

# LITERATURE LASSOS

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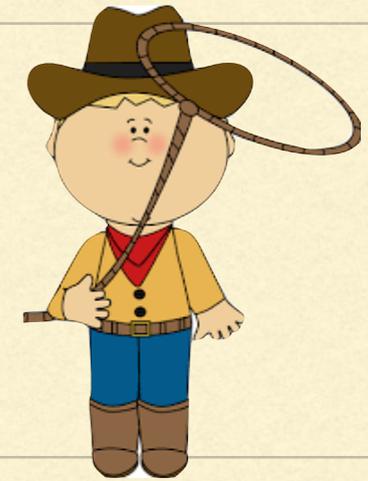
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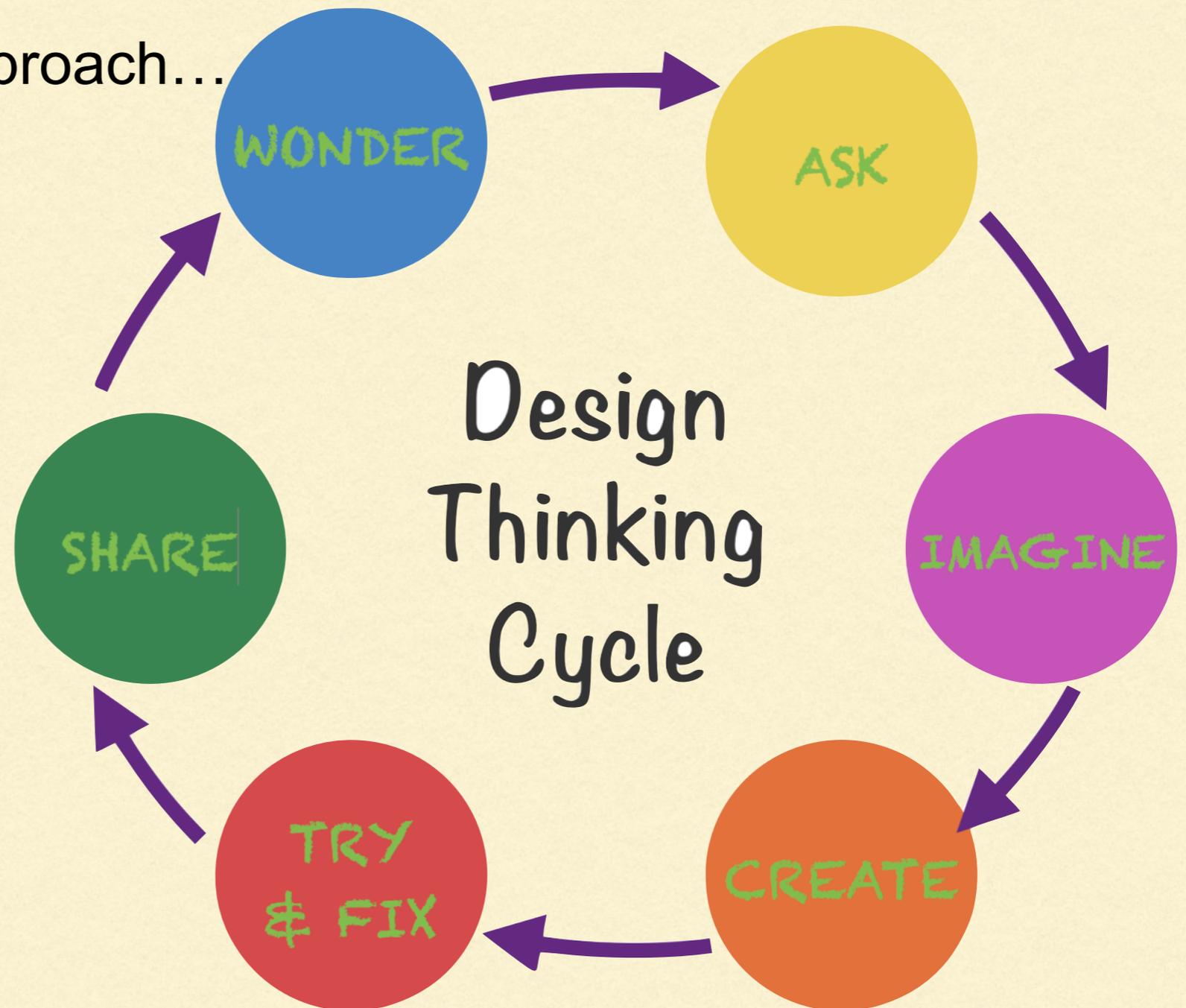
LET LITERATURE BE A  
CREATIVE CATALYST

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# LITERATURE LASSOS CHALLENGES



Use a Design Thinking approach...

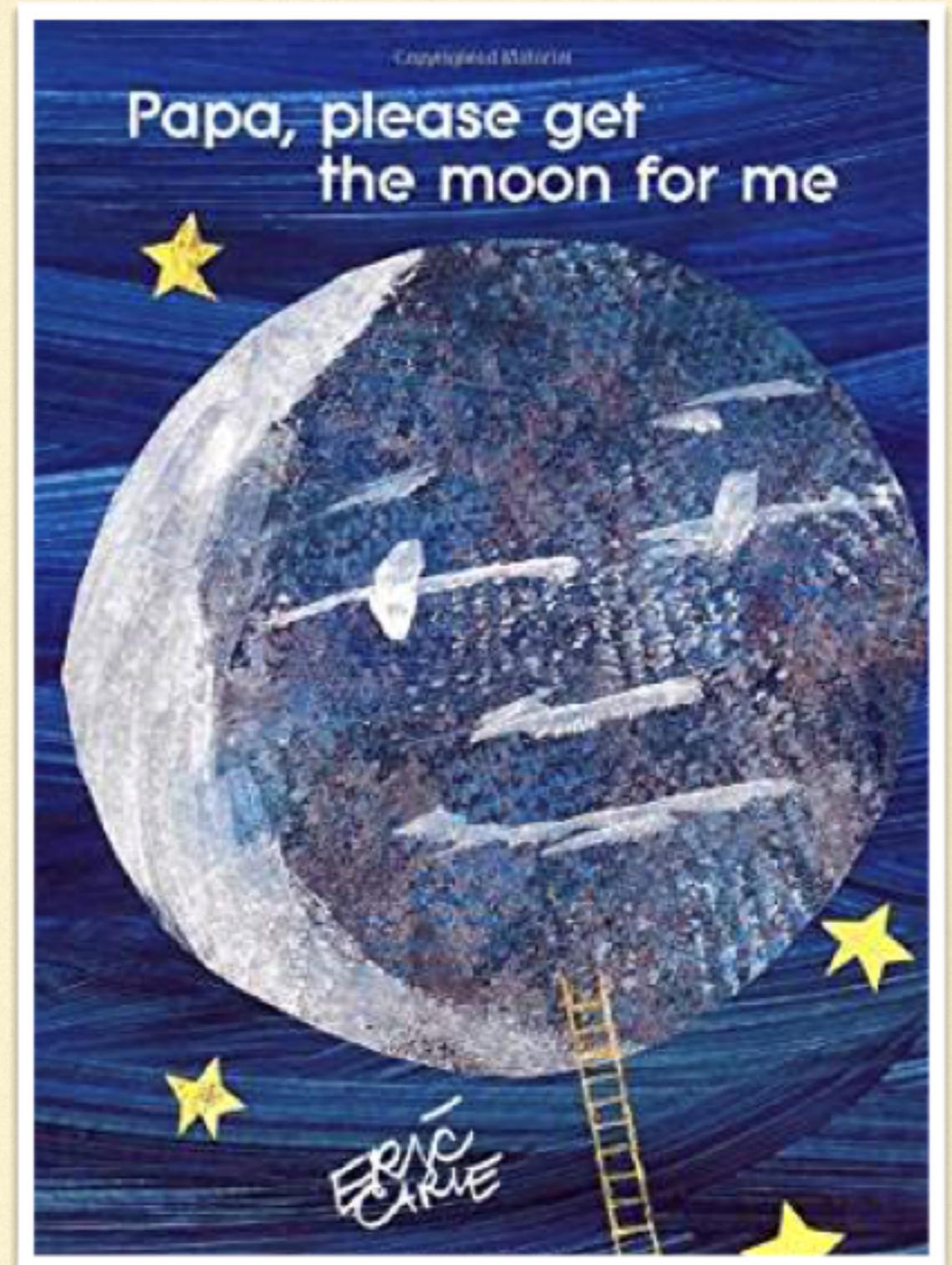


# PAPA, PLEASE GET THE MOON FOR ME

BY, ERIC CARLE

Monica wants the moon to play with, so her Papa sets out to get it. It isn't easy to climb to the moon, but he finally succeeds.

Engineering Challenge



# PAPA, PLEASE GET THE MOON FOR ME

Supplies: Pipe cleaners, clay, straws, coffee stirrers, scissors

Depending on the grade level can add the parameter that it needs to be freestanding. Younger grades can be allowed to lean against a wall.

