



What's in the Box?

Where Literacy
and S.T.E.A.M collide!

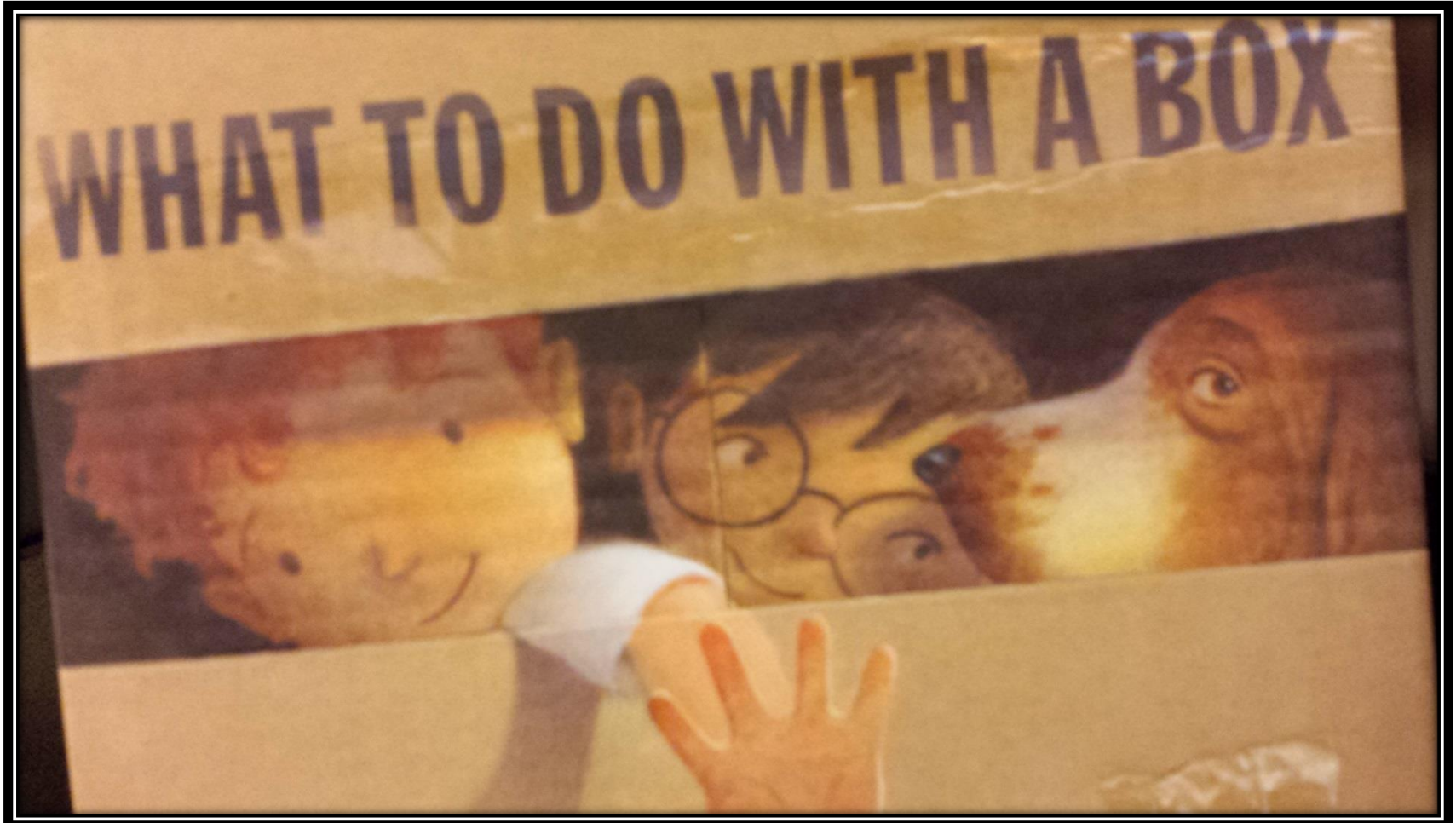


