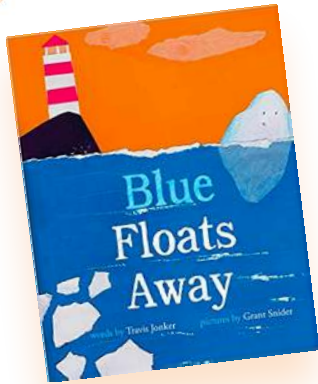


CATCH a spark!

Using children's literature to SPARK CREATIVITY



Blue Floats Away

Written by Travis Jonker, Illustrated by Grant Snider
40 pages / Grades K-2

This wonderful picture book brings so many opportunities with it! Follow the journey of Little Blue, an iceberg who lives at the North Pole until he breaks away and experiences so many new things, which ultimately transforms him. A wonderfully delightful story about the Water Cycle, also layering in many artistic conversations and the idea of growing up.

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Context

Water cycle.

Reinforce and teach the steps of the water cycle in a creative way that will stick with your students.

Growing up.

Little Blue's journey will start conversations about wanting to grow and be independent, while still missing and keeping hold of family.

Being open to new experiences, thinking positively and embracing change.

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Arts

What are **layers** in illustration?

Creating texture when using paper. How can torn edges and shape enhance a mood or feeling? What about wrinkles, or a few additions of color or pencil.

Choosing a **color palette** to focus and connect artistic work.

Opaque and **transparent** papers.

Using a minimalistic illustration style to reach viewers

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Themes

Growing up

Water cycle

Perspective

Positive attitude

Transformation

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Create

Choose an illustration. Work together to decide how it was created using only paper, scissors and one crayon. Try to recreate it and then make your own.

Write the next chapter of Little Blue's story, using both writing style and characterization and scientific vocabulary for the water cycle. What happens to him next and how?

Engage in a discussion - how would Blue's journey have been different if he hadn't been open to new things?

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Heart Words

"After days of seeing nothing, Blue began to see things. New things."

