

LOVABYE DRAGON



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DEAR FIRST STAGE FRIENDS,

An enchanting musical of unexpected friendship between a lonely girl and an even lonelier dragon. Together they embark on a grand adventure to the farthest far away only to face their greatest challenge. Covering three books in the Dragon and Girl series by Wisconsin author Barbara Joosse – Lovabye Dragon, Evermore Dragon, and Sail Away Dragon – this adaptation with infectious music and lyrics by The Happy Racers is sure to put a smile on everyone's face, lift your spirits, and get you singing and dancing along!

Enjoy the show,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brinn Hill". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Brinn" and "Hill" being capitalized and prominent.

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CONTENT ADVISORY

Recommended for families with young people ages 3-8 and brave explorers of all ages!

Every young person is different and may or may not be ready for certain elements of each production. Read more about this show's age recommendation below.

Audiences will be mesmerized by this magical story of friendship and adventure!

The performance is expected to run approximately 55 minutes with no intermission - very young audiences may have difficulty staying connected for the full length of the show.

The show explores relationships between friends, and parents and children; audiences may feel anxious as the characters experience these difficult situations, but will learn how to empathize and understand others along the way.

There will be moving lights, magic, puppets, and loud music and sounds that may be overwhelming for those with sensory sensitivities. We offer sensory friendly performances and sensory kits for patrons who may need them.

PLOT SUMMARY

"Once there was a girl, a very little girl" who lived in a castle. There also was a very biggle dragon who lived in a cave on a mountain. Our story begins at The Girl's birthday party where she is sitting on a tuffet and about to blow out her birthday candles. Mother and Father rush in, doting on her and making sure she is very careful not to burn herself. Whisking her cake away before she can take a bite, Mother and Father give Girl her birthday present, a stuffed toy dragon. Girl explains that she wished for a real dragon for her birthday, but her parents claim that a real dragon would be too dangerous; too unruly. Girl wants to get out of her room and explore but Mother insists she isn't ready yet and tells Girl to get some rest. Before bed, Girl exclaims that she never gets to do anything, she's trapped in her dark room all by herself with no one to adventure with. Girl is positive that if she had a real dragon for a friend, he would keep her safe and they would have all sorts of adventures together.

Girl uses a key attached to her necklace to open a chest in her bedroom. Girl takes out a quill and a scroll from the gleaming chest and begins to write, she exclaims that if she had a real dragon for a friend, they would have all sorts of adventures together. While Girl is writing, three small Viking-looking Bad Hats (otherwise known as mischievous imps) appear. Using a spyglass, they gaze at the glowing chest, picturing all the riches that must be inside.

However, the Bad Hats begin to fight over who gets to hold the spyglass and as Girl looks over to investigate the sound, they hide. We hear the Bad Hats slip and fall into the moat below. SPLASH! Girl is frightened of the noises she heard, and she crawls into bed and shares that she is tired of being alone and tired of being scared. Girl clings to her stuffed dragon and asks why it's not a real dragon; she wants a dragon that breathes fire and roars, not a fake dragon.

The Troubadour enters and sings a song about Girl being all alone in the dark. We see Dragon's cave; he is lying down but unable to fall asleep. The Troubadour sings about Dragon, how he is all alone wishing for a girl whom he could save.

Girl is still writing but she stops and begins to cry. Maybe her Papa was right, wishing for a dragon is a wasted wish and she will never have an adventure. The Troubadour tells us that Girl's tears are filled with the sound of magic that only dragons can hear. Dragon was asleep, but once Girl's tears reached him it filled his "drag-enormo, brave-enormo, save-enormo heart". Dragon flies off to save Girl!

The next day, after Dragon and Girl were unite, Girl asks Dragon what they should do today.