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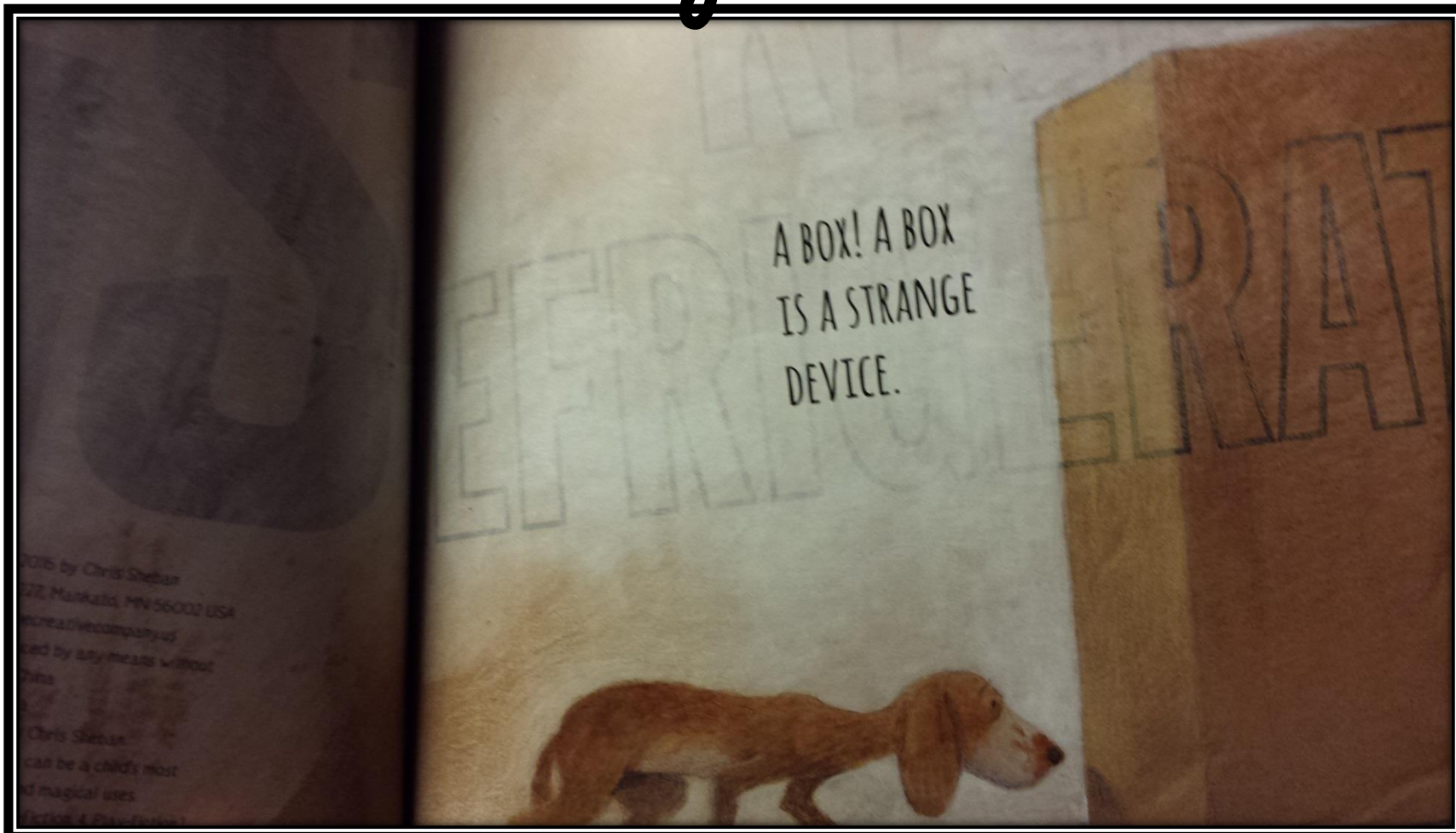
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What