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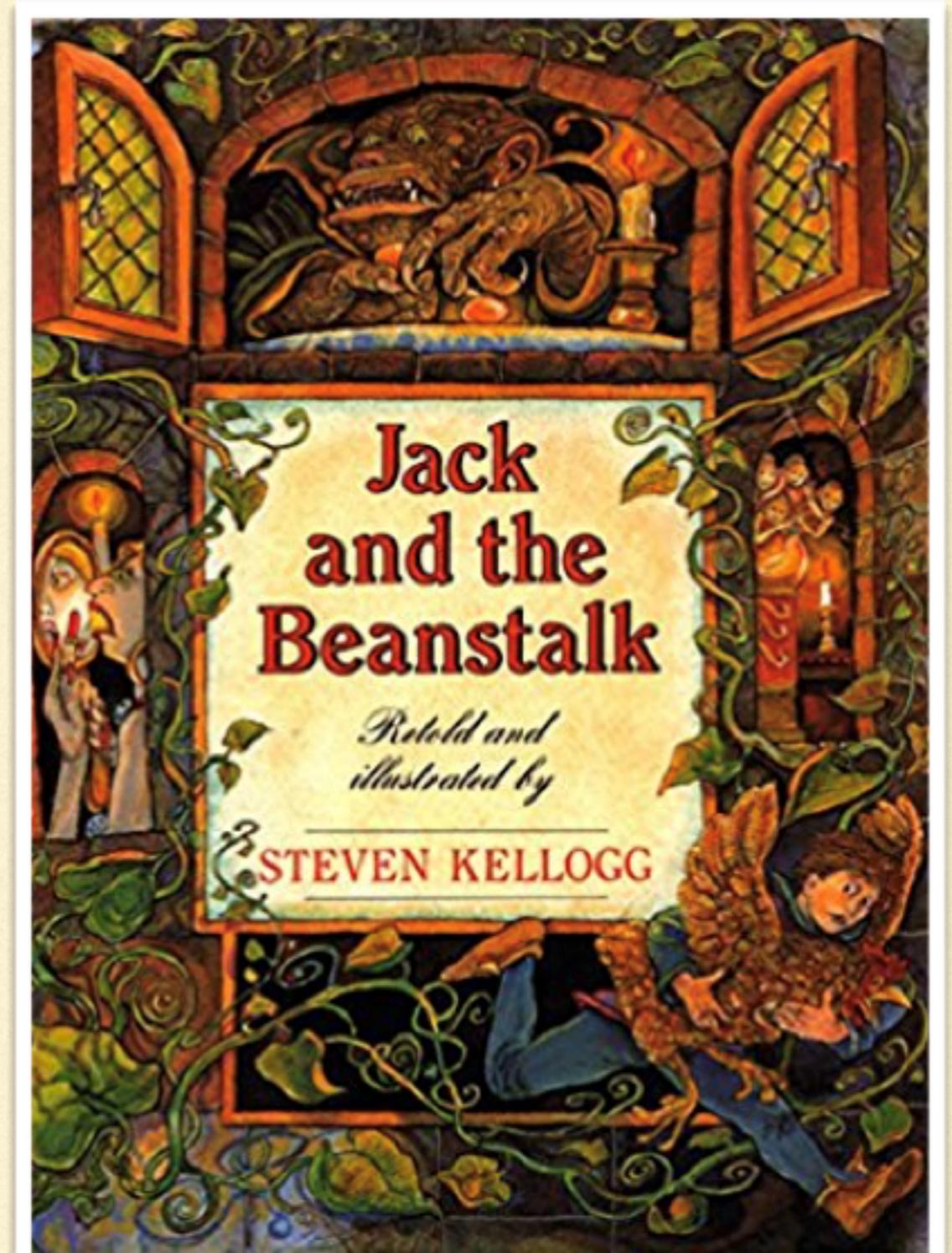
How much weight can your



# JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

BY, ERIC CARLE

A favorite fairy tale brought vividly to life by Steven Kellogg's elaborate, classic artwork—perfect for a read-aloud pick!  
Engineering Challenge

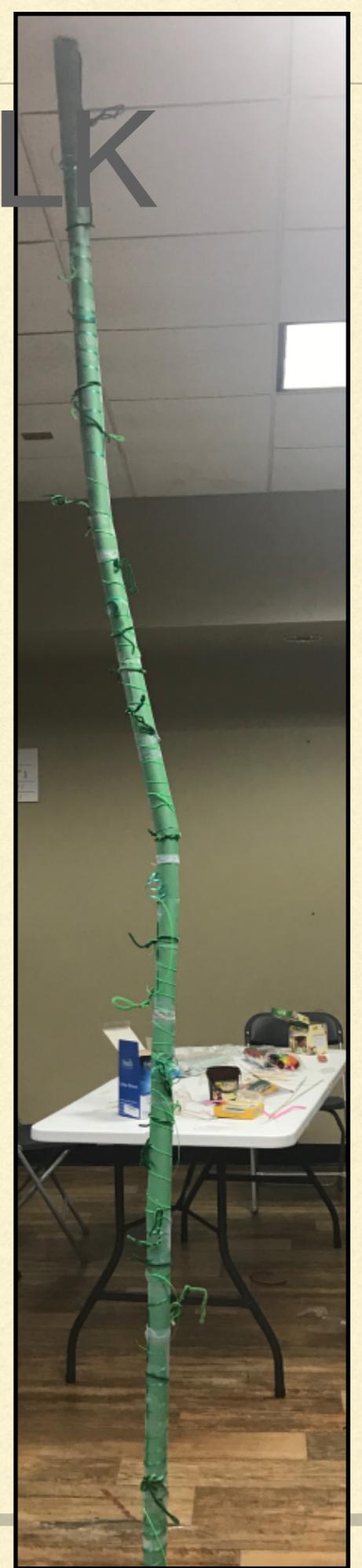


# JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

Younger students may like to paint the beanstalk green.



Supplies: Paper Towel rolls, green paper, tape,



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# THE STORYBOOK KNIGHT

BY, HELEN & THOMAS DOCHERTY

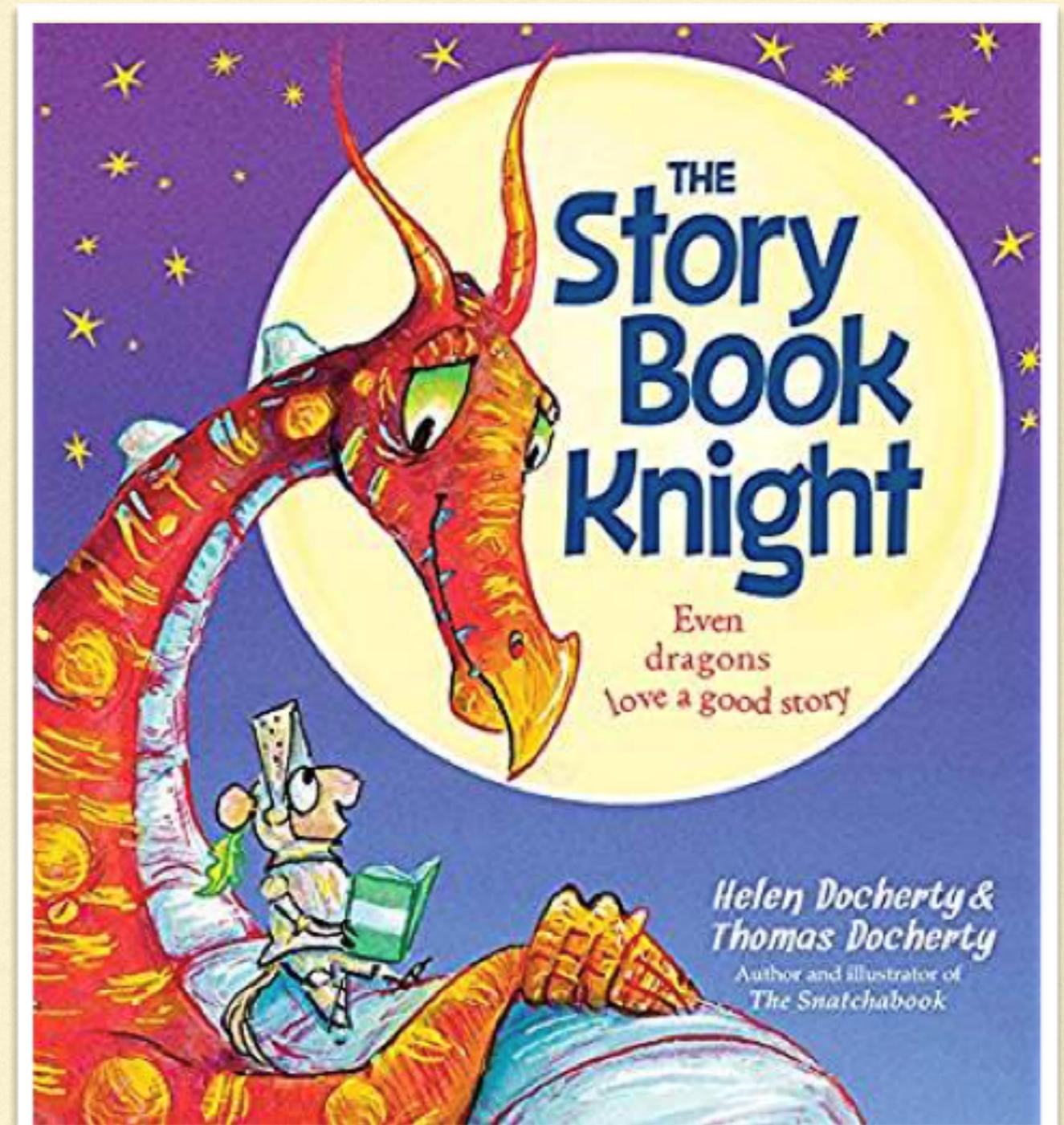
*Leo was a gentle knight  
in thought and word and  
deed.*

