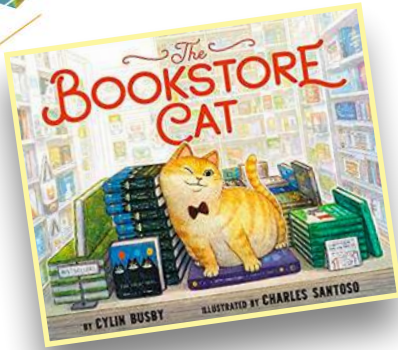


CATCH a spark!

Using children's literature to SPARK CREATIVITY



The Bookstore Cat

Written by Cylin Busby / Illustrated by Charles Santos
32 pages / Grades K-2

A playful and captivating cat captures young readers in a journey through a bookstore and the alphabet. Students will be challenged to think of words and gain new vocabulary through the course of the story. The book lends itself to being a mentor text in many ways.

C Context

What **adjectives** are and why we use them.

Character/personality traits and the ways in which one character can have multiple different traits.

Alphabet books that tell stories.

The idea of **bookstore cats**. There are multiple examples of real bookstore cats which are easily shared with students and found on through a google search or Instagram accounts.

A Arts

Illustrations as a means of description and context clues.

Developing a character in illustration and using it again and again in different ways.

Using **colored pencils** as a medium and techniques for shading and emphasizing with them.

T Themes

Personality

The alphabet

Language

C Create

Take the words off a page and show students the illustration. Give them the letter of the word the picture is describing. Can they guess it based on visual context clues?

Create a different kind of shop cat (or dog). It could be based on their own pet.

Build an adjective dictionary.

Play charades with adjectives.

H Heart Words

Find a "Heart Illustration". Due to the simplistic nature of the text, ask students to identify the illustration that captures their hearts the best. Why?

Which illustration do they think best aligns with the word being described?