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Girl gives Dragon her necklace and tells him it is very important, and they get ready to head outside to play together. Girl grabs her chest and is ready to leave but remembers the guards keeping watch outside the castle! After they sneak past the guards, Girl and Dragon play hide and seek! Dragon hides first; he tries to hide his biggle dragon body behind a small rock. Once Girl finds Dragon, it's her turn to hide! But Girl is REALLY good at hiding and Dragon can't find her! Girl begins to cry; it's nighttime and Dragon hasn't found her yet! Dragon hears her cries and finds her! They fly away together. Dragon and Girl land on a seashore and find a message in a bottle, along with a map. The note reads: "Dragon and Girl, Come to the Farest, far away. Come for Cattywampus! Yo ho!". Girl and Dragon decide to embark on a journey to the Farest Faraway. But wait, they don't have a ship. Dragon transforms into a sailboat, and they are off on their adventure!

While sailing, Dragon and Girl see; a shark with no teeth, an orange coral reef, and two periscopes sneaking a peek. Dragon and Girl also run into troubles, like a whale spouting, and seaweed tangling round Dragon's snout, and the mighty wind ceasing to blow. Stuck in the middle of the ocean, with no wind, Girl comes up with a plan. Girl pulls out her trumpet. As Girl plays her trumpet, wind begins to fill their sail, and they are off once more!

One hungry night, the full moon rises, and Dragon and Girl decide to visit the Man-in-the-Moon to get some cheese. Girl and Dragon quickly gobble up their cheeses that the Man-in-the-Moon gifted them.

Dragon and Girl arrive on an island shaped like a Viking hat and venture into the jungle. Just then, the Bad Hats enter! They want Girl's gold! Girl assures them that she doesn't have any gold and Dragon moves closer to protect Girl. Girl sees the key hanging around Dragon's neck and realizes what the Bad Hats want. Girl takes the key, opens her treasure chest, takes out a scroll and begins to tell the story she has been writing about her and Dragon's adventures. Because to Girl, her gold was all her adventures with her best friend Dragon. The Bad Hats want to hear MORE stories! They make a trade, the Bad Hats give Dragon and Girl their spyglass, and in return Girl gives them the chest and scroll. Dragon and Girl fly back home to the castle and enjoy their friendship that is as rich as gold.



PRESHOW QUESTIONS



1. At the beginning of the play, Girl feels very lonely. Have you ever felt lonely? What did you do to feel better?

2. Lovabye Dragon begins with Girl's birthday, and she makes a wish as she blows out the candles on her birthday cake. Girl's mother and father want her to wish for something practical, like a toothbrush. What would you wish for on your birthday cake? Do you like to wish for practical things, or fantastical things? Why?

3. Lovabye Dragon is a new kind of fairy tale. What makes a story a fairy tale? Which fairy tale is your favorite? Why?

DRAW YOUR OWN ADVENTURE STORY

AN ELA ACTIVITY

Girl and Dragon share many adventures together! Girl likes to write down her adventures with Dagon and share them with her friends. Now it's time for you to write your own adventure story!

Every story needs these three things:

1. Beginning

In the beginning of every story we find out who our CHARATERS are and the SETTING of our story. Ask yourself; who is my story about? and where does my story take place?

In the middle of every story there is a PROBLEM that our characters must solve. Some examples of problems characters face are: villains or even running out of your favorite flavor of ice cream! Oh no!

2. Middle

3. End

The ending of every story reveals if our main character lives happily ever after or not. Does your character solve their problem?

Your Turn!

On the next page, draw your very own Beginning, Middle and End of a story!

