

# CATCH a spark!

## Using children's literature to SPARK CREATIVITY



### Flashlight

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40 pages / Grades K-1

A delightful story told completely in images, students will explore light, shadow, night and nature while telling the story of a young child's imaginative adventure through the woods at nighttime. A book with multiple layers of context and ways to view, this will be a book all of your students, including struggling readers, will read again and again.

### C Context

A fun and whimsical look at **light**. Light sources such as flashlights and the moon. Engage students in conversations as to whether things exist and happen if you can't see them.

**Telling stories with pictures.**

**Animals** (particularly nocturnal) and **habitats**.

**Visual poetry.**

### A Arts

Using **layers** and **cutouts** in illustration.

**Positive and negative space.**

**Color vs. black and white.**

**Light and dark**

### T Themes

Wonder

Imagination

Adventure

Magic in darkness

### C Create

Create a "darkroom" with hidden treasure for your students. This could be as simple as play scenes set up with toys, new pictures to find. Provide them flashlights to discover. Think about what happens in your classroom at nighttime.

Encourage students to take a picture at nighttime outside in their yard, with a flashlight illuminating one area. Encourage them to tell the story of that scene.

### H Heart Words

Find a moment for students to narrate their own Heart Words, as this is a wordless book. Which picture speaks the most to them?

