

THANKSGIVING PARTNER PLAYS, VOL. 2

4 different levels

Teacher's guide

Grades 2-4

The Missing Turkey



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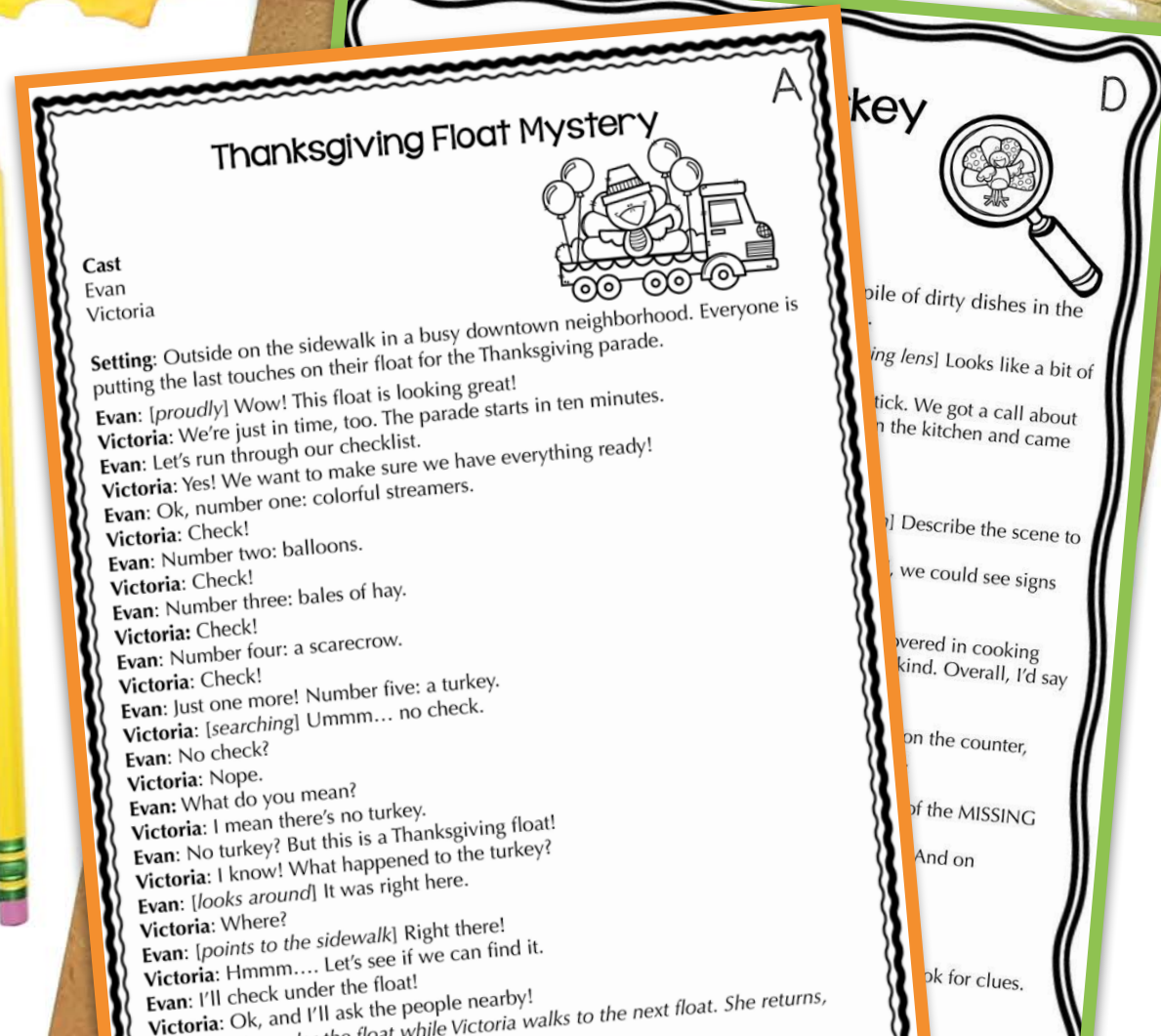
BUILD FLUENCY & COMPREHENSION WITH PARTNERS!

USE THESE PLAYS FOR...

