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Teacher Notes and Activities

The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore

By William Joyce
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Morris Lessmore loved words.

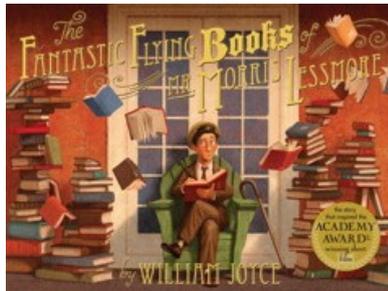
He loved stories.

He loved books.

But every story has its upsets...

Everything in Morris Lessmore's life, including his own story, is scattered to the winds. But the power of story will save the day.

Stunningly brought to life by William Joyce, one of the preeminent creators in children's literature, *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore* is a modern masterpiece, showing that in today's world of traditional books, eBooks, and apps, it's the story that we truly celebrate ~ and this story, no matter how you tell it, begs to be read again and again.



This is a wonderful book and can be used on a number of different levels, depending on the age of your students. It truly is a celebration of books!

Themes:

- Power of Books
- Life Experience
- Life's Journey

Discussion Points:

- Why were books so important to Morris? Do you love books as much as Morris?
- How did this book make you feel?
- Describe how colour is used to change the feeling of the book.
- How does this book mirror life? Find examples of double meanings (there are many scattered throughout the book)
- What examples are there in the book about being positive and negative? Explore the idea of how positive thinking can effect how we react to situations.
- "Everyone's story matters". Explain.
- When Morris flew away, why do you think he changed back to the way he used to be?
- "Sometimes Morris would become lost in a book and scarcely emerge for days". Describe what this means to you. Have you ever felt 'lost' in a book? If so, which book was it?

Activities:

- Look at the page where the letters are scattered. Choose eight letters (including some vowels) and see how many words you can make, using only those letters.
- We see the destruction that caused Morris's life to be scattered. Research the author and find out how his real life experiences influenced the writing of this book.
- As a class, watch the short film or iPad app that inspired the book. How does it compare to the book itself? Discuss how the format of books is changing and explore the pros and cons of books in digital formats.
- Draw your own interpretation of a room full of flying books.