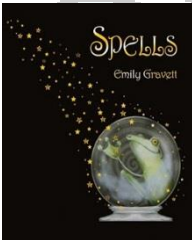




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Teacher's Book Review**



*Spells*, Emily Gravett

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This week's delightful picture book is about a small green frog who finds a book of magic spells. He begins to fantasize about becoming a handsome prince, who finds his beautiful princess, and in the process of this daydream, he begins tearing up the pages. To his great surprise he discovers the title, "Spell to become a Handsome Prince" among the torn fragments of paper in the pile he has just made. He thinks for a moment and then becomes determined to reassemble all of the ripped pieces of paper in the hope of finding the spell needed in order to be transformed into a prince.

The outcome of this quest is hilarious. The illustrator has cut the pages in half to show the odd and funny combinations of creatures which appear when bits and pieces of the spells are glued together. The drawings are finished in sepia tones to achieve a true magical effect. The cover illustration depicts the little frog sitting inside a crystal ball, surrounded by a stream of golden stars. It is a captivating first illustration for a truly enchanting story.

This little picture book comes to you just in time for the long awaited yearly night of trick or treating. What better way to round out an evening of fun, than by snuggling in with a younger brother or sister and sharing this book with him or her. Who knows? They may even share a few of their treats with you, in return!