*While other knights liked  
fighting,*

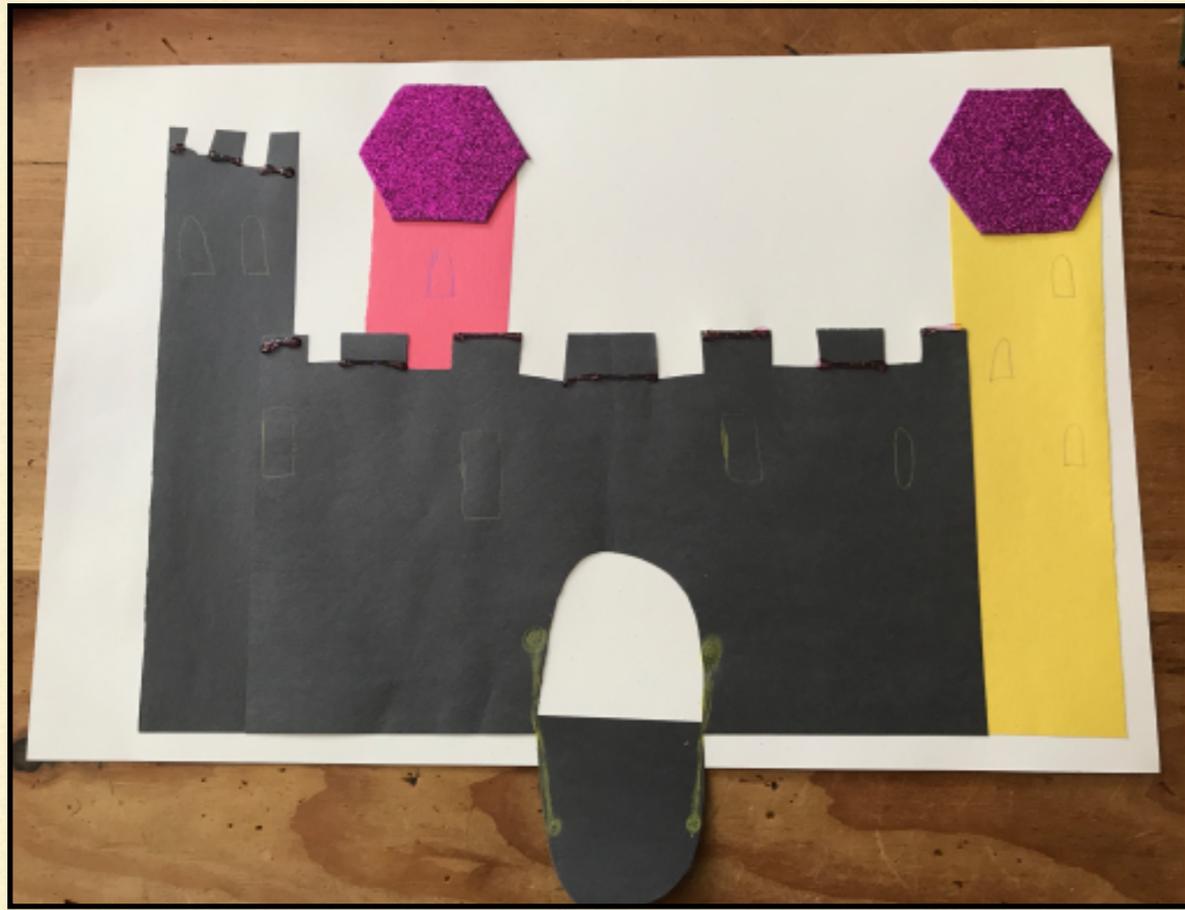
*Leo liked to sit and read...*

## Vocabulary Challenges

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# THE STORYBOOK KNIGHT



## Supplies:

12 x 18 construction paper - background

9 x 12 construction paper in a variety of colors

Glue Sticks

Scissors

Glitter glue for decorative touches

(can even add fabric pieces)

Crayons

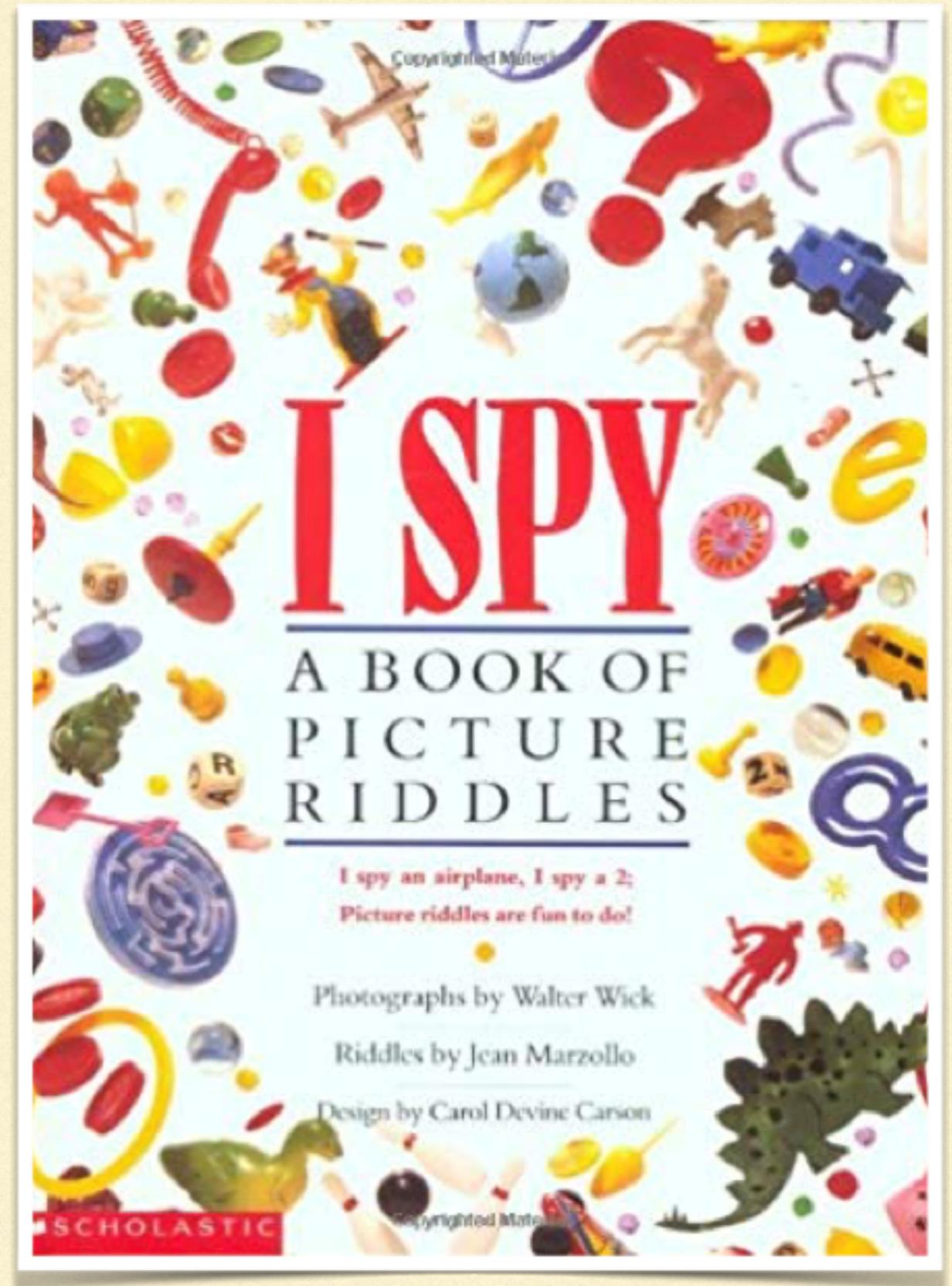
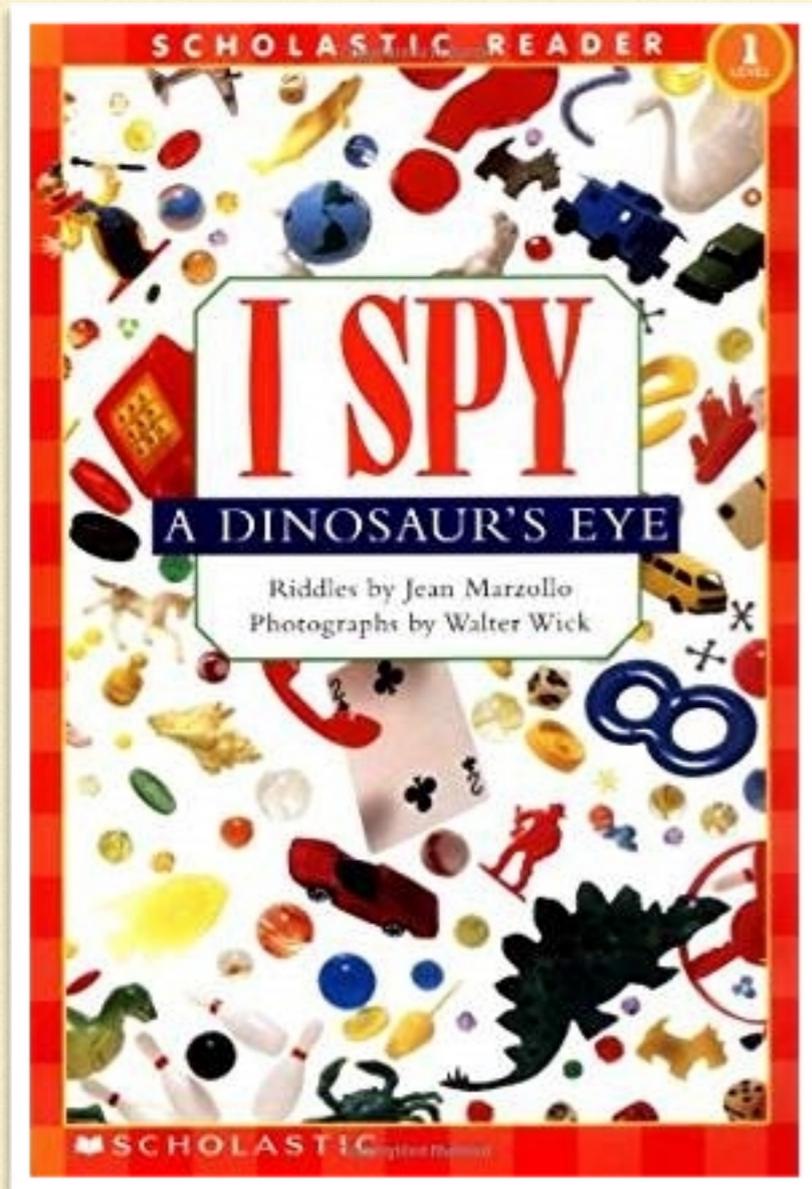
## Make Paper Castles:

- Use a piece of 12 x 18 as the background
- Kids cut a variety of shapes to make a castle
- Can then draw in a dragon or Knight in the front of the castle

