

Mrs Begg's Beautiful Egg

Teacher's Notes

Fluent Level 16

Literary Connections

Word Count: 500 words (approximately, including title)

Reading Skills: Read for meaning
Encourage re-reading and self-correction if meaning is lost
Maintain comprehension throughout a longer text

Decoding Skills:

High Frequency Words: wonder, knew, about, climbed, every, from, mother, next

ou" - found, around, sound, about, touched, through

Blends: "ck" - picked, duck, sock, chick, black

Word Study: Silent letters:

"k" - knew

"b" - climbed

"w" - wonder, yellow, pillow

"er" endings: wonder, never, mother, duster, heater, water

Text Feature: The use of "book language" or "story talk"

Sentence starters like: one day, however, first, when, then, next, every now and then, one morning, in the following weeks, yet still, weeks later, after that

Content Connections

- Caring for baby animals and returning living things back to their natural environment.
- The effect of time and seasons on nature.
- Mrs Begg's feelings and emotions.

Content Words: egg, bird, nest, feather, warm, seeds, water, chicken, duck, chick, goose, geese, flock, babies, pillow, blanket, socks, jersey, scarf, duster, grasses

Synopsis (for the back cover)

Mrs Begg has made a nest for her beautiful egg. "Just right," she said.

Follow-up Activities

- Encourage the students to retell the story using the illustrations as a prompt.
- Using the time references in the story create a time-line for Mrs Begg's beautiful egg.
- Look carefully through the pictures to find the egg shapes the illustrator has hidden in his pictures. How many can you find?
- Discuss how Mrs Begg may have felt at different stages throughout the story. Use both the pictures and the story to help.
- Use the references to the seasons in the story to discuss how they affect nature.
- Brainstorm a list of questions that the story has generated, for example how did Mrs Begg know what to do with the egg or where were the flock of geese going. Encourage the students to research their answers.
- Pretend to be the goose and write thank-you cards or postcards to Mrs Beggs.
- From the information in the book, write instructions for raising chickens from eggs.
- Give students the opportunity to watch chicks hatch from eggs. It's something they will never forget.