The Literature Connection: Teacher Reflections

- Although the book *Cucumber Soup* is directed toward primary math, 5th grade math activities can also be addressed.

- Students can build word problems.

- They can also identify patterns related to
  - the number of different insects in the book and
  - the characteristics of the insects represented in the book.

- Force and mass can also be addressed.
  - How much does the cucumber weigh in proportion to the insects?
  - If a class had a heavy object, how many students would be needed to push it?