

# The Snow Thief

# **READ ALOUD GUIDE**

Themes: Animals, winter

Book Brief: Squirrel experiences snow for the first time and loves it—until it mysteriously disappears, leading him to suspect a snow thief. This enchanting winter adventure, paired with vibrant art, explores the magic of seasonal change and the emotions it brings, complete with bonus material on the changing seasons.

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### **BEFORE READING**

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about squirrel.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "What happens in the winter time?"

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying Vocabulary Guide.

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, watch to see squirrel's first snow day."

# **DURING READING**

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Why did squirrel think he ate a snowflake?
- · Who is squirrel afraid of?
- · What happened to his acorns?

# AFTER READING

Our Purpose: Squirrel experiences his first snow day. Describe his experience with the snow.

Extending Our Thinking: Squirrel was surprised when the snow was gone. Using RIF's Writing Template, have students explain what happened to the snow.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about winter.
  - o Snow Globe Wishes (2019)
  - o Over and Under the Snow (2011)
  - o <u>The Mitten</u> (1989)