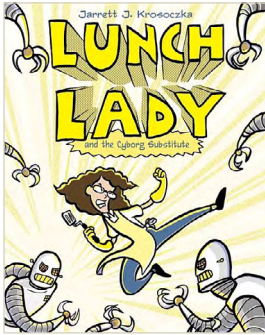


# December Lesson Ideas (Elementary)

Literary highlights and extensions for the month of December



## Book Ideas

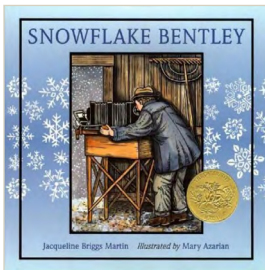


### Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute

by [Jarrett J. Krosoczka](#)

Themes: Chapter Book | Graphic Novel | Humor

- Introduce the Lunch Lady Series with this [Meet-the-Author Recording](#) for *Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute*. Ask students to write down 3 things they learned.
- Build on student interest with series' [activity sheets](#) from Jarrett J. Krosoczka.
- Find out more about the Lunch Lady Series by watching the this [author interview](#). Ask, what can you do for your lunch heroes?
- Explore resources for additional titles in the [series](#).



### Snowflake Bentley

by [Jacqueline Briggs Martin](#) and [Mary Azarian](#)

Themes: Picture Book | Nonfiction | Science

- Listen to the [Meet-the-Author Recording](#) to learn about the story's inspiration.
- Read the book or listen to the [audiobook excerpt](#) and share with a partner what Bentley discovered about snowflakes.
- Introduce and reinforce vocabulary by creating a [word search](#).
- Connect language arts with science using this [lesson plan](#).

## Author Study Ideas



### Jan Brett

- Show Jan Brett's [author page](#). How many of her books have students read?
- Introduce *The Mitten* with this [author interview](#).
- Select a [complete book reading](#) to share with readers.
- Use the share tool to create a shelf card for the [author](#), adding to book baskets, displays, or shelves.

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