

A Sick Day for Amos McGee; Roaring Brook Press, 2010; 9781596434028; Philip C. Stead; 32 pages; 2010

Amos McGee is a busy zookeeper that makes time for a special daily visit with each of his animal friends. One day, he wakes up sick and stays home in bed; worrying his animal friends at the zoo. This delightful story encourages the natural use of a variety of comprehension strategies including asking questions, making predictions, synthesizing, and determining importance. Author Philip C. Stead also incorporates varying text structures in this tale about friendship at its best! Either download the A Sick Day for Amos McGee Super Pack or this individual Vocabulary Builder for resources and activities that support Tier 2 and Tier 3 vocabulary growth through fun and productive interactions with new words.

Common Core Alignment: L.1.4a L.1.5c L.1.6. "A Neal Porter book." "Amos McGee, a friendly zookeeper, always made time to visit his good friends: the elephant, the tortoise, the penguin, the rhinoceros, and the owl. But one day--"Ah-choo!"--he woke with the sniffles and the sneezes. Though he didn't make it into the zoo that day, he did receive some unexpected guests."--Dust jacket. SPEC: Gift of William A. Gosling. First edition, first printing, in original dust jacket. We all loved this fun little book. Amos McGee works at the zoo and he takes such good care of the animals. They love him and one day he has a sick day and the animals miss him and they come to his house to help him feel better. It's a sweet and touching story, simply told for beginners and up and this really warms up your heart. That's the crazy thing about A Sick Day for Amos McGee. It doesn't parrot anyone, and when you read it you feel like you've known the book your whole life. Could have been written last year, ten years ago, or fifty. Their first picture book, A Sick Day for Amos McGee, won the Caldecott Medal. She has also illustrated And Then It's Spring (written by Julie Fogliano) and contributed to Eric Carle's What's Your Favorite Animal? The Steads divide their time between Ann Arbor, Michigan, and New York City. A Sick Day for Amos McGee thrust its way into my heart in January 2011 when it won the Caldecott Medal. I had run a mock Caldecott unit with my third grade class, and this book wasn't even on our radar enough to put on our ballots. I had some definite favorites THE BEST SICK DAY EVER and the animals in the zoo feature in this striking picture book debut. Friends come in all sorts of shapes and sizes. In Amos McGee's case, all sorts of species, too. Every day he spends a little bit of time with each of his friends at the zoo, running races with the tortoise, keeping the shy penguin company, and even reading bedtime stories to the owl. But when Amos is too sick to make it to the zoo, his animal friends decide it's time they returned the favor. A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip C. Stead and Erin E. Stead is a 2011 Bank Street - Best Children's Book