



Title: Turkey Trouble

Author: Wendi Silvano

Illustrator: Lee Harper

Age Range: 4-7

Topics/Themes: Thanksgiving

Vocabulary: gobble

See video of this book read aloud here: [Turkey Trouble](#)

I. COMPONENTS OF BOOK (REVIEW EACH SESSION)

- Author, Illustrator (roles of each)
- Title; front and back covers; spine

II. INTRODUCTION (PREP QUESTIONS)

- Why do you think the turkey is in trouble? Looking at the back cover, how do you think the turkey feels?

III. INTEGRATIVE STRATEGIES

DURING READING

- P.2 check to see if students know the definition of " main course" .
- Predict how you think the turkey will get out of trouble
- Throughout reading, point out to the students the first couple of times the author Uses animal names references of past characters to describe what animals are feeling.
- For example --'horsing around. And holy cow! Ask students to listen for more language
- Like this throughout the story.
- P. 28 what do you think the turkey's plan is? What makes you think, that?

POST READING DISCUSSION:

- Conduct a picture walk with the students, having them retell the story.
- Ask the students what they notice about the illustrations?
- What is the turkey wearing to make him look like a _____? (i.e. pig, cow, rooster, etc.)
- What are some other animals the turkey could have dressed up as? What would he have worn to look like that animal?
- What costume do you think worked the best for the turkey? Why do you think so?
- What would you have done if you were the turkey? Tell us more about that
- What foods does your family eat at Thanksgiving?
- Is the story fiction, a make-believe? Or, is the story nonfiction, true information that gives you facts to explain something?
- What things happened in the story that could not have happened in real life?
- What would be another good ending to the story?

IV. SUPPLEMENTAL ACTIVITY

Song to the tune of "darling clementine"
Mr. Turkey, Mr. Turkey
Are you getting nice and fat!
We are waiting for Thanksgiving
Now what do you think off that?
Mr turkey, Mr. Turkey
Did you ever wonder why,
People eat you at thanksgiving,
And not a pizza pie!