded video to show readers the story's inspiration. ● Utilize the Lesson Plan from Peachtree for instructional strategies. ● Practice fluency with the Reader's Theater Script from Peachtree with your students. ● Visit the Personal Website for Melissa Stewart for more enrichment ideas.
4-8	 <p><u>Stone Fox</u> by John Reynolds Gardiner</p>	Historical Fiction Adventure Dogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Play the Book Reading and ask readers where they think this excerpt appears in the book — beginning, middle, or end. ● Show the Google Preview and read the beginning of Chapter 1. ● Ask readers to write down what they know about Grandfather from these excerpts. ● Use the Lesson Plan from Dr. Betty Powers Francis to study the book with your class.
	 <p><u>El Deafo</u> by Cece Bell</p>	Graphic Novels Disability Biography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Begin this lesson with the Meet-the-Author Recording. ● Read a few pages from the book or use the Google Preview. ● Utilize the Cultural Representation Reflection to talk about what students have read. ● Using Cece's illness as inspiration for research — promote your informational tools to learn more about meningitis, hearing aids, or topics your students may suggest.

December Author Study Ideas

<p>Jan Brett: <u>Author Study</u></p> 	PreK-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduce Jan Brett with her Audio Name Pronunciation. ● Read <i>The Mitten</i> or watch the Complete Video Reading, narrated by the author. ● Utilize the discussion questions in the Lesson Plan from Reading to Kids. ● Visit Jan Brett's Personal Website for follow-up activities — masks, coloring sheets, and more.
	1-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Play the Meet-the-Author Recording of <i>Trouble with Trolls</i>. View the illustration on the recording page. ● Read Trouble with Trolls. ● Create a Story Map Multi-Levelled Lesson to explore important elements of this fictional story. ● Visit Jan Brett's Personal Website for follow-up activities — masks, coloring sheets, and more.
	4-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Show the Author Page for Jan Brett. How many of her books have students read? ● Introduce <i>The Hat</i> by playing the Author Interview. ● Extend your lesson by performing the Reader's Theater Script of <i>The Hat</i> — masks are optional. ● Encourage students to use their online resources to learn more about hedgehogs.