

EARLY CHILDHOOD

MINISTRY RESOURCES



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For Participants in LEA's Early Childhood Network

This week, LEA is highlighting the book:

A Snow Day for Amos McGee

By Philip Stead

Illustrated by Erin Stead (past Caldecott Illustrator)

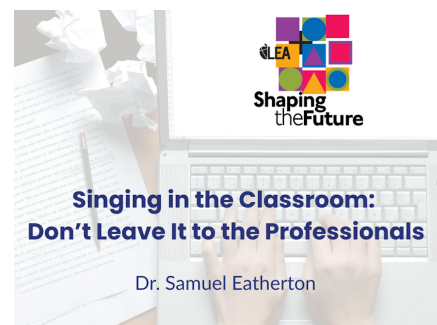
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This beautifully illustrated book portrays a caring, kind zookeeper named Amos who loves the season of winter with all its snow. Thinking the first snowflake was on its way, he prepared his zoo animals with special winter clothes, but then he worried 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 center.



Holiday Ideas for September 2026:

September 13th—Grandparents Day: [Grandparents Day Activities for School](#) has some simple but fun activities to make this special day unforgettable for our little ones. (Karen Cox in *PreKinders*)

September 22nd—First Day of Autumn: Embrace the season with toddler-friendly games, crafts, and more found in [14 Fun Fall Activities for Toddlers.](#) (*Happiest Baby*)

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