to Do With a Box



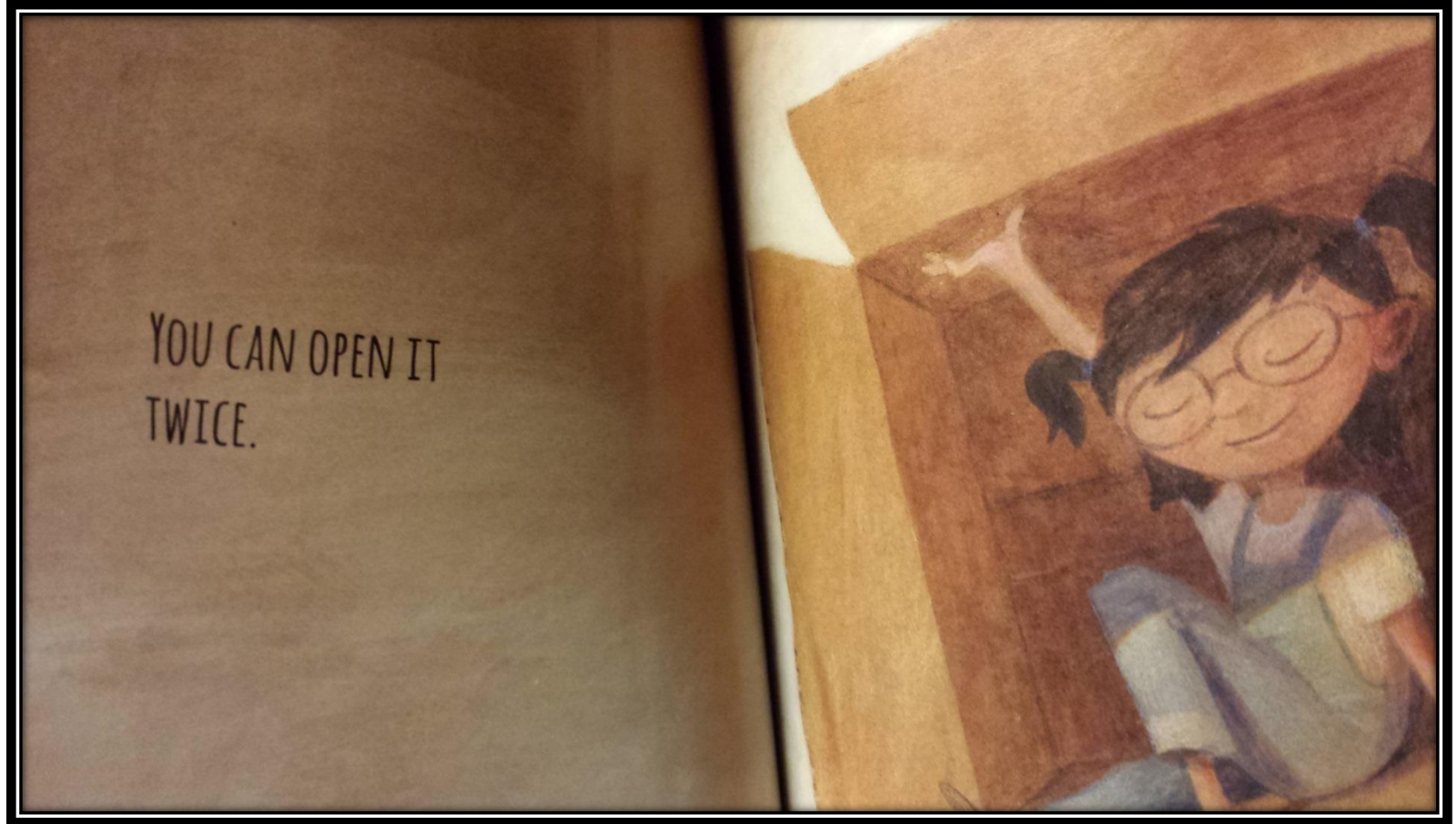
A box! A box is a
strange device.



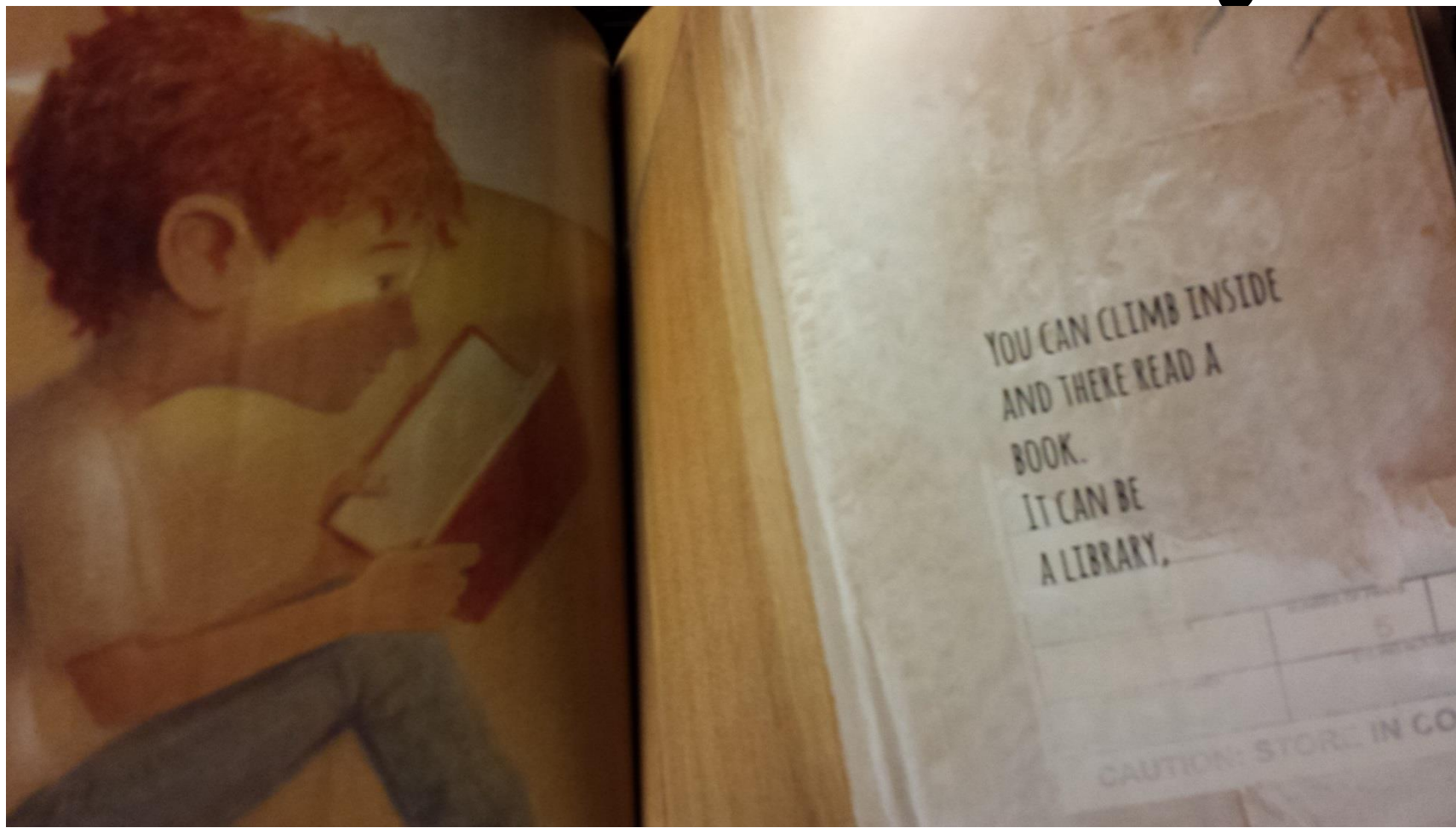
