

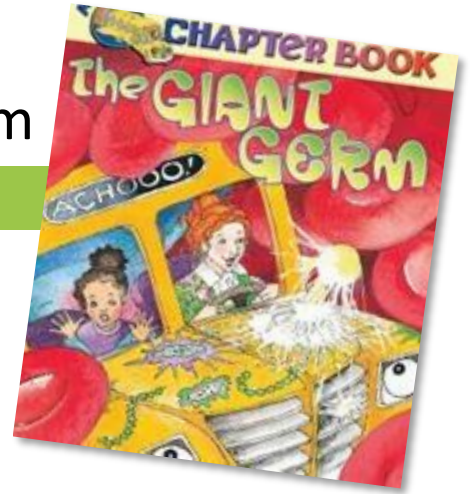
The Magic School Bus: The Giant Germ

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Wellness, Health, Germs

Book Brief: When Keesha discovers mold on her sandwich, the class takes off on a tour of the mini microbe world, and they learn first-hand that these little creatures can have huge effects. Ms. Frizzle proves that there is always more than meets the eye in this gigantic adventure.

Author:
Eva Moore
Illustrator:
Joanna Cole



BEFORE READING

The Cover: Read the title. Ask students what they notice about the photo. What do they see on the bus? Where do you think the Magic School Bus is?

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they see, think, or wonder about the story.

Vocabulary: [Vocabulary Guide](#)

Prior Knowledge: Ask students if they have ever felt sick. What caused it? What are bacteria?

Purpose for Reading: “As we read, pay close attention to the information that the students learn on their trip.”

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What did Keisha find on her sandwich?
- Why does Ms. Frizzle believe that microbes are important?
- What happened when the bus got stuck on Jimmy’s shirt?
- What happened when the germey shirt went in the washing machine?
- How did Jimmy’s body react when red blood cells were attacked by the virus?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: What lessons did the students learn from interacting with the different forms of microbes?

Extending Our Thinking: What are some things you can do to make sure to stay away from germs? Use what you learned from the book or science class to create strategies for yourself and others!

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 the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.