The Witch Boy

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The witch tapped her broomstick and whoosh! The witch and her cat were gone. This captivating book follows a witch and her cat as they fly through the wind. Along the way, the witch loses articles including her hat, bow, and wand. As each article is lost, the witch and her cat fly down to find what they are looking for, and on their way befriend a dog, a bird, and a frog. Everyone seems happy, but when the frog jumps on the broomstick, it snaps in two and the animals all fall into a bog! As the witch gains control of her now half-broomstick, a mean dragon, who just so happens to like witch with French fries, starts to chase her. But the witch has nothing to fear! Together, the cat, dog, bird and frog had seen the witch in distress and devised a plan to scare off the dragon. After their success in doing so, the witch starts a potion and instructs her friends to throw something into her pot. She mutters a spell and creates a “truly magnificent broom!” They all climb on; the witch taps the broomstick, and whoosh! They are gone.

The adorable illustrations in this book depict a friendly witch as she flies through the wind. It provides an overall message of friendship as the witch agrees to take on each of the animals she meets, who then turn and show their friendship by saving her from the mean dragon. Parents and teachers alike may be interested to use the movie companion to this book to provide visual and create aid to readers. Teachers may enjoy the incorporation of adjectives (e.g. keen dog, green bird, clean frog) or even take each character and their situations to show and teach empathy (e.g., the bird is green but all the other birds are black; the frog is clean but all the other frogs are dirty). Readers will love the opportunity to fly through the wind with the witch and her broom!