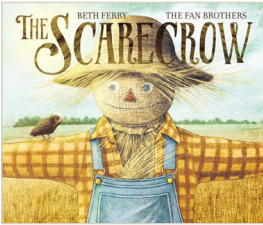


October Lesson Ideas (Primary)

Literary highlights and extensions for the month of October

Book Ideas



The Scarecrow

by [Beth Ferry](#), [Terry Fan](#), and [Eric Fan](#)

Themes: Concept Book | Seasons | Friendship

- Become familiar with [Terry Fan](#) and [Eric Fan](#) sharing that they are brothers who create illustrations of books together.
- Listen to the [Meet-the-Author Recording](#) to discover how a single word sparked an idea for this story.
- Share the [book trailer](#) with your readers and pause when the scarecrow is alone in the winter. Ask students: “How do you think he feels?” “What do you think will happen?” Then, play the rest of the video and encourage students to talk about their predictions.
- Read the book then extend the lesson with the drawing and counting activities found in this [guide](#).



Amara's Farm

by [JaNay Brown-Wood](#) and [Samara Hardy](#)

Themes: Picture Book | Realistic Fiction | Seasons | Crops

- Connect to the author by listening to her [Audio Name Pronunciation](#).
- Find discussion ideas for before, during, and after reading as well as cross-curricular connections and activities in this [educator's guide](#).
- Read the book and extend the lesson with these [activity sheets](#).
- Enjoy other titles in this [Where is the Garden?](#) series.

Author Study Ideas



Nikki Grimes

- Introduce Nikki Grimes by listening to her [Audio Name Pronunciation](#).
- Watch the complete book reading for *Bedtime for Sweet Creatures* and listen as the illustrator describes the colors she chose in this [Meet-the-Illustrator Recording](#).
- Choose another title by this author, such as [A Walk in the Woods](#) to introduce or reinforce the importance of primary resources.
- Use the share tool to create a shelf card for the [author](#), adding to book baskets, displays, or shelves to help young readers understand that books have authors and illustrators.

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

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