



Title: Stone Soup

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Themes: community

Vocabulary: monk, famine, suspicious

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★ 2nd Grade Common Core Reading Standards ★

- Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe.

I. INTRODUCTION (PREP QUESTIONS)

- After looking at the cover what do you think these people are looking into?
- What questions do you have about the story from this picture?

II. INTEGRATIVE STRATEGIES
DURING READING

- Title page: What do you notice on this page? How do you think it is related to the title?
- Do you know what a monk is? In our community who is someone who would be similar to a monk?
- P. 3 what does famine mean? How could that affect a village? If you are suspicious, how do you feel about someone?
- P. 8 Where do you think the story takes place? What clues do you have that make you think so?
- Why do you think the villagers are curious about the monks?
- P.16 In looking at the illustrations on these pages, what are some clues in the pictures that the villagers are curious about the monks?
- P.20 What will the villagers do next? Can you predict?
- End of story: What was the author's message in writing this book?

III. SMALL GROUP
POST READING

- Conduct a book walk having the children retell the story as you flip through the pages.
- At the beginning of the book the author says the villages were hard but only for themselves. What does this tell you about the attitude of the villagers?

- In the beginning, why did the monks think the villagers do not know happiness? What clues in the book show this?
- Do you think the little girl is very brave? Why? Would you have done what she did? Why or why not?
- Something magical begin to happen among the villagers as the soup was being made. What was it?
- How did the monks trick the villagers into working together?
- At the end of the story, how has the villagers attitude changed towards the monks and toward each other?
- What were the gifts the monks gave the villagers? How did these gifts help the villagers to be happy?