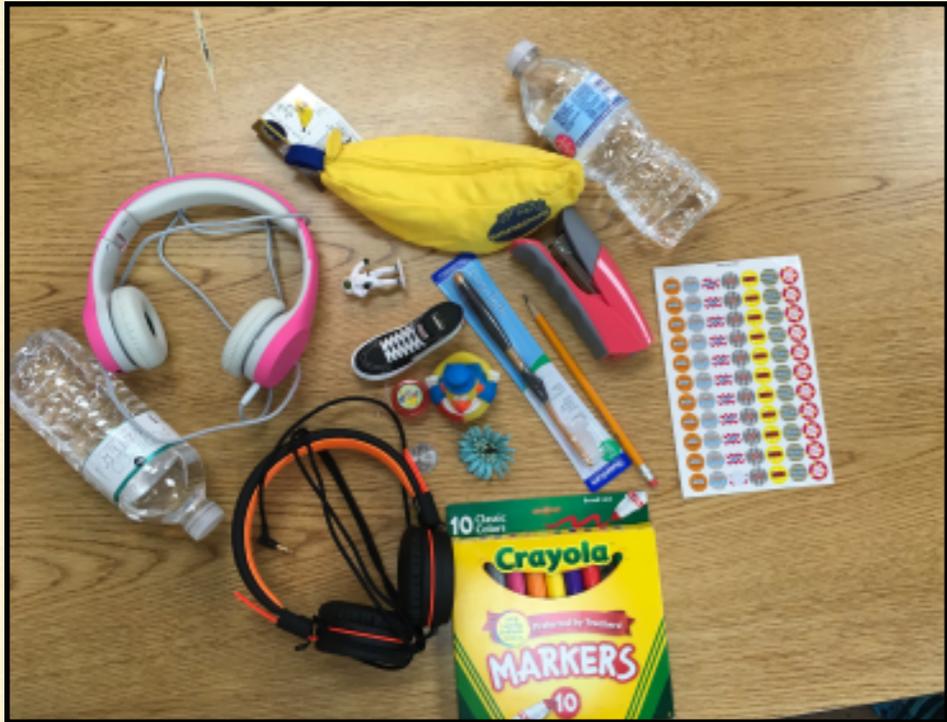
# I SPY

BY, JEAN MARZOLLO

## Vocabulary Challenge



# I SPY



## Supplies:

- A variety of items brought in by the students.

- Book Creator (app or website)



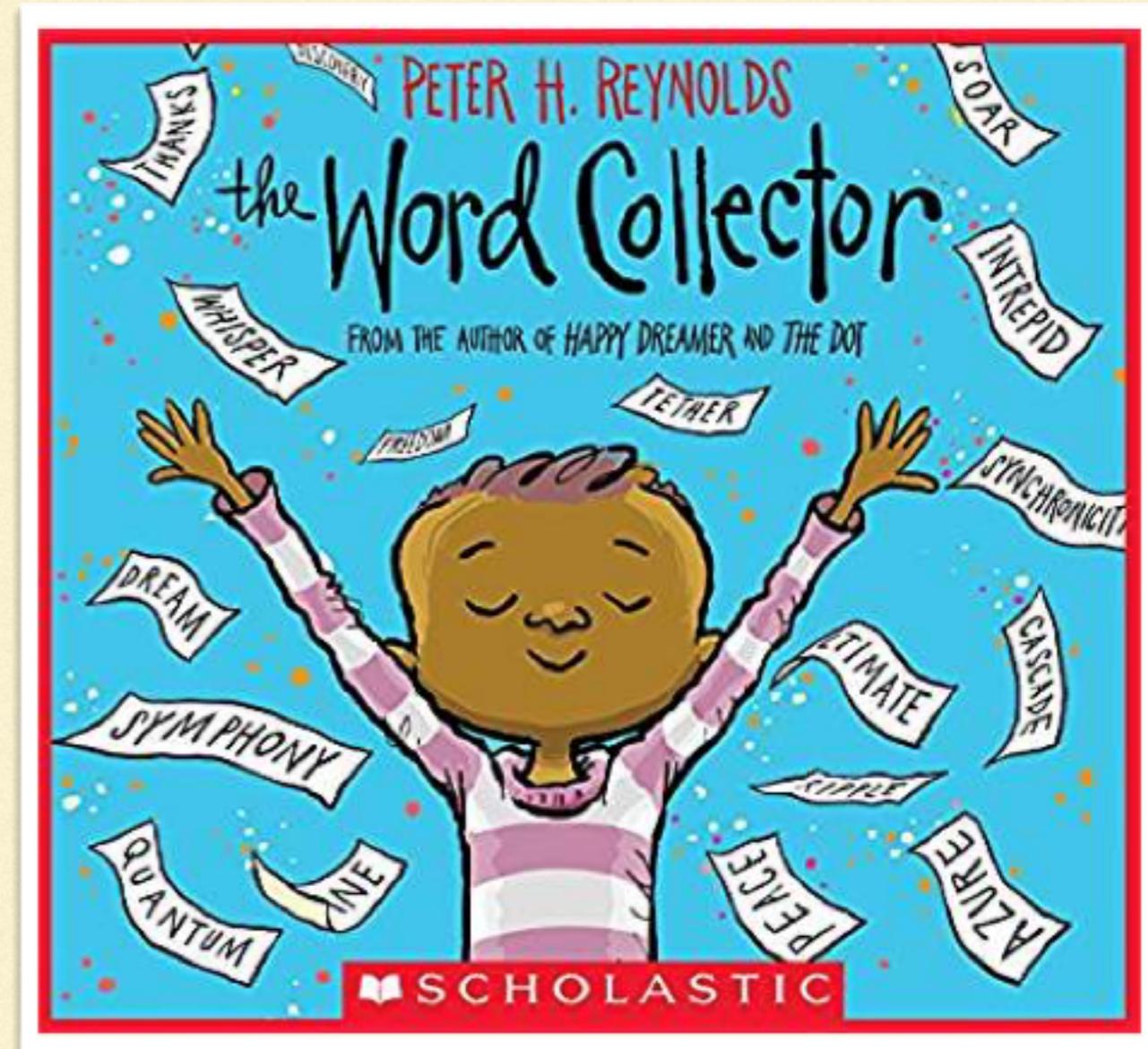
# WORD COLLECTOR

BY, PETER H.  
REYNOLDS

Jerome discovers the magic of the words all around him -- short and sweet words, two-syllable treats, and multisyllable words that sound like little songs. Words that connect, transform, and

empower.  
**Vocabulary**

**Challenges**



# WORD COLLECTOR

Supplies: Digital Camera &  
Annotation App

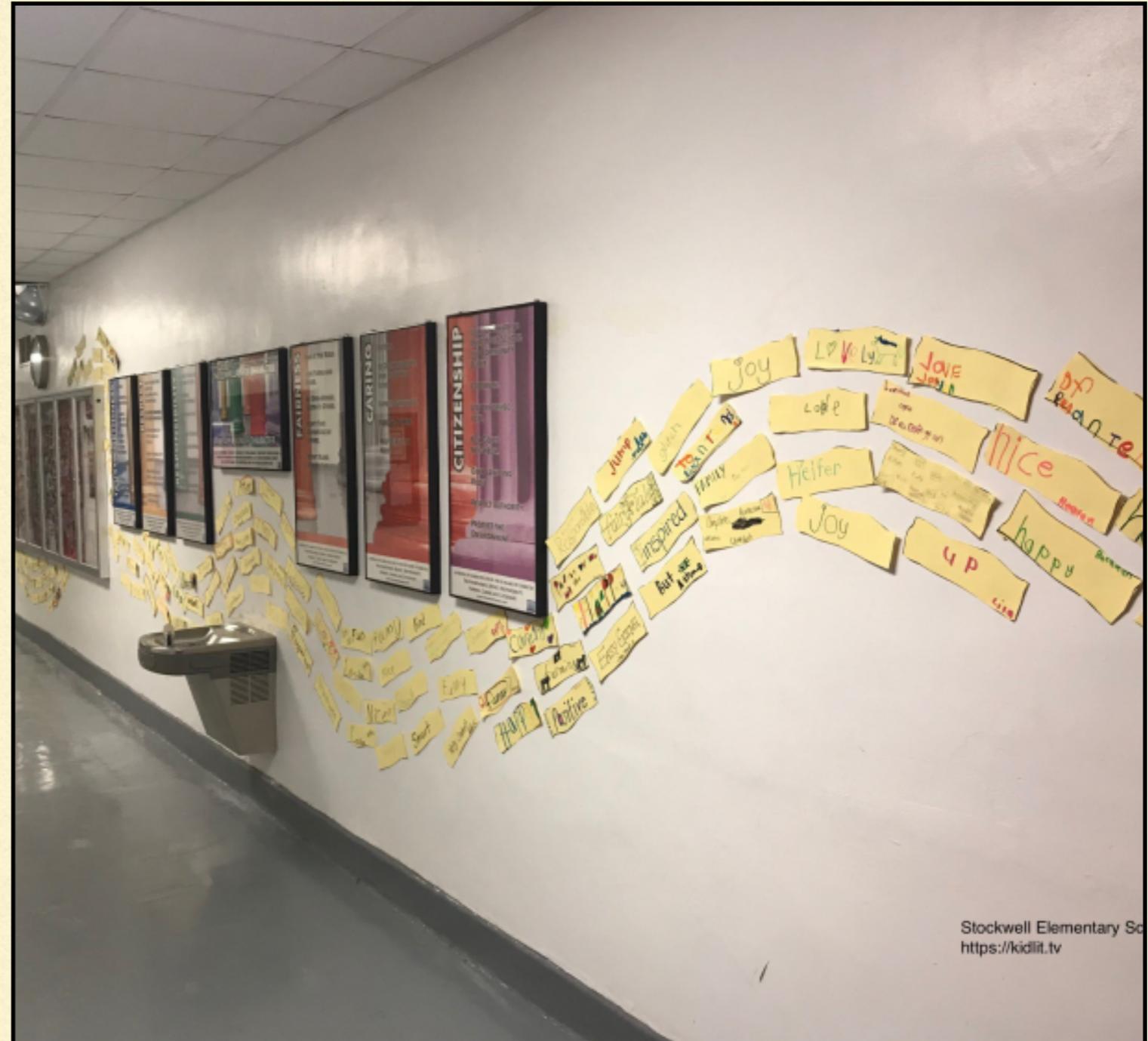


- After a mini-lesson on adjectives...
- Works for all grade levels

Supplies: Paper or Sentence Strips (cut to size of the word)

Depending on the grade level:

- Favorite Word from *The Word Collector*
- Early Elementary - sight words
- Novel Vocabulary
  - With parameters:  
descriptive,  
personifications