*You can open it
once.*



*You can open it
twice.*



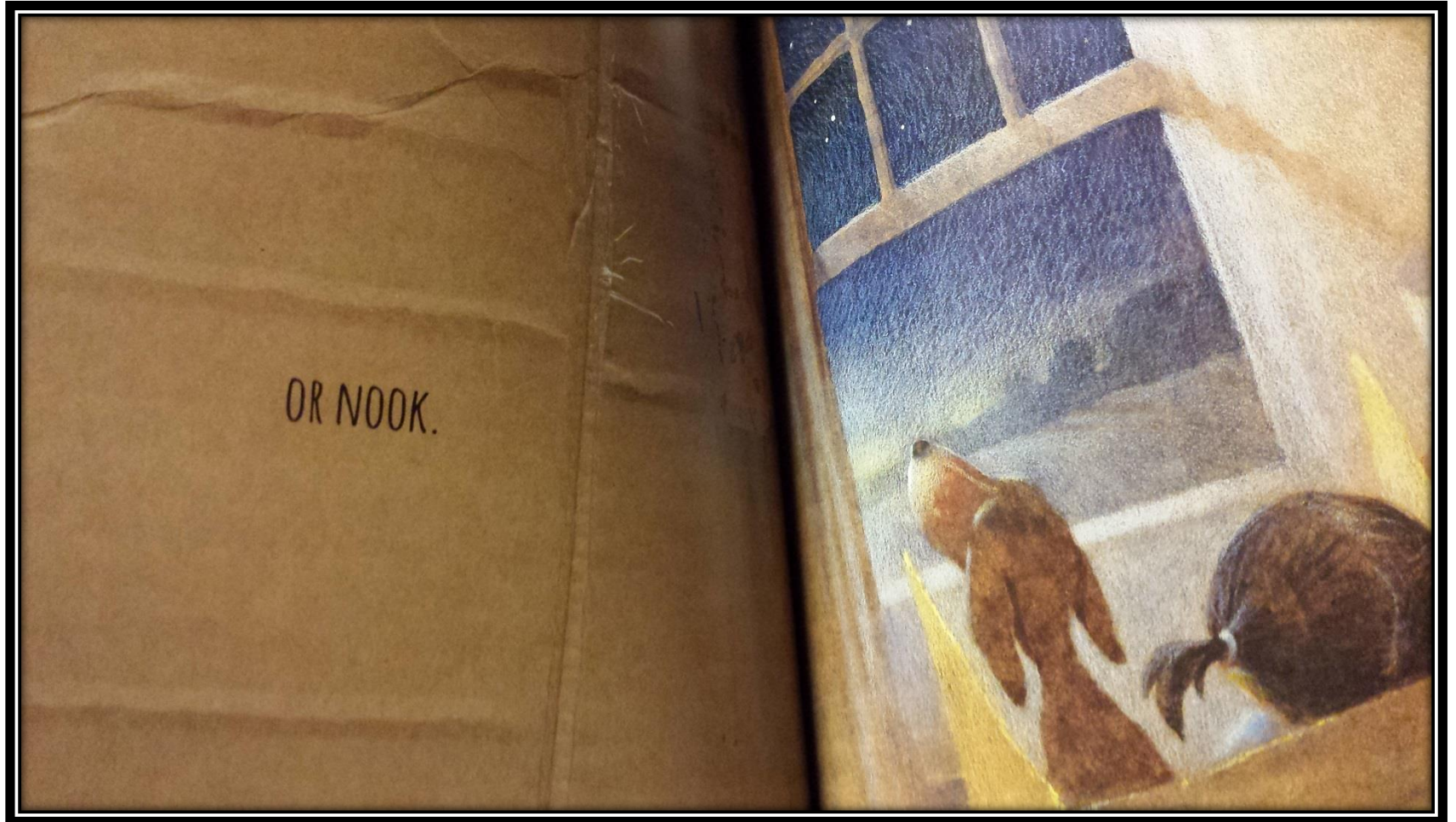
Read a book...