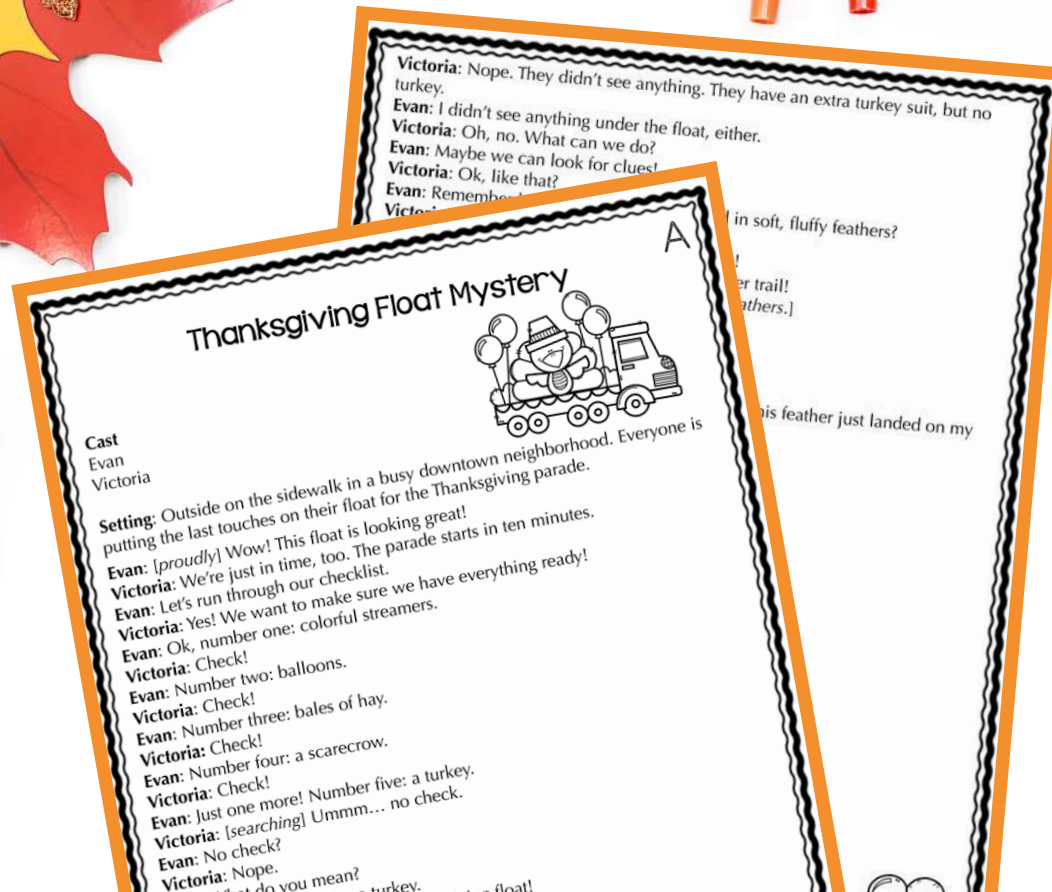


4 plays at different levels

- ✓ Morning warm-up
- ✓ Fluency center or station
- ✓ Daily practice
- ✓ Repeated readings
- ✓ Ready to go activity to warm up small groups - differentiate!
- ✓ Holiday parties and fun days
- ✓ Time fillers for days with weird schedules



