



A Spooktacular Party!

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Friendship, Overcoming Fear, Acceptance

Book Brief: A fun Halloween story about Edgar, who learns an important lesson when he's invited to a party at his new neighbors' house!

Author:
Storytime

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Ask students to make a prediction about the story based on the cover and title.

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

Prior Knowledge: Ask, "Have you ever been nervous to meet someone new? What helped you feel better?" (Optional: Think-Pair-Share)

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

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, think about what Edgar learns. What lesson does this story teach us?"

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Who is Edgar worried about?
- Why does Edgar think his neighbors are scary?
- What happens when Edgar goes to the Halloween party?
- How does Edgar feel about his neighbors by the end?



Think Aloud: "Edgar thought his neighbors were scary, but when he got to know them, he learned they were nice and fun. The lesson is that we should get to know people before we decide if they're scary or different."

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: "What did Edgar learn? What does this story teach us?"

Extending Our Thinking: Ask students, "Have you ever thought someone was scary or different, but then discovered they were actually nice? How did you feel?" Encourage students to draw a "Before and After" picture: on one side, show how Edgar felt about his neighbors at the beginning (worried/scared), and on the other side, show how he felt at the end (happy/having fun). Students can share their drawings and discuss why Edgar's feelings changed.

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- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
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