It can be a library,



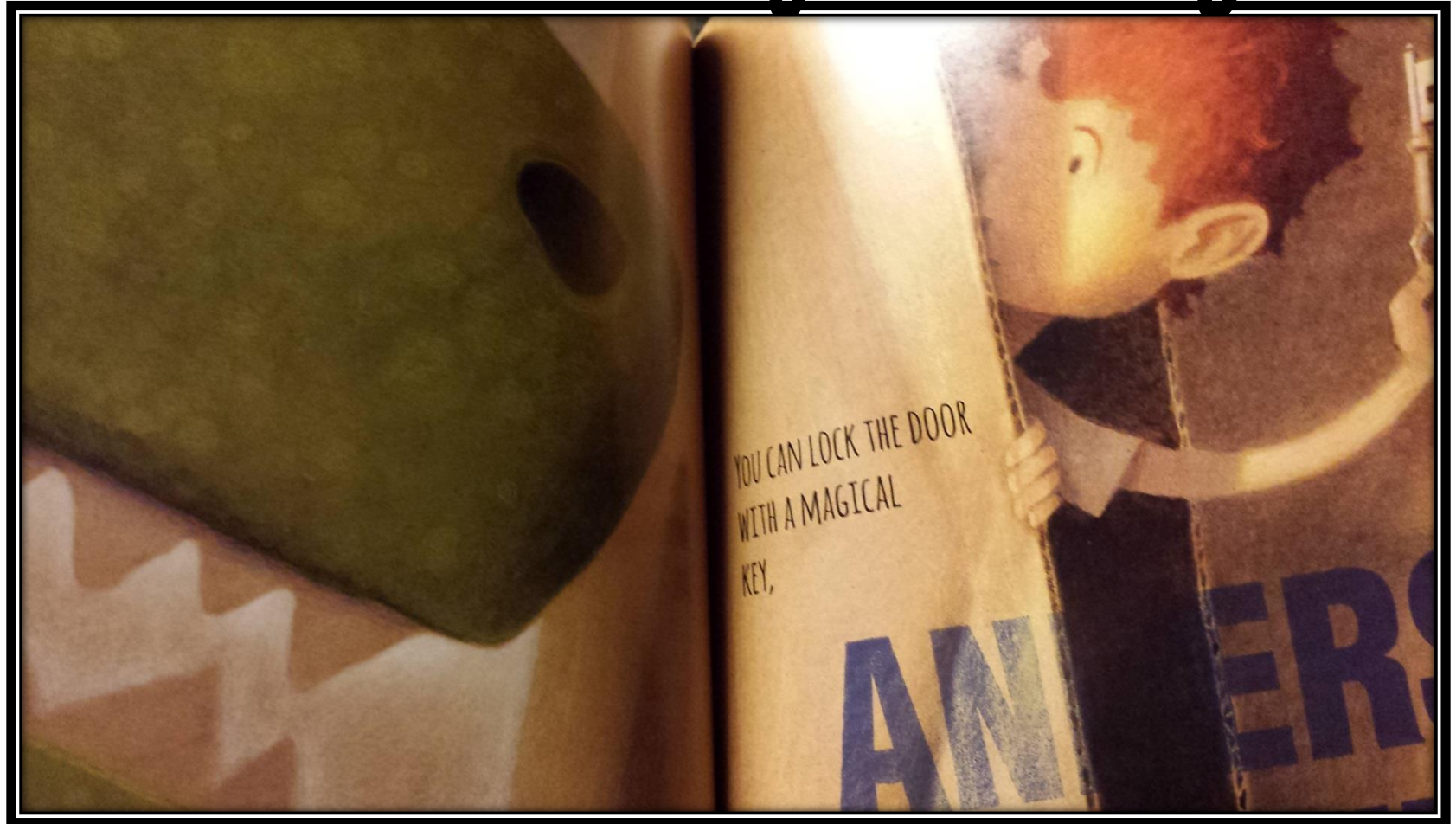
a
palace.