DRAW YOUR OWN ADVENTURE STORY

AN ELA ACTIVITY: CONTINUED

Beginning:

Middle:

End:

DRAGONS FLIGHT

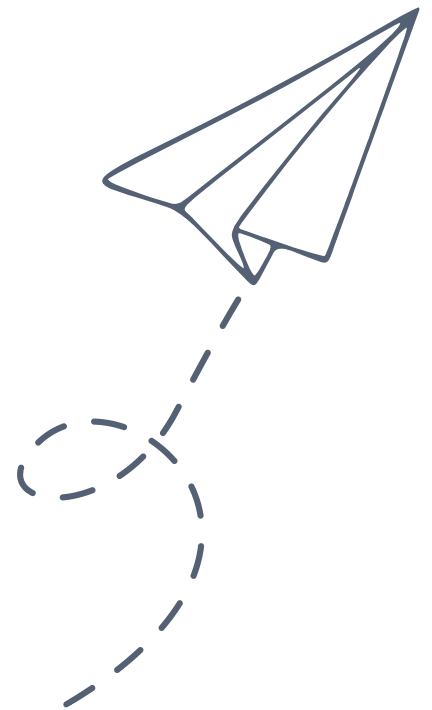
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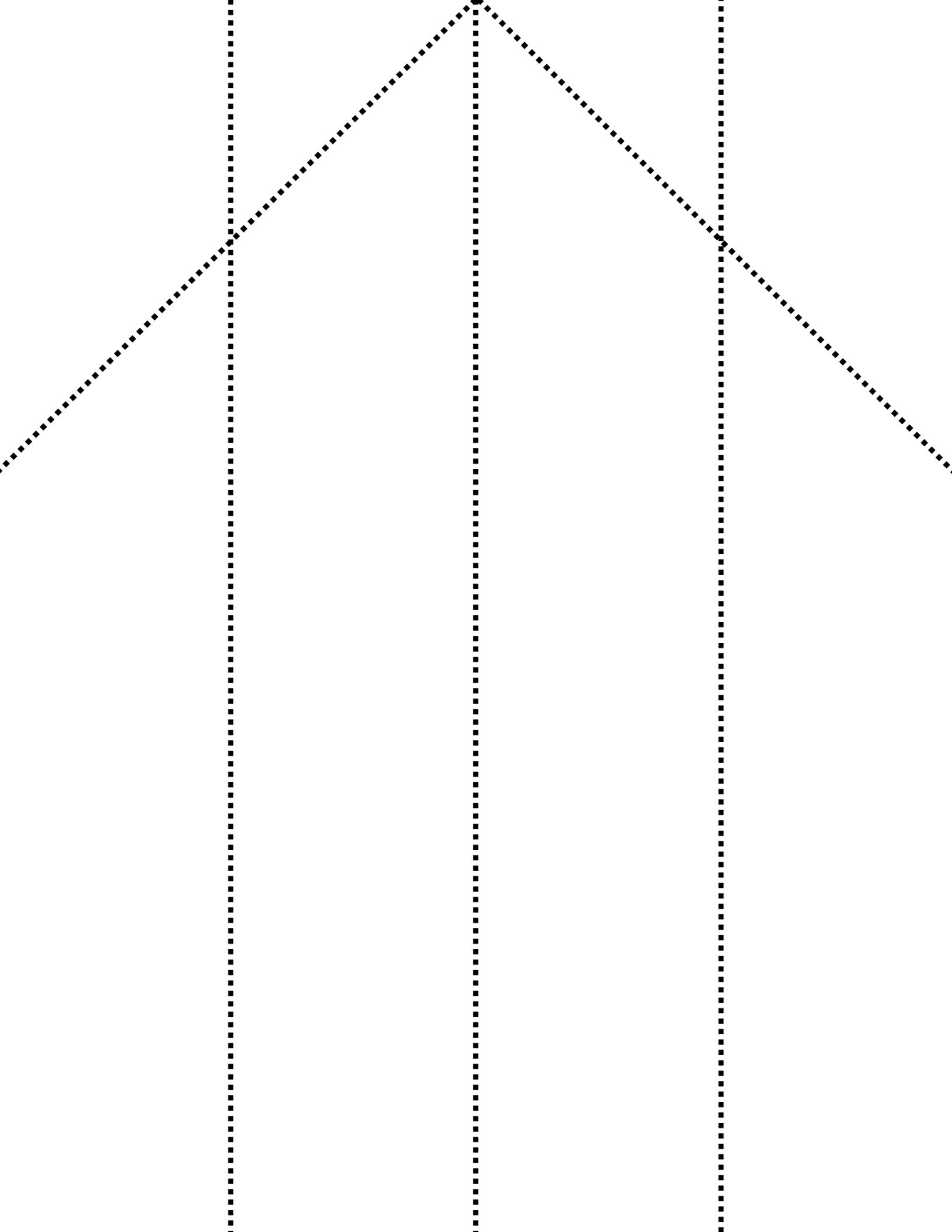
When Girl made her wish for a real, live dragon, she had to imagine what her dragon would look like. Was it a big dragon? A blue dragon? A fancy dragon? Most important of all, how fast and how far can the dragon fly?

