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Teacher Notes and Activities

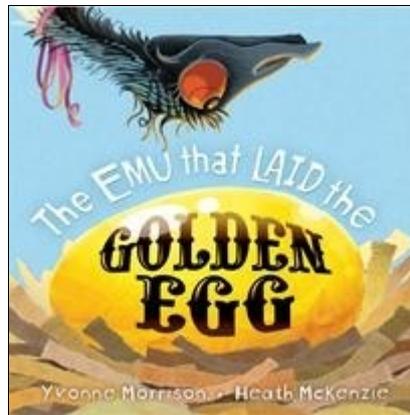
The Emu That Laid The Golden Egg

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A hungry emu eats what she thinks is some corn...and ends up laying a golden egg! Then two scoundrels lock her up and try to make her lay some more. But soon something strange happens and everyone learns it doesn't pay to be greedy!



Themes:

- Greed
- Emus
- Gold prospecting

Discussion Points:

- What other story do you think the title of this book is based on? (*The Goose That Laid the Golden Egg*)
- As a class, find and read the original fable and analyse what is meant by it.
- Compare and contrast this story with the original.
- What animal do you think the scoundrels are? What clues are there?
- What characteristics did both Emma and the scoundrels show in this book?
- Did they learn any lessons from their behaviour? If so, what?
- Think of a time when you might have been greedy like Emma and the scoundrels. How did you feel when you realised what you were doing?
- In groups, come up with some ideas about how we can be better sharers and less 'greedy'.

Activities:

- Investigate the food that Emu's really eat, then paint/draw a large egg resembling this food. You may also like to find out other things about them and record these findings on your egg.
- The scoundrels and Emma were all at the goldfields. Research when gold was first discovered in your state. Include in your findings facts about what life was like on the goldfields at that time.