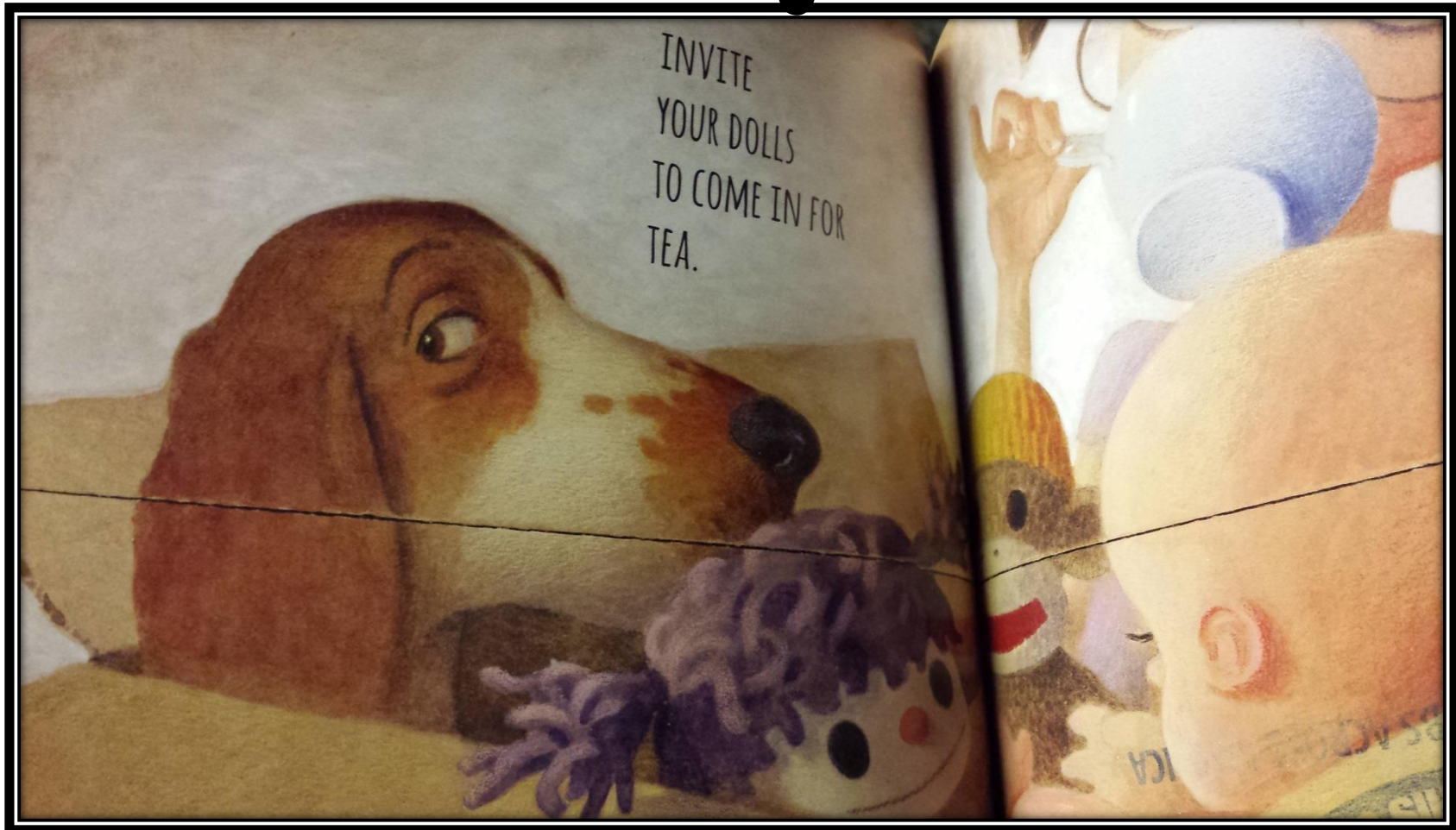
or
nook.



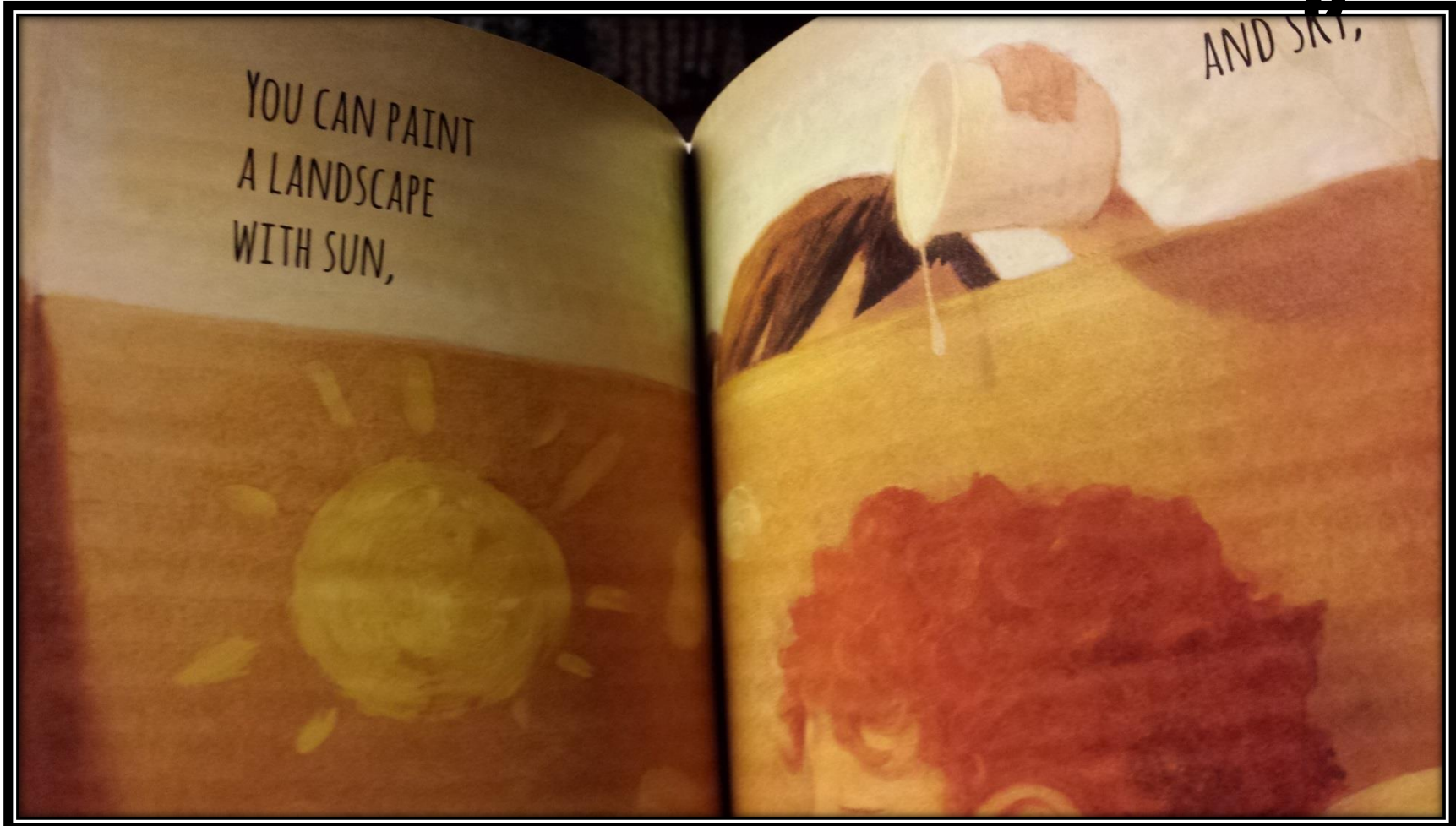
You can lock the door