In this activity, your job is to make a dragon that can fly the farthest by designing the best way to fold a paper airplane. We've given you a design for a paper airplane to help you get started, but see if you can design a paper airplane that can fly farther! To turn your paper airplane into a dragon, use colored pencils, markers, or crayons to draw a dragon on your final paper airplane.

Your Turn!

1. Fold your paper in half the long way. Try to make it as even as possible. Then, open your piece of paper.
2. Fold the top two corners down towards the center fold until the two corners are touching. Make sure to have the sides of the corners as close together as possible without having them overlap or touch.
3. Fold your paper in half the long way again. Lay your airplane flat so that the point is pointing directly to the left or right and the folded edge is close to you.
4. To make the wings, fold one side of the top edge down towards the folded edge. Flip your airplane over and repeat this on the other side.





WHO IS YOUR BEST FRIEND?

AN ART ACTIVITY

Girl and Dragon are not only best friends, but they also complement each other very well. For example, Girl is small, and Dragon is VERY biggle! Girl is shy and Dragon is brave. However, BOTH Girl and Dragon love adventure!

Now is your chance to reflect on what you and your best friend have in common, as well as, what makes you different?

Me

Draw a picture of yourself!

My Best Friend

Draw a picture of your best friend!

WHO IS YOUR BEST FRIEND?

AN ART ACTIVITY: CONTINUED

My Favorite Color Is:

My Best Friend's Favorite Color Is:

Together Our Favorite Colors make the Color...

My Favorite Activity Is:

My Best Friend's Favorite Activity Is:

Our Made-Up Activity we like to do Together is...

My Favorite Food Is:

My Best Friend's Favorite Food Is:

Together Our Favorite Imaginary Food is:

WHO IS YOUR BEST FRIEND?

EXAMPLE

My Favorite Color Is:

Green

My Best Friend's Favorite Color Is:

Blue

Together Our Favorite Colors make the Color...

Teal

My Favorite Activity Is:

Playing Video Games

My Best Friend's Favorite Activity Is:

Hiking

Our Made-Up Activity we like to do Together is...

Virtual Hiking with cyber suits

My Favorite Food Is:

Spaghetti

My Best Friend's Favorite Food Is:

Ice cream

Together Our Favorite Imaginary Food is:

Spaghetti noodles with Ice cream
meatballs

YOUR OWN LITTLE CASTLE

A SCENIC DESIGN ACTIVITY

In Lovabye Dragon, Girl lives in a castle. Follow the directions below to design Girl's castle, and to build your own little castle you can play with!