Stockwell Elementary School  
<https://kidlit.tv>

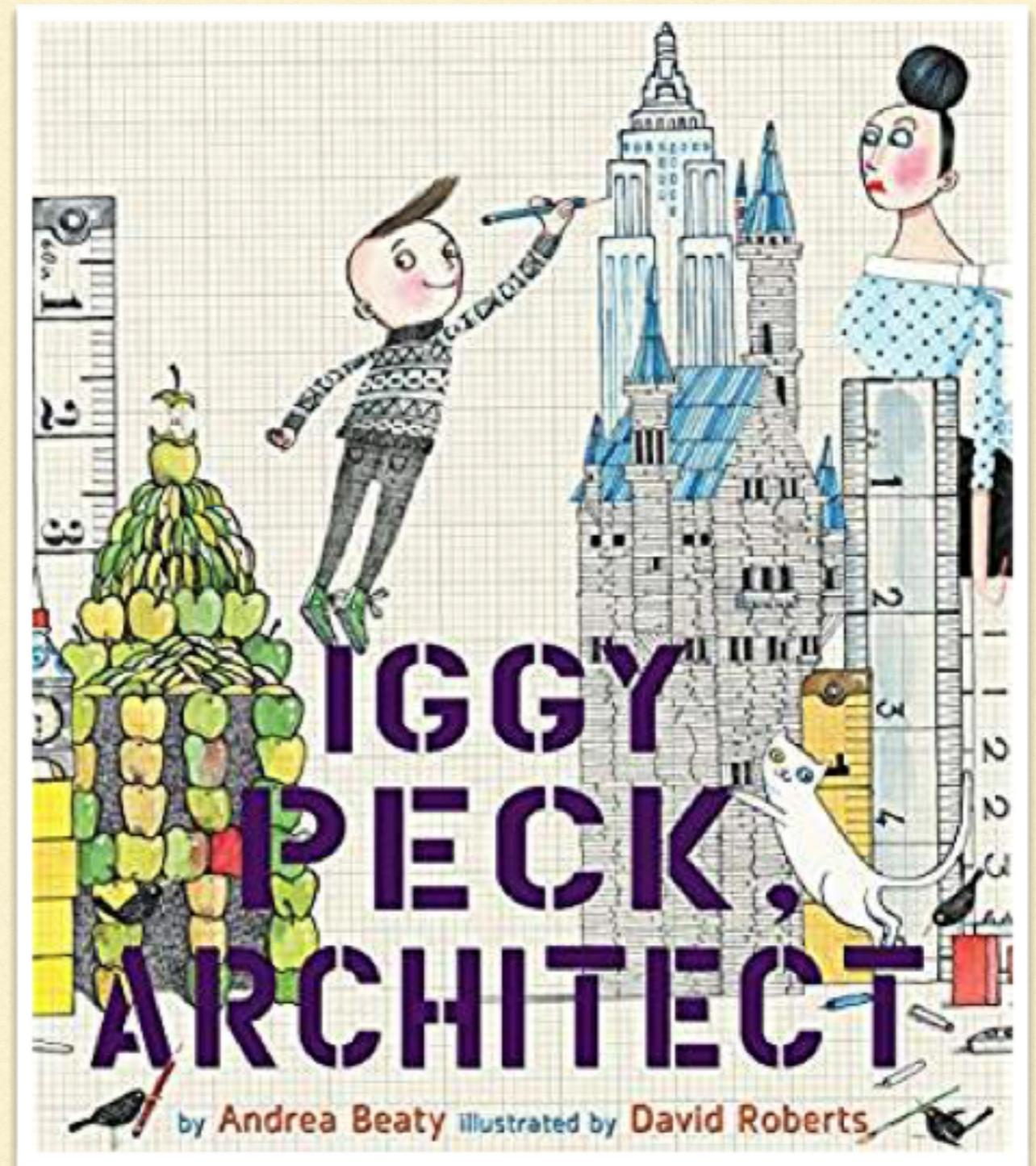
# WORD COLLECTOR

# IGGY PECK ARCHITECT

BY, ANDREA BEATY

Meet Iggy Peck—creative, independent, and not afraid to express himself! Iggy has one passion: building. His parents are proud of his fabulous creations, though they're sometimes surprised by his materials—who could forget the tower he built of dirty diapers?

## Building Challenges



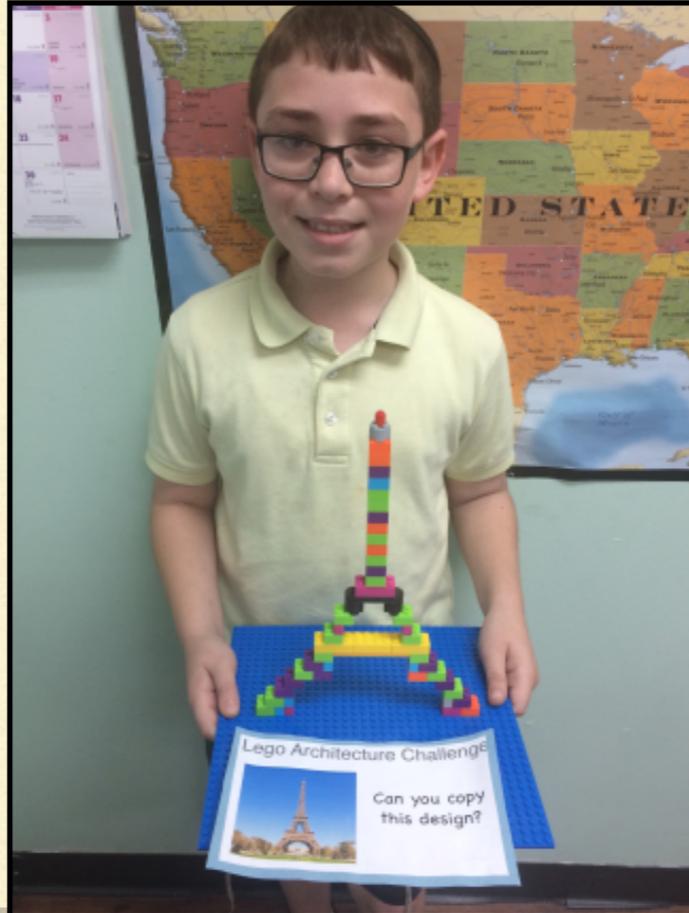
# IGGY PECK ARCHITECT



Supplies: recycled materials; Legos; let the students decide

- Works for all grade

level



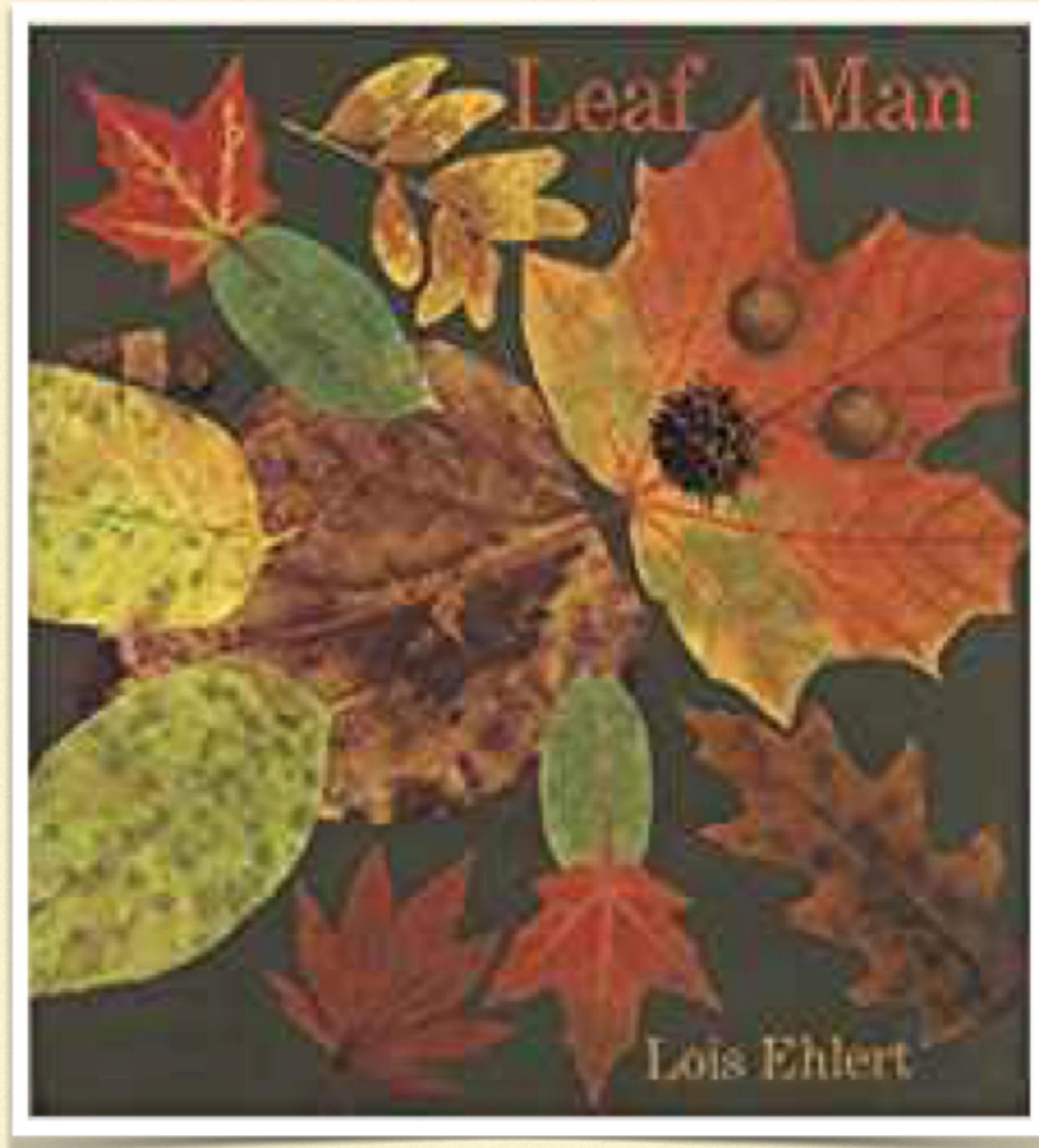
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# LEAF MAN

BY, LOIS EHLERT

With illustrations made from actual fall leaves and die-cut pages on every spread that reveal gorgeous landscape vistas, here is a playful, whimsical, and evocative book that celebrates the natural world and the rich imaginative life of children.

