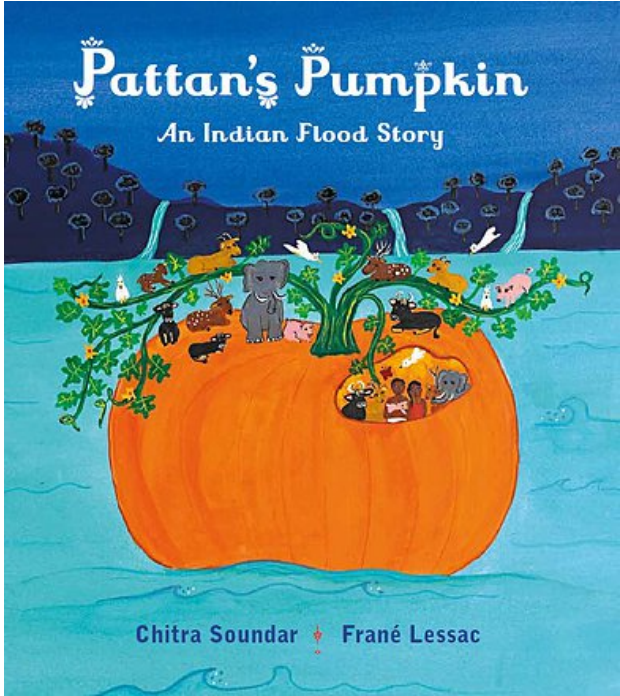
	Activities and Engaging Readers Guide
	Book Title: Pattan’s Pumpkin: An Indian Flood Story by Chitra Soundar
	Source: National Education Association

**Pattan’s Pumpkin: An Indian Flood Story by Chitra Soundar
Illustrated by Frané Lessac**

Engaging Readers:

As part of an oral tradition of storytelling, folktales entertain as they pass on the beliefs and history of a culture and can help students understand and value cultural knowledge and differences. Review the elements of folklore and the importance of oral tradition in passing on traditions and stories. *Pattan’s Pumpkin* is a previously unwritten flood story from the Irular tribe that live in the valleys of the Western Ghats. Have students research this region of India and discuss how where a storyteller lives influences the stories he or she tells.



Community Connection:

Create community with a Read Across America storytelling night. Start with inviting experienced storytellers to your classroom to generate enthusiasm for storytelling and then build on student interest to have students learn, practice, and tell stories of their own. When student storytellers are ready, host an evening for family and friends to hear student stories or take the show on the road and have students perform their stories for audiences at libraries, retirement homes, or community centers.

Ready Resources:

Ensure that schools continue to improve their ability to successfully educate all children with support from the **Inclusive Schools Network (ISN)**. Take advantage of their tools and resources to adopt more inclusive teaching practices and help provide a supportive, quality education to students who are marginalized due to disability, gender, socioeconomic status, cultural heritage, language preference, and other factors.

inclusiveschools.org