THANKSGIVING FLOAT MYSTERY

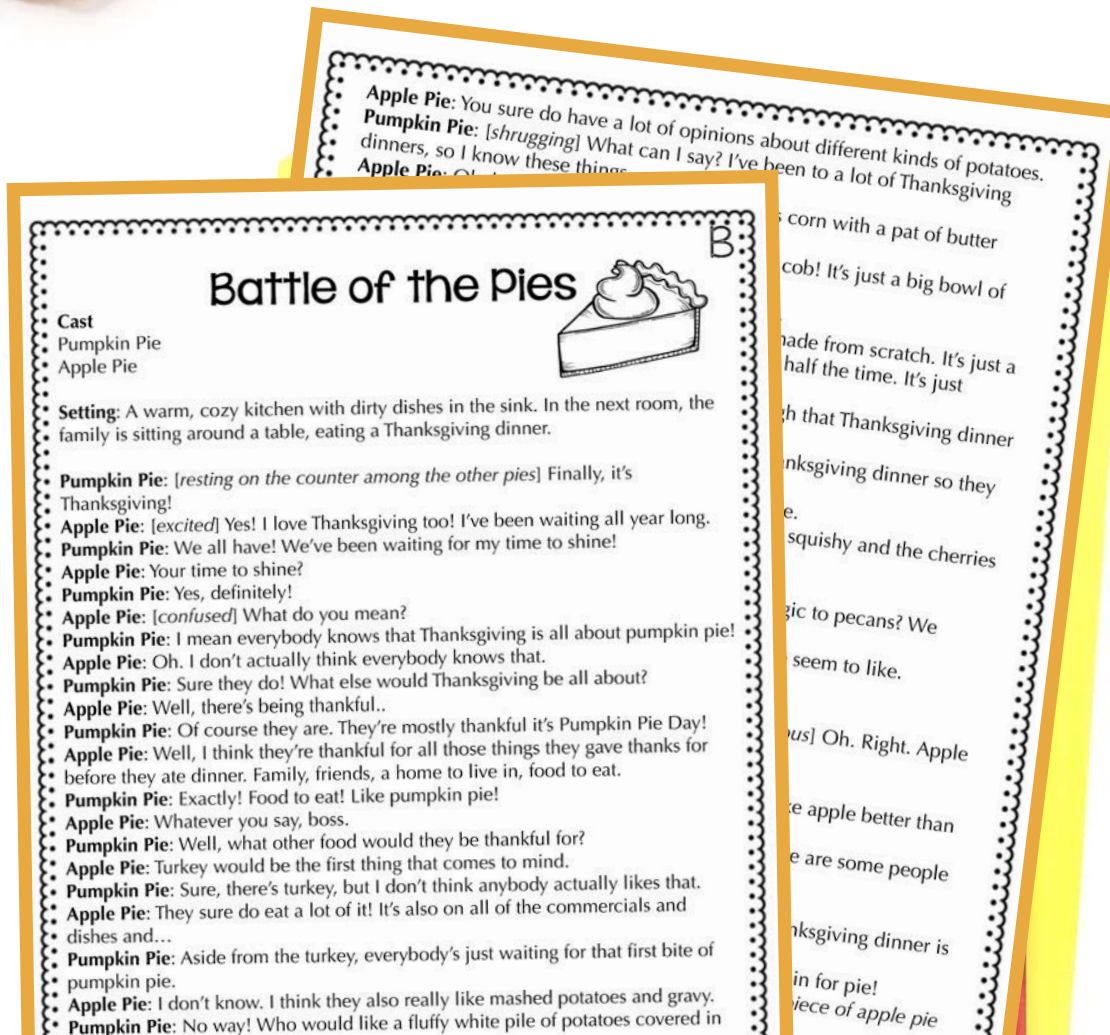


Evan and Victoria figure out what to do when the turkey goes missing from their parade float.

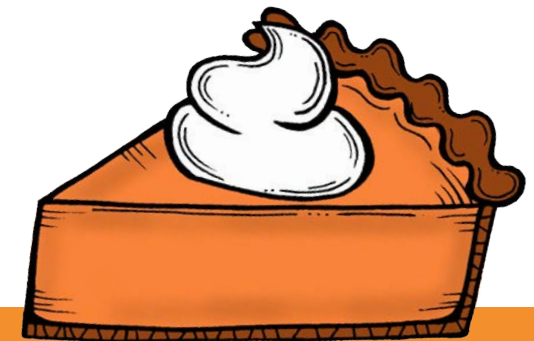


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BATTLE OF THE PIES



Pumpkin Pie and Apple Pie argue about which is the best.



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THE DECORATION SQUAD

The Decoration Squad

Cast
Natasha
Eddie



Setting: A school cafeteria, after school. A small group of kids is standing next to a huge pile of decorations.

Natasha: Natasha, reporting for duty!

Eddie: Excellent. Natasha, what kinds of decorations did your class send for the Thanksgiving Luncheon?

Natasha: I have a bunch of handprint turkeys and a couple of crafty scarecrows.

