

Anne

The Animated Series

EDUCATOR'S
GUIDE
EPISODE #18





THE WITCH OF AVONLEA - EPISODE #18

When Miss King emphasizes the importance of Anne's contribution to the region's spelling bee, Anne begins to doubt her abilities and is afraid of letting her team down.

Learning Objective

Believing in one's own ability is the best way to overcome fear of failure and will strengthen:

Social and Emotional Skill Development

Talking About the Episode

Anne believes she has lost her ability to spell and Marilla her ability to keep house because of a curse. She has a dream that confirms her fears that she'll let everyone down at the spelling bee. Is the secret to her spelling success a talking toad or believing in herself?

Story retelling is an important language and literacy skill. After watching this episode together, be sure to begin your discussion with a retelling of the episode. Help your children describe what happened in the beginning middle and end of the story.

- Anne's teacher tells her "A team is only as strong as its weakest link." What do you think that means?
- How would it feel if your entire team was counting on you to win?
- Who can tell us about self-confidence?

Dos and Don'ts

Everybody has something they're good at, and at the same time, everybody has something in which they could use more practice. Write these four categories on a large sheet of paper and have children fill in each category:



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'Do well and enjoy'

'Do well, but dislike'

'Don't do well, but enjoy'

'Don't do well and also dislike'

Keep the list visible-on a door or the refrigerator so it can be added to from time to time. Adults should feel free to share, as well!

A Spelling Bee: A Classroom Activity

Create two teams and host a spelling bee of your own! Be sure to encourage each team to work together to help one another study and prepare. Use the week's spelling words or create a list of new and challenging words. At the end of a week, host the spelling bee. Turn it into a fun classroom event by rearranging the room to accommodate a stage and providing snacks. Students from another class or your own can be the panel judges, time-keeper, scorekeeper, and emcee (calling out the words).

Arrange the spelling bee on a point system: each correct spelling receives five points for his/her team. A misspelled word receives no points. The first team to score 20 points above the other's score wins! Offer a prize for the winning team and of course, a second-place prize for the other team.

Fridays Spelling Test

Add words from *The Witch of Avonlea* to your weekly spelling list. For bonus points, children can spell: bell, toad, curse, team and proud.

Anne has quite a vocabulary for her age! If your children are up for the challenge, here are words Anne uses in this episode: exceptional, excruciating, appalling, despair and confidence.