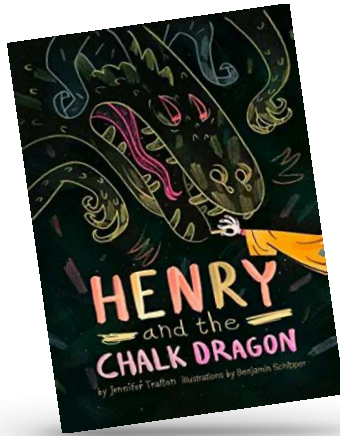


CATCH a spark!

Using children's literature to SPARK CREATIVITY



Henry and the Chalk Dragon

Written by Jennifer Trafton / Illustrated by Benjamin Schipper

240 pages / Grades 1- 4

Henry has more than a wild imagination. He escapes into art and draws ALL the time. When his drawings come to life, adventure follows that no one sees coming. This highly entertaining story will be a fabulous read-aloud and have your students wanting their artwork to come alive like Henry's!

C Context

Similes and metaphors. Not only are the children in the story taught about these terms, the book is filled with them!

Classic literature. Throughout the book, nods are given to beloved characters and poems, such as *The Jabberwocky*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Harold and the Purple Crayon*, and so many more. A full list is found in the back of the book.

Keeping imagination. Many of the adults in the book are challenged to think differently and remember when they could.

A Arts

Chalk as an artistic medium. What are the challenges and benefits of using it?

The artistic process and journey into confidence of sharing your art.

Telling story through pictures.

T Themes

Imagination

Bravery / Courage

Confidence

Friendship

Trust

Bullying.

C Create

Create a panel in or a section of your classroom which is chalkboard paint. Allow students to create on their whims.

Create a collaborative piece of art, with little to no guidance, as happens towards the end of the book.

Give every student a plain notebook to fill with their drawings, and then to write new adventures based on their drawings.

H Heart Words

*"I don't need glasses!
I see more than
everyone else!"*

*"It is a dangerous
thing to open a door.
But that, after all, is
the only way to find
an adventure."*

*"You have to be
brave to be an artist."*

*"Once you make
something, a picture,
or a story, or a song,
or an invention, or
even a delicious meal,
it isn't yours anymore.
It has a life."*

*"Let your imagination
be as wild as the
spinning universe. Let
it be beautiful and
adventurous and even
terrifying. Let it go
free."*