## Seasonal Challenge



# LEAF MAN



Supplies: leaves, acorns, glue and paper

- Along with other books, poems, non-fiction a great way to bring Fall to Florida.
- Ask students (several weeks before) to write letters to “northern” families and ask them to send leaves.

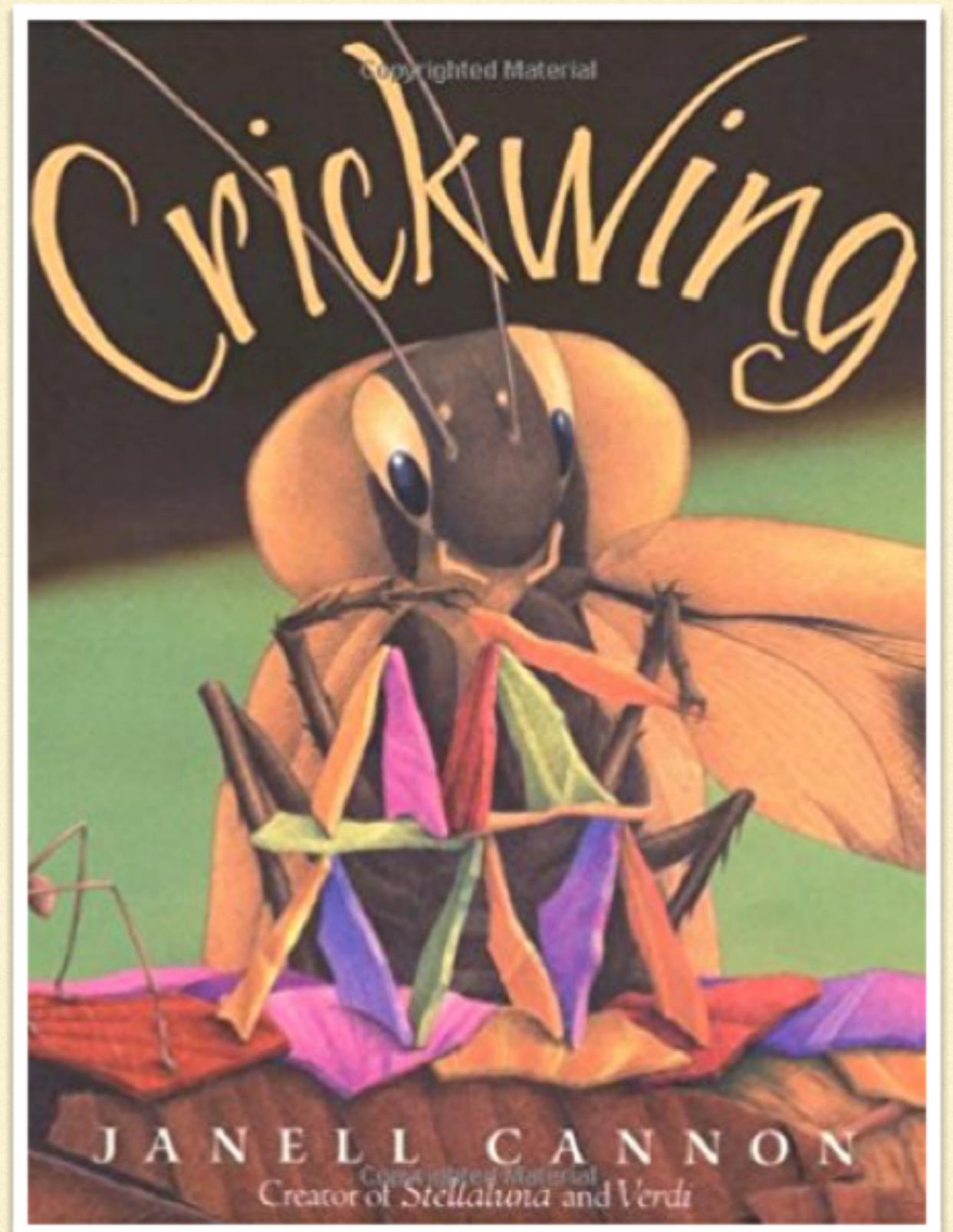
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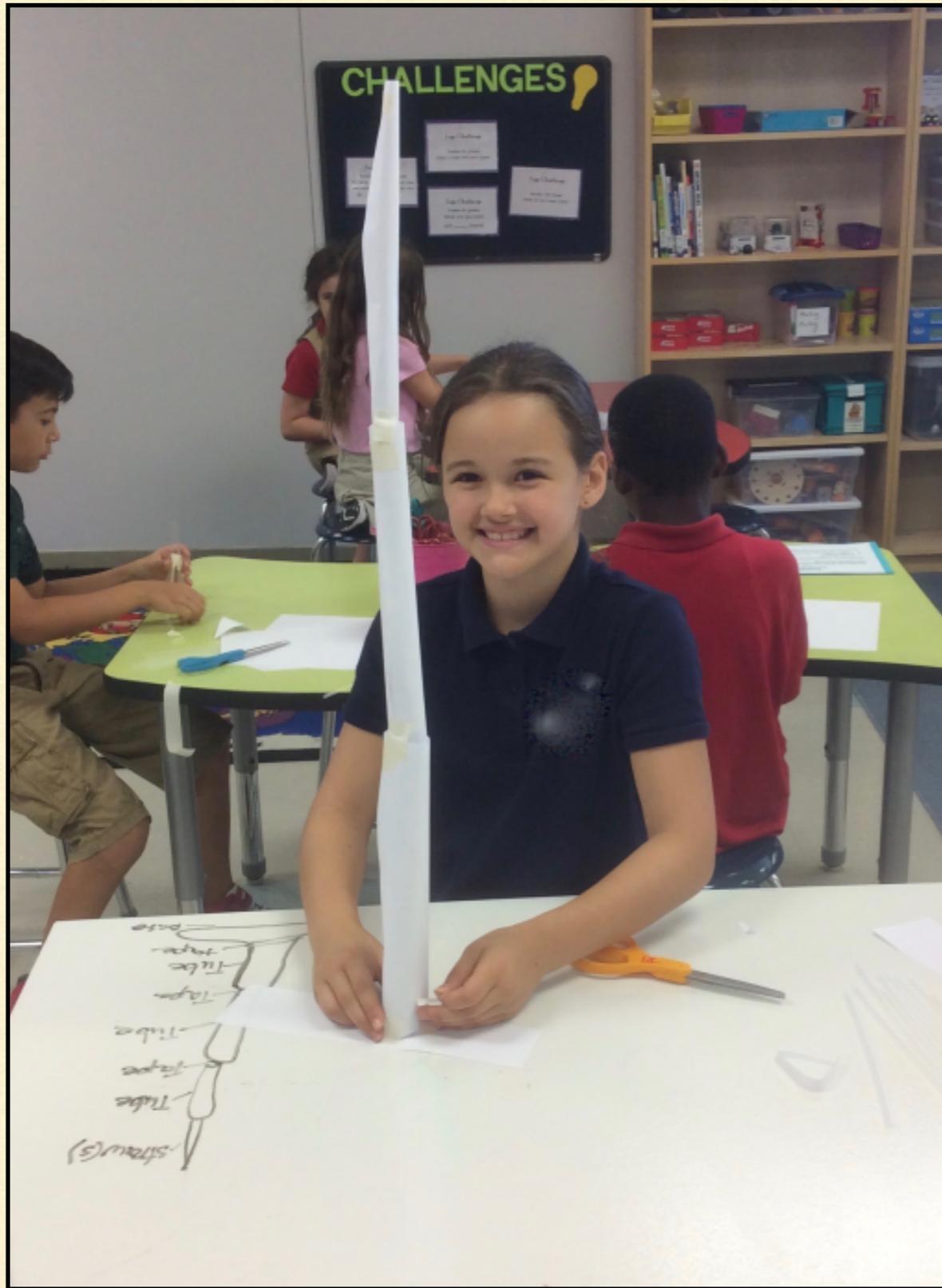
# CRICKWING

BY, JANELL CANNON

*Crickwing* never set out to be a bully. All he wants is to create his art in peace. Over the course of the book, *Crickwing* changes and uses his art ability to help others.

## Paper Building Challenge





Supplies: Paper, Tape & Straws

Can give Parameters such as:

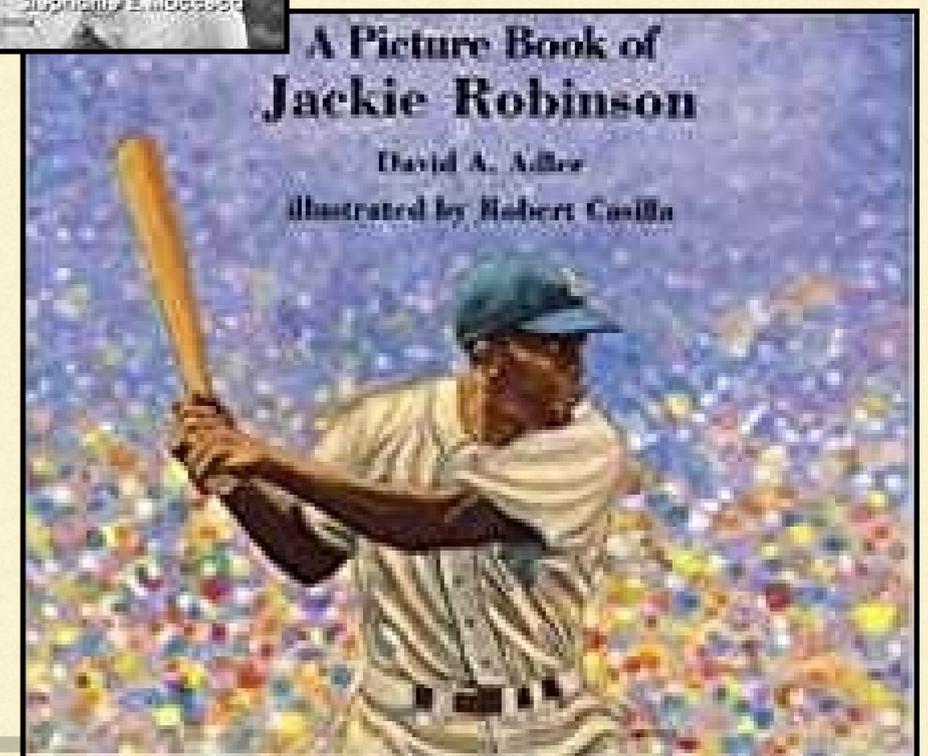
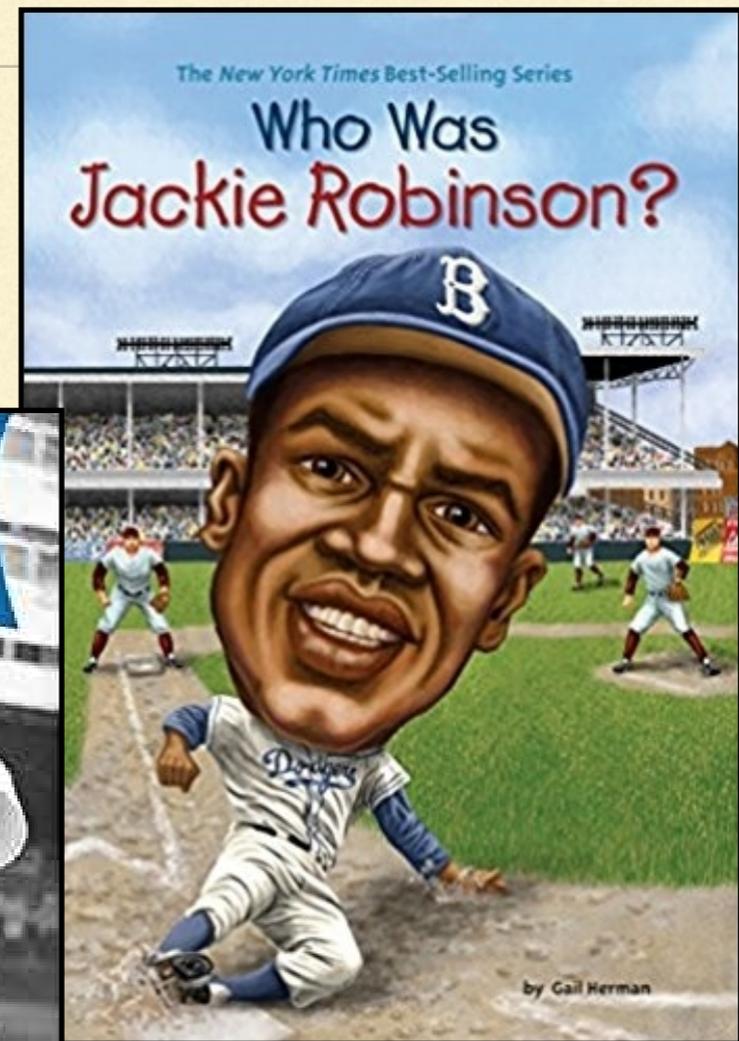
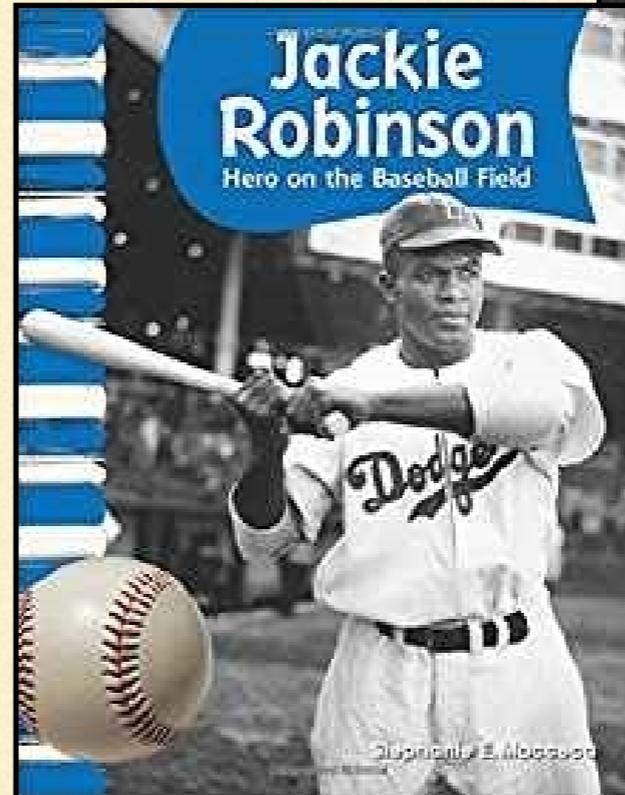
- How tall can you build with 4 sheets of paper?
- Can you create an animal to scare the army ants?
- None

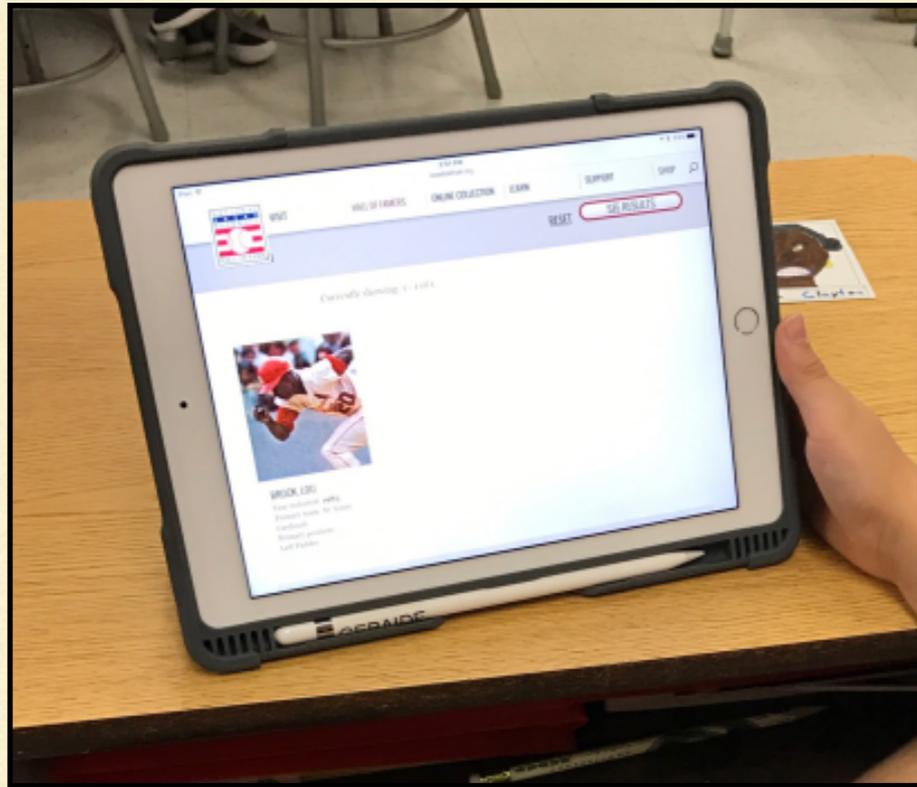
# CRICKWING

# JACKIE ROBINSON

## BIOGRAPHIES

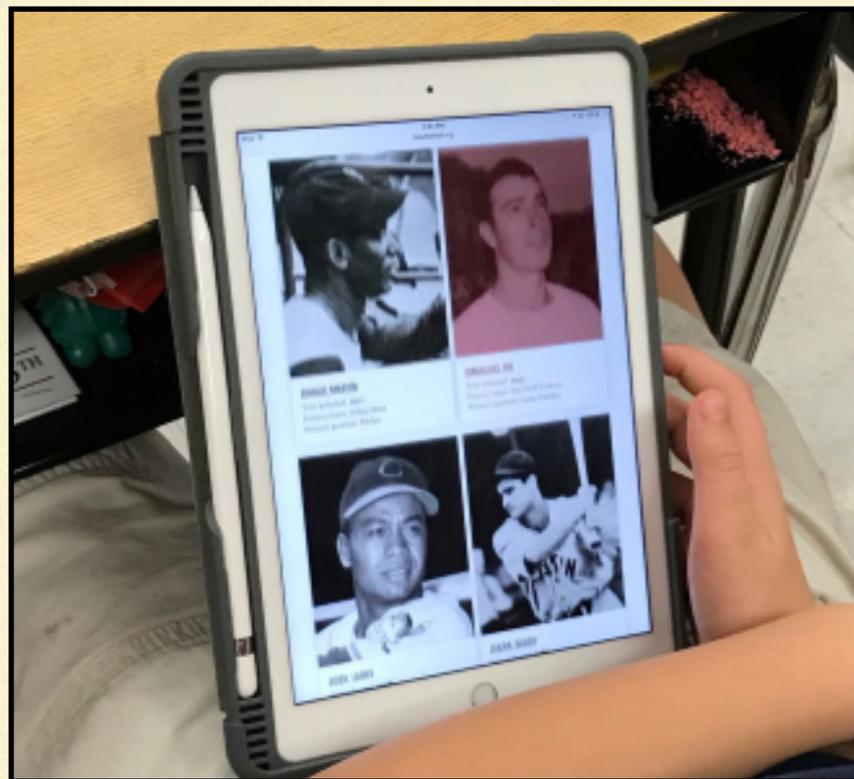
*Using different genres in the classroom addresses different interests of the students. Biographies are a great way to include non-fiction into the classroom. Many come in a variety of*





Introducing a biography of Jackie Robinson prior to MLK Day can lead to a conversation of sports and Civil Rights. The Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY has free lesson plans and pictures,