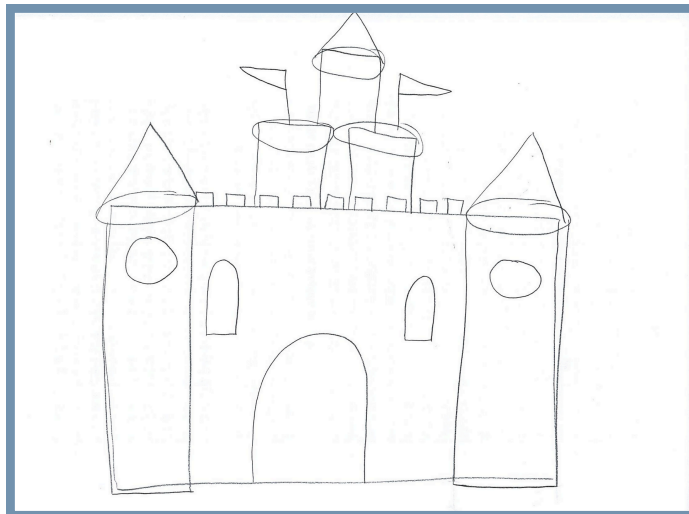
Materials

- Cardboard
- Scissors
- Tape
- Glue
- String
- Paper Towel Tubes
- Paint
- Pencil
- Crayons
- Paper
- Any Other Recycled or Craft Materials You'd Like
- A Grown-Up (To Help)



Directions:

1. Draw a sketch of what you want your castle to look like.

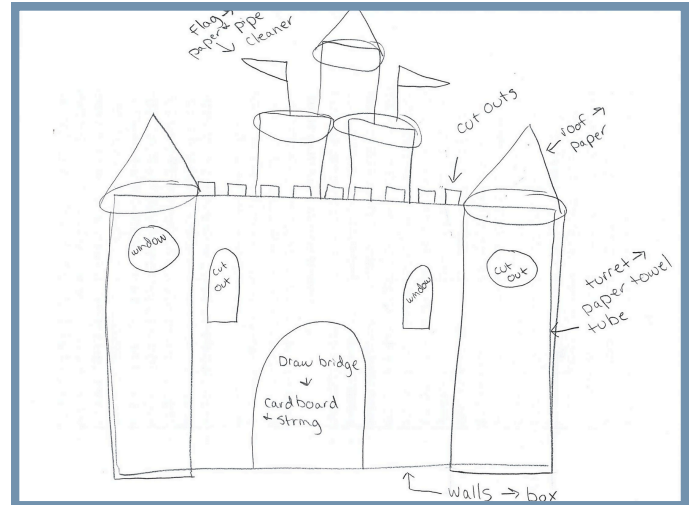


YOUR OWN LITTLE CASTLE

A SCENIC DESIGN ACTIVITY: CONTINUED

Directions Continued:

2. On your sketch, label the parts of your castle and list the materials you'll need to build that part.



3. Gather your building materials.

4. Build the structure of your castle (the walls).

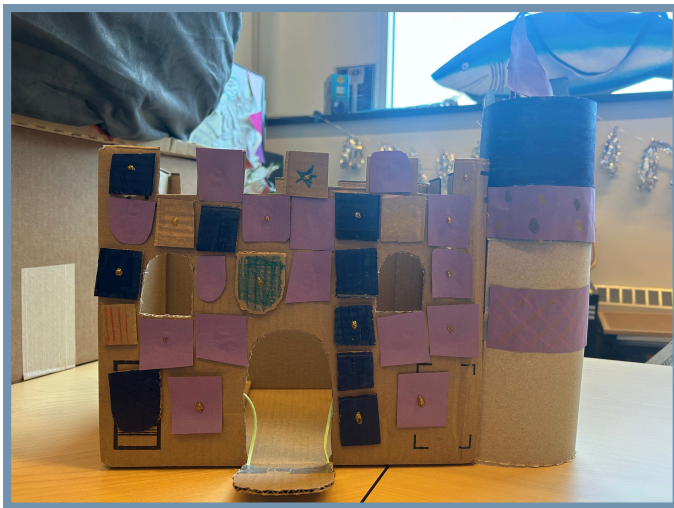


YOUR OWN LITTLE CASTLE

A SCENIC DESIGN ACTIVITY: CONTINUED

Directions Continued:

5. Add details to your castle (turrets, drawbridges, moats, flags, etc.



6. Use paint, crayons or other materials to make your castle look the way you want it to look.

7. Add characters to your castle! You can make your own characters out of cardboard, or use dolls, action figures, animal toys, etc. that you already have to inhabit your castle.