Eddie: Do the scarecrows stand up by themselves?

Natasha: [Looking inside her bag] No, they don't. They have to hang on the wall or something.

Eddie: [Checking his clipboard.] Hmm. It seems like we have all wall decorations and no table decorations!

Natasha: Oh no! We are supposed to decorate the tables, too!

Eddie: I know.

Natasha: [looking around] You really just have a bunch of decorations to hang up in here?

Eddie: Yep. Kindergarten sent handprint turkeys. First grade sent handprint turkeys. Second grade sent handprint turkeys. Third grade got really creative and sent... handprint turkeys.

Natasha: Oh, boy.

Eddie: Fourth grade sent you with handprint turkeys and a couple of scarecrows.

Natasha: What did your class make?

Eddie: A big turkey with feathers on it. On each feather, we wrote something we were thankful for.

Natasha: It has to hang on the wall, right?

Eddie: Yes, it does.

science lab and come back with a large bag.]
n and pulls things out, naming them as he goes.] We've got...tiny
bunch of sticks, a few cornucopias, and a Happy Thanksgiving

That doesn't seem to solve our table decorations problem.
mean, we can put out the cornucopias, but that's only going to
We have to decorate the whole cafeteria!
we set those up and then look at what we've got.
cornucopias, hang up the big turkey with feathers and the
sign.]

ee what's left.
re little bales of hay, a bunch of sticks, and about 100

hink of anything, can you?
ybe we can do something with the handprints after all!

ake the handprint turkeys and glue them to a stick...
stick to each person as they walk in and they wave them

ce] No, Eddie, we're not going to ask everyone to wave.
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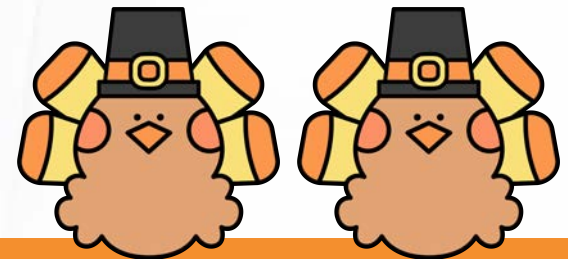
e a headband and stick them in and walk around with

ally think that's what we're going to do?
alking. Why don't you tell me!

key handprints to the sticks. Then we stick the other
of hay and...
t turkey centerpiece!

the handprints to the sticks and putting them into
more!

Natasha and
Eddie figure out
how to decorate
for the
Thanksgiving
luncheon.



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Detective Drumstick: I already said that.

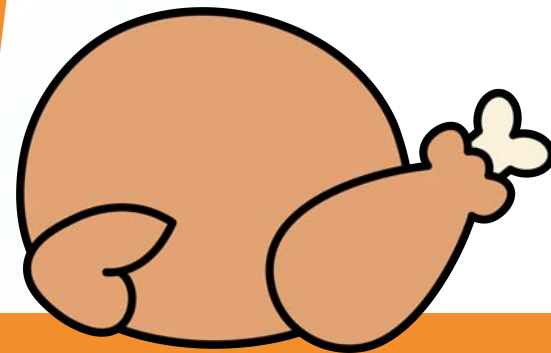
Constable Cranberry: Of course. Sorry. The countertop is messy, covered in cooking utensils and dishes. The floor seems to be full of footprints of some kind. Overall, I'd say something happened here.

Detective Drumstick: I would agree. Anything missing?

Constable Cranberry: Well, I can see the turkey tray right over there on the counter,



Detective Drumstick and Constable Cranberry solve the case of the missing turkey.



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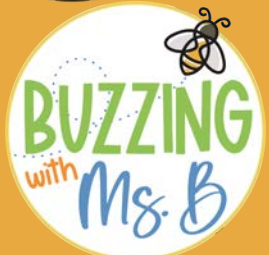
WHAT TEACHERS ARE SAYING

I used this with my reading group before Thanksgiving and they were so fun! I have many sets of Reader's Theatre from this author!

Always a hit! I love seeing the confidence my students get from a Partner Play.

These are terrific short plays for a quick drama lesson.

My students loved reading these during Thanksgiving. It was great fluency practice that was very engaging!



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