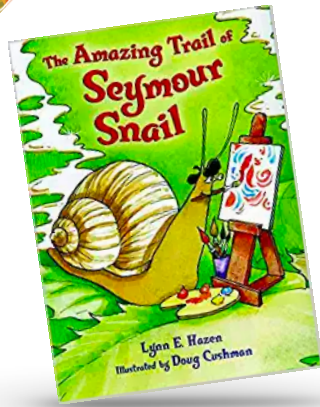


CATCH a spark!

Using children's literature to SPARK CREATIVITY



The Amazing Trail of Seymour Snail

Written by Lynn Hazen
64 pages / Grades K-2

Seymour Snail dreams of being an artist, but his shyness prohibits him from showing his work...plus, he's small and slow! A perfect early chapter book for newer readers, who will be rooting for Seymour to find success with his creativity. A touching, hopeful story, that will inevitably lead readers to ask if snails can "really do that?"

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Context

Insects and bugs - especially snails and the way that they move.

Adjectives and adverbs

Puns - what they are and finding them. This book is filled with them! This also allows you to address the idea of **humor in writing**.

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Arts

Art descriptions - have students go on an "art word hunt" throughout the book, looking for words that can describe art.

Art Galleries - an introduction to them and what they are.

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Themes

Determination

Pride

Confidence

C

Create

Research jobs that are creative and would allow someone to make art.

If possible, find a Zen Board (also known as a Buddha Board) and allow students to experiment with art that "disappears". How does it make them feel?

Paint the bottom of feet and let students make their own "amazing trail" outside on the sidewalk.

H

Heart Words

"...oozing along at a snail's pace and leaving his own glittery mark on the world."

After reading, ask students to identify the pun in the book they liked the best and explain. Did they realize it instantly, or did it take them a minute to figure it out?