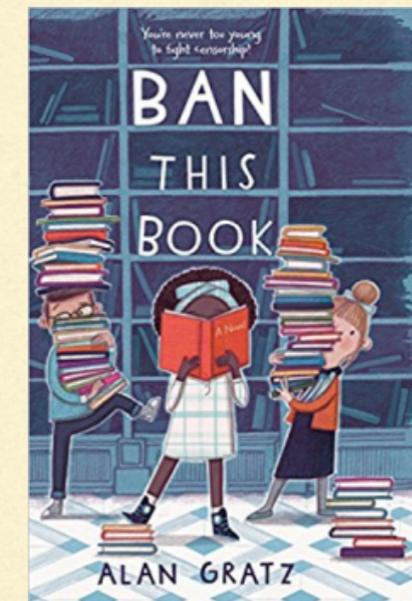
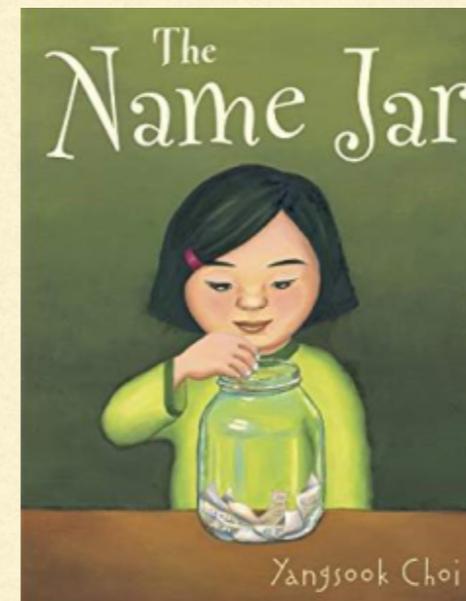
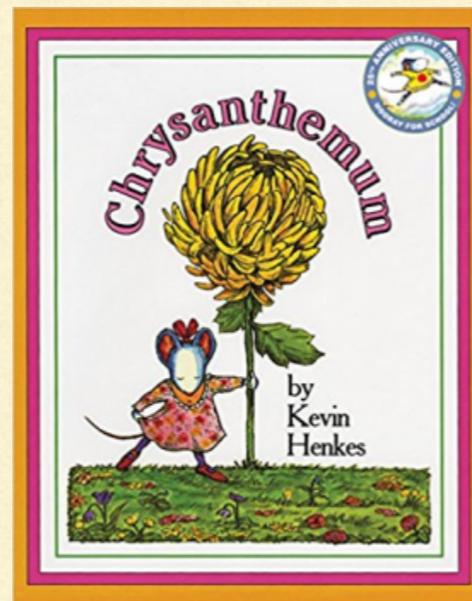
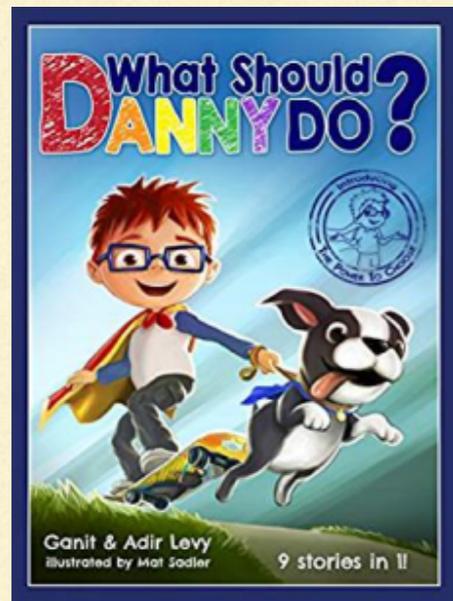
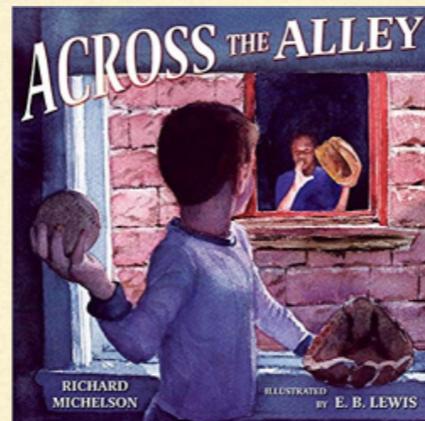
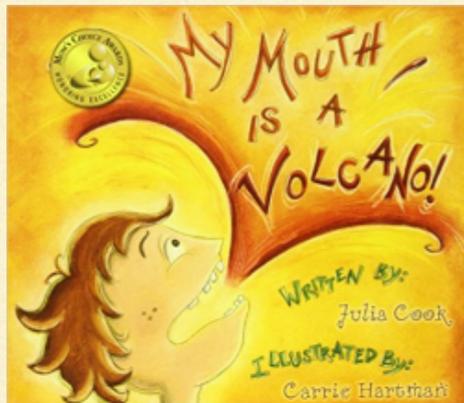
<http://baseballhall.org/education/curriculum/civil-rights>.



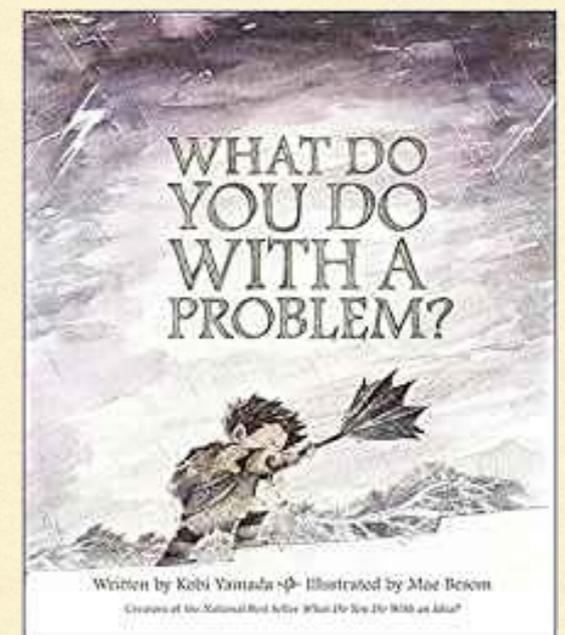
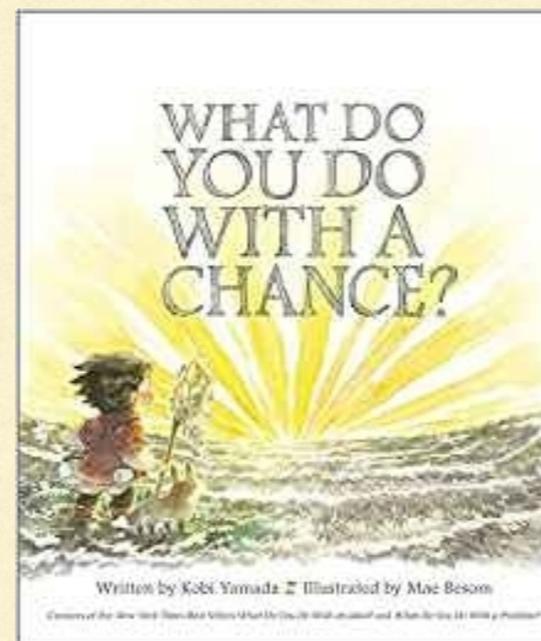
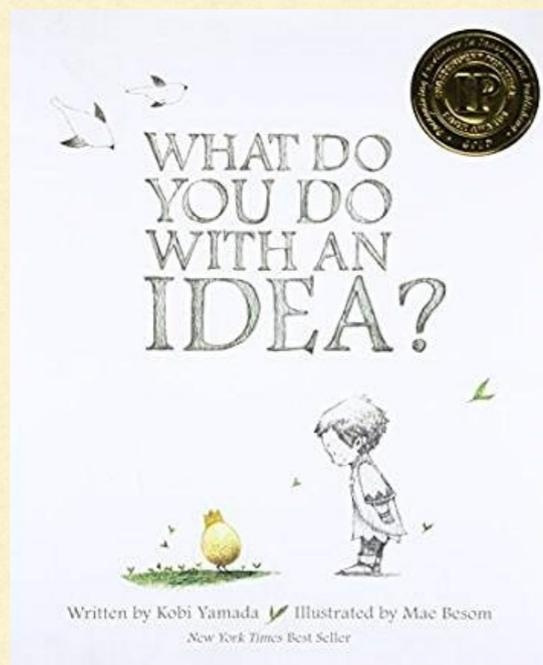
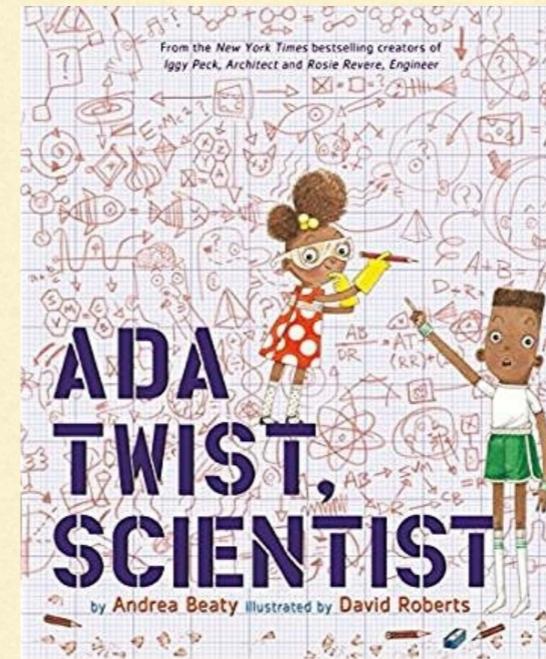
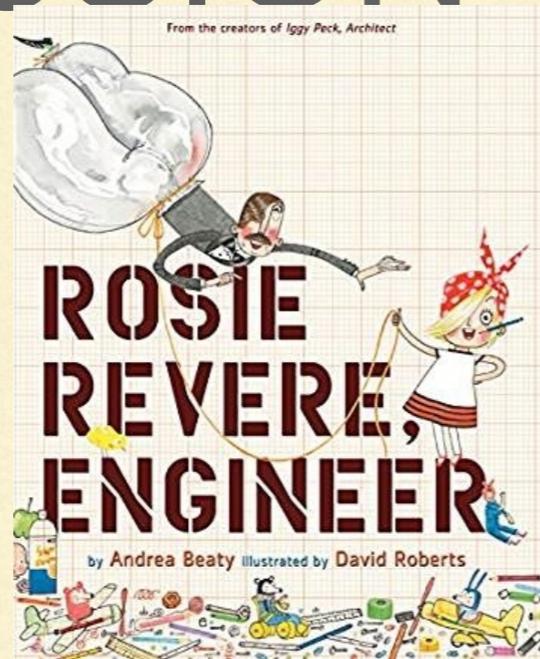
BrainPOP also has an excellent video to accompany this topic. As well as Newsela articles and other resources/activities

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# LITERATURE LASSOS FOR DISCUSSION



# MORE LITERATURE LASSOS FOR DISCUSSION



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