POSTSHOW QUESTIONS

1. Girl and Dragon become best friends. Do you have a best friend? How are you and your best friend the same? How are you different? What do you like to do together?

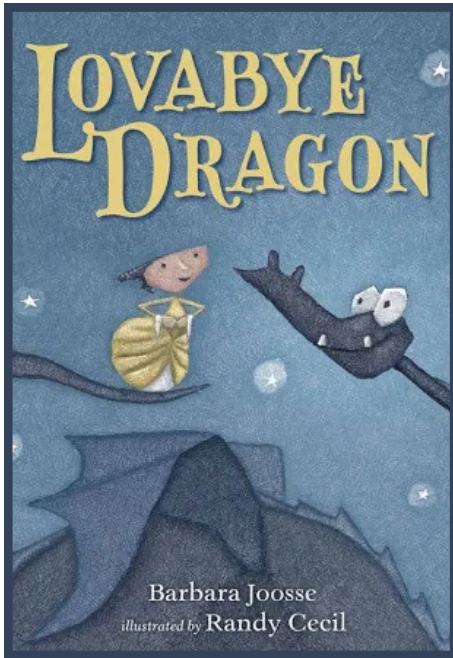
2. Lovabye Dragon is a musical. That means the story is told through song. Which song was your favorite? Why? How did it make you feel?

3. Dragon and Girl go on an adventure. Have you ever gone on an adventure? Where did you go? What did you see? Who were you with?

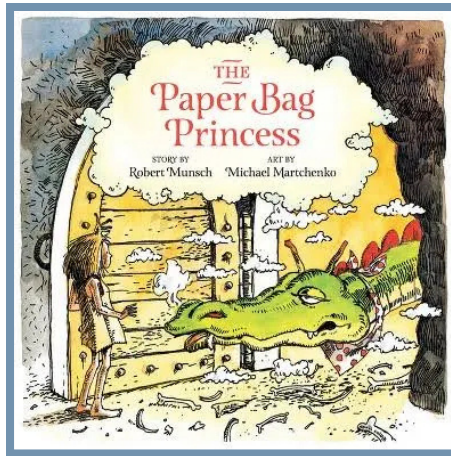
WHO SAID IT?

1. "When it's dark. I'll be your northern star"
2. "She cried a silver tear filled with dreams and fears. It held the sound of magic that only dragons hear."
3. "My motto is: Play it safe."
4. "Don't rip the paper! If you fold it you can use it again. And do be careful with your fingers. Paper cuts can be terribly painful"
5. "Ugh! All I wanted was to be able to go outside and play. Do something. See something."
6. "Dragon looked everywhere, every here, every there. Off the ridge of the bridge... Form the log in the bog... in the leaves of the trees. No Girl."
7. "Of course we'll need supplies. First a wicker basket for our tickets and our taskets, some biscuits and some honey and a marshmallow bunny, and a compass for to guide with, and a banner to goodbye with and a box of goodie gumdrops and a horn."
8. "You can never tell about a dragon, what a dragon might do..."
9. "Have a gouda day. What? Too cheesy for you?"
10. "When friends are clever, brave and true together they know what to do, and so it was..."

