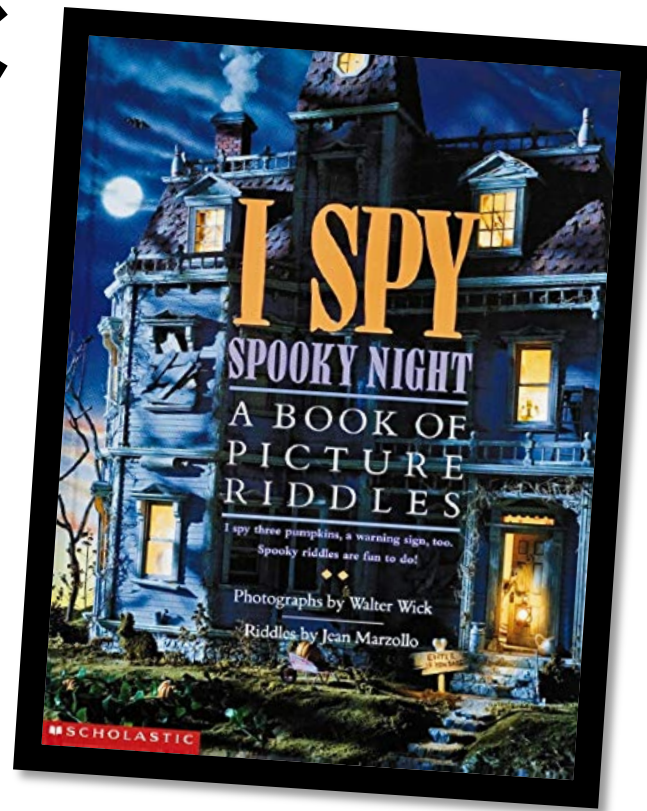


OCTOBER BOOK REVIEW

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I SPY books were a huge part of my childhood! I have always loved the detailed images and the rhythmic riddles no matter what the book's theme is.

I SPY Spooky Night is a little different than other I SPY books, it follows a story from page to page. My students love predicting what comes next and speaking along with the text.



One way I use this book in my classroom is to speak a little refrain in between each riddle, and read the riddles in a rhythmic way while students keep a steady beat on their laps. Here is a video of Maria Toth reading the book where I got the inspiration: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8OJWaZupZGU&t=80s>

Refrain: 
Bum bada bum bada bum bum bum

Taking it one step further, allow students to pick out objects they see in the pictures and compile a list. Use this list to create word chains using rhythm bricks and transfer to instruments. The final product can be in rondo form with the riddles or refrain alternating with student word chains.

Students can also choose a picture they like and create a soundscape using GarageBand. -I have ripped out pages of I SPY Fantasy and laminated them so students can have the pages near by when composing the soundscapes. -The possibilities are truly endless. Let the pictures inspire you and your students to create awesome original works!

This type of activity can be done with ANY I SPY book not just for Fall or Halloween!