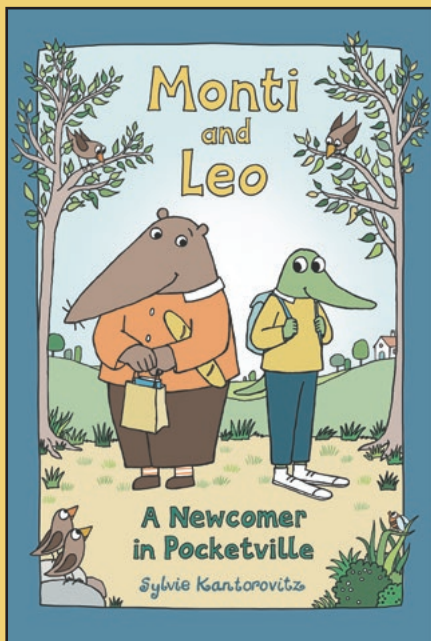


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Use these discussion questions in your classroom to engage more deeply with this story.

## Monti and Leo A Newcomer in Pocketville

- Monti has a routine that he follows each day and is upset when Leo disrupts it. Do you have a daily routine, and do you get upset if something or someone disturbs it?
- When Monti takes the time to talk with Leo, he realizes that they have a lot in common. Mrs. Sheep is reluctant to welcome anything or anyone new and different, including Leo, and she wants others to feel the same way. Why do you think that might be? Have you or someone you know been left out because of being new or having new ideas?
- When Pocketville residents come together for a talent show, they see how nice Leo is and welcome him into their community. What important part did Monti play in making this happen?
- Are you excited to see what happens in another book starring Monti and Leo? Try your hand at creating your own graphic storybook about these two friends.



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