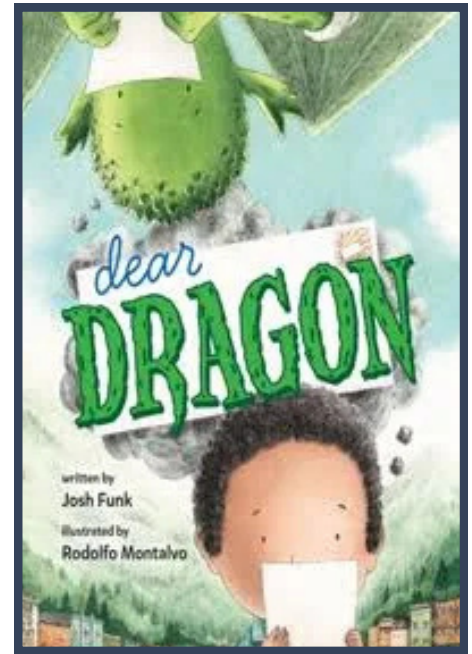
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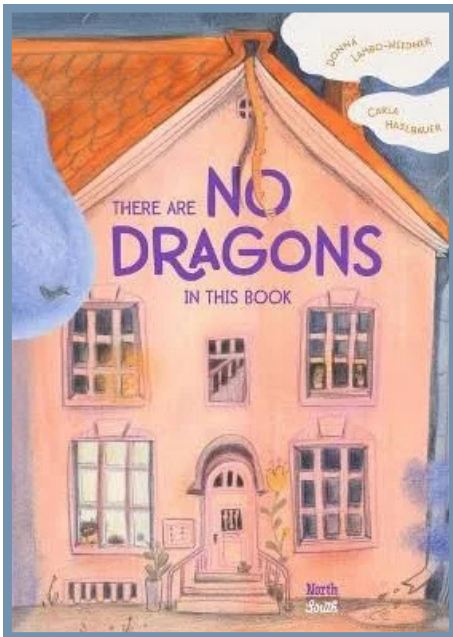
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by Barbara Josee



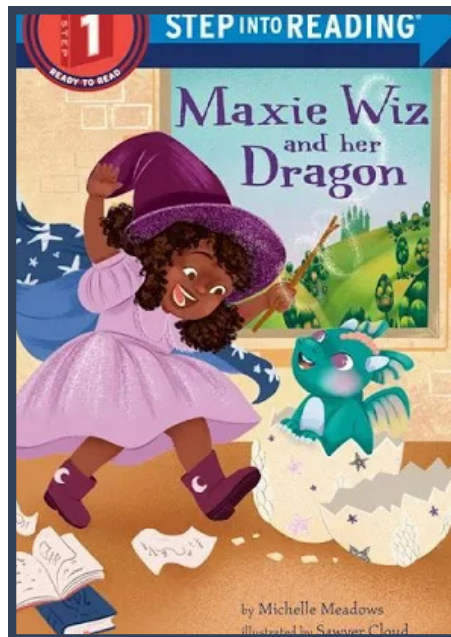
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by Robert Munsch



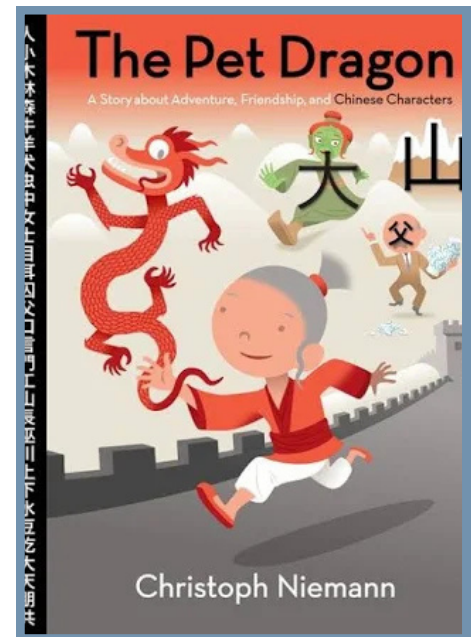
DEAR DRAGON
by Josh Funk



**THERE ARE NO DRAGONS
IN THIS BOOK**
by Donna Lambo-Weidner



**MAXIE WIZ AND HER
DRAGON**
by Michelle Meadows



THE PET DRAGON
by Christoph Niemann