with a magical key,



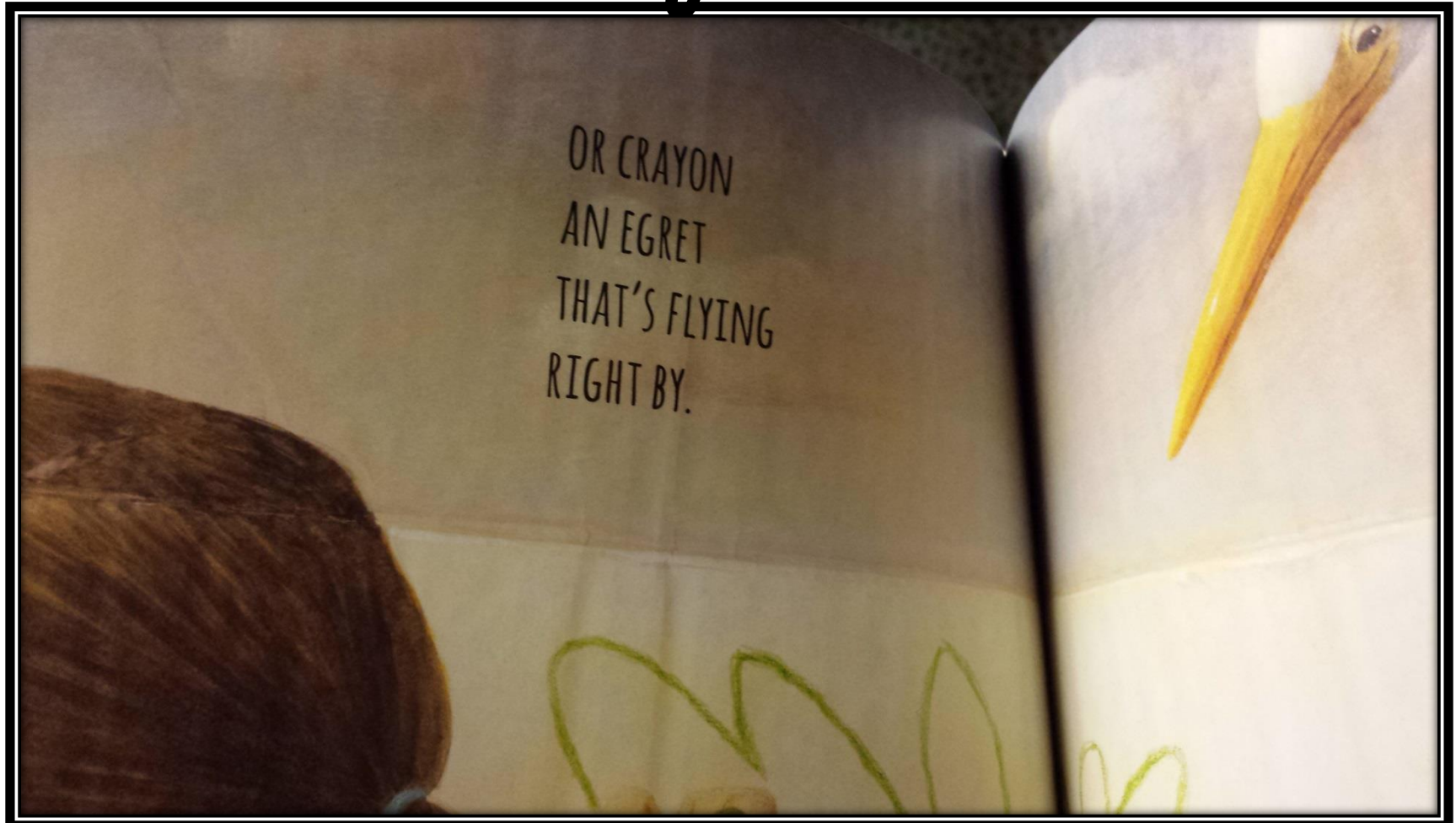
Invite your dolls to
come in for tea.



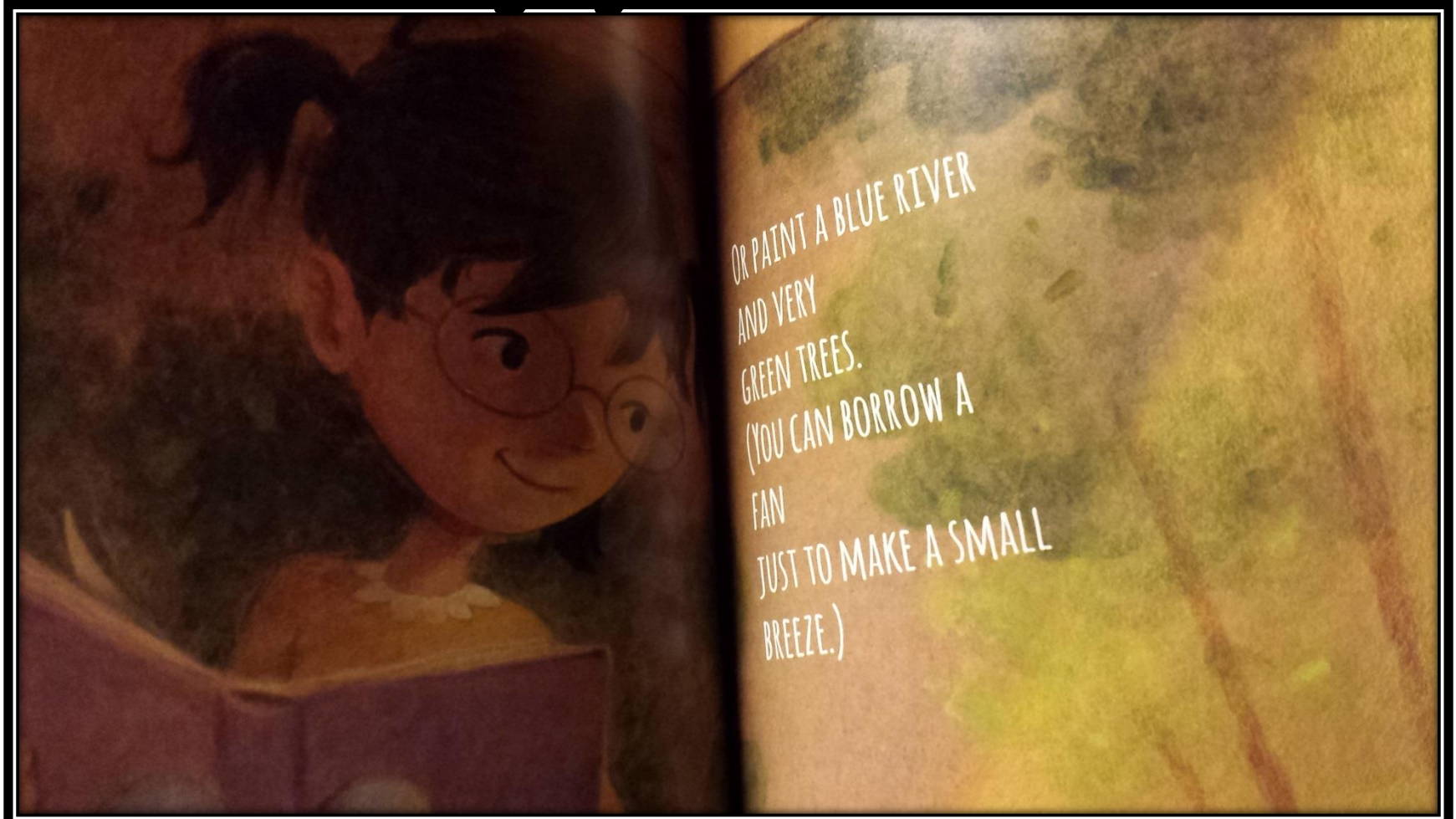
*You can paint a landscape
with sun, sand, and sky.*



An egret!

