

 Books to
Treasure

Anansi Goes Fishing
Anansi and the Magic Stick
Anansi and the Talking Melon
Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock

Retold by Eric A. Kimmel and illustrated by Janet Stevens
(Lesson by Lana Voss)

Literature/ Visual Literacy/Writing

Focus: Compare Anansi stories and illustrations from 1992 to 2001, and write a trickster tale.

Pass Objectives:

2.1 Recognize that language has many uses.

6.2b Compare plots, settings, and characters presented in several texts by the same author.

2.1 Make connections between illustrations and print.

Supplies: Pencils and paper. Copies of the four Anansi tales (book, cassette & video).

Listen or read the four books. Compare the tales. Discuss trickster tales. View the books on video and compare Stevens' illustrations. Has she made any changes over the years? Collect other trickster tales for a reading center i.e. coyote, raven, rabbit, fox, Iktomi and others. Write a trickster tales using one of the trickster characters.