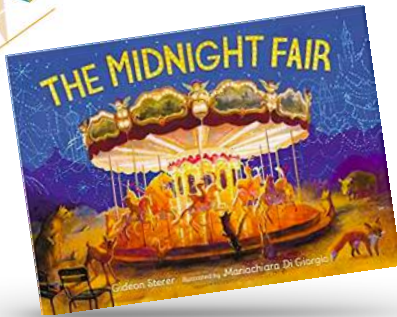


CATCH a spark!

Using children's literature to SPARK CREATIVITY



The Midnight Fair

Written by Gideon Sterer, Illustrated by Mariachiara Di Giorgio
40 pages / Grades K-2

Who among us hasn't wondered what happens at nighttime? Does the unexpected come true and our wildest imagination come true? At the Midnight Fair, when everyone has gone away for the night, the animals come out of the woods and a nocturnal world comes alive as the rest of us are sleeping. This wordless picture book will naturally have readers writing the story at hand, and thinking about the impossible becoming possible!

C Context

Wordless picture books - how do they tell a story? How do we read them?

Graphic novels and comics - when drawings aren't laid out from right to left, how do we read them?

Thinking and reading - a wonderful mentor text for thinking aloud as you are reading, comprehending, and processing the story.

A Arts

Color, light, shadows as artistic elements.

Look at the illustrations through each of those lenses.

How does the illustrator use them to help craft and share the story? How do they each add feeling to the text?

Watercolor

T Themes

Imagination

Believing and seeing

Color, light and mood

Perspective

C Create

Add the text to the story. This could be in the form of thought bubbles to the panels, or the prose to match the sequence of the story.

Create the tale (orally, visually, written) of what happens at nighttime in your own environment. (i.e your pets while you are sleeping, the city you live in during the night, etc)

H Heart Words

As this is a wordless picture book, have students select the panel/painting that stands out the most to them and share why. It seems to strike them a little differently.

