

ELEMENTARY

MINISTRY RESOURCES

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For Members of LEA's Elementary Educators Network

This week, LEA is highlighting the book:

A Snow Day for Amos McGee

By Philip Stead

Illustrated by Erin Stead (past Caldecott Illustrator)

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This beautifully illustrated book portrays a caring, kind zookeeper named Amos who loves the season of winter with all its snow. Thinking the first snowflake was on its way, he prepared his zoo animals with special winter clothes, but then he worried that only rain and wind would come. When the snowflakes finally start coming, Amos shows the animals fun winter activities. The beauty, creativity, and calmness of God's season of winter are shared with the readers of this book.

Have you caught this month's two-part *Shaping the Future* feature? Dr. Samuel Eatherton challenges educators to bring music back to the forefront in "Singing in the Classroom: Don't Leave It to the Professionals."

- Part 1: [The Importance of Singing in Classrooms](#)
- Part 2: [Practical Information for Singing in Classrooms.](#)

Take a few minutes to read both pieces, evaluate your own classroom, and see how you can easily spark more joy and engagement in your school.



Holiday Ideas for September 2026:

September 11th—Patriot Day: Patriot Day can be a tricky topic to teach — it's important, but it also involves a tragedy, so the goal for young children isn't the details of what happened, but simple ideas like *helping others, being kind, and remembering people who were brave*. [Patriot Day 2026 for Kids: Activities, Crafts, Coloring Pages, Facts & Ideas](#) gives teachers a kid-friendly explanation of Patriot Day, plus age-appropriate activities, crafts, coloring pages, worksheets, and classroom ideas. (*National Days and Events Guide*)

September 13th—Grandparents Day: Grandparents are heroes to many students. Check out [Grandparents Day in the Primary Classroom](#) for ideas to celebrate. (Hilary Statum in *Pencils to Pigtales*)

September 17th—Constitution Day: Help your children learn about Constitution Day with a [Constitution Day Mini-Book](#) for early readers. (*Teach Starter*)

September 22nd—First Day of Autumn: Elementary students get moving, get outside, and get creative with [Fall-Themed Activities That Combine Academics and Fun](#), all while practicing academic skills. (Donna Paul in *Edutopia*)

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