

Thankful

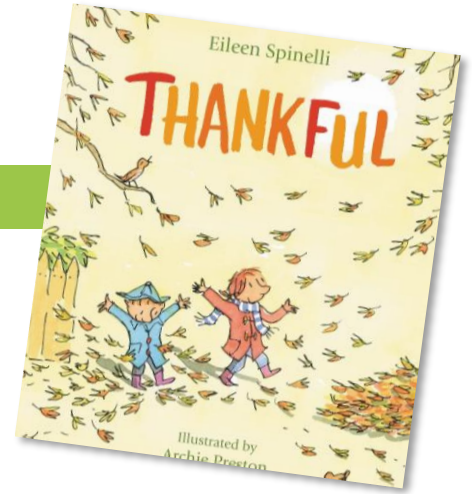
READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Family, Gratitude, Mindfulness

Book Brief: Little ones will enjoy this heartwarming book about gratitude as they learn about different people in their town, from the reporter to the doctor, and what they are thankful for. It's a cozy story perfect for sharing and reflecting on the importance of being thankful.

Author:
Eileen Spinelli

Illustrator:
Archie Preston



BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about the girl.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "What are you thankful for?" (Optional: think, pair, share)

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, what is the girl thankful for?"

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What do you notice about the girl?
- Do you share any of the things the girl is thankful for?
- Why do you think it's important to be thankful, like the girl in the book?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: The girl is thankful for many things in her life. What are some of the things the girl is thankful for?

Extending Our Thinking: The girl lists all the things she is thankful for. Using [RIF's Writing Template](#), have students write what they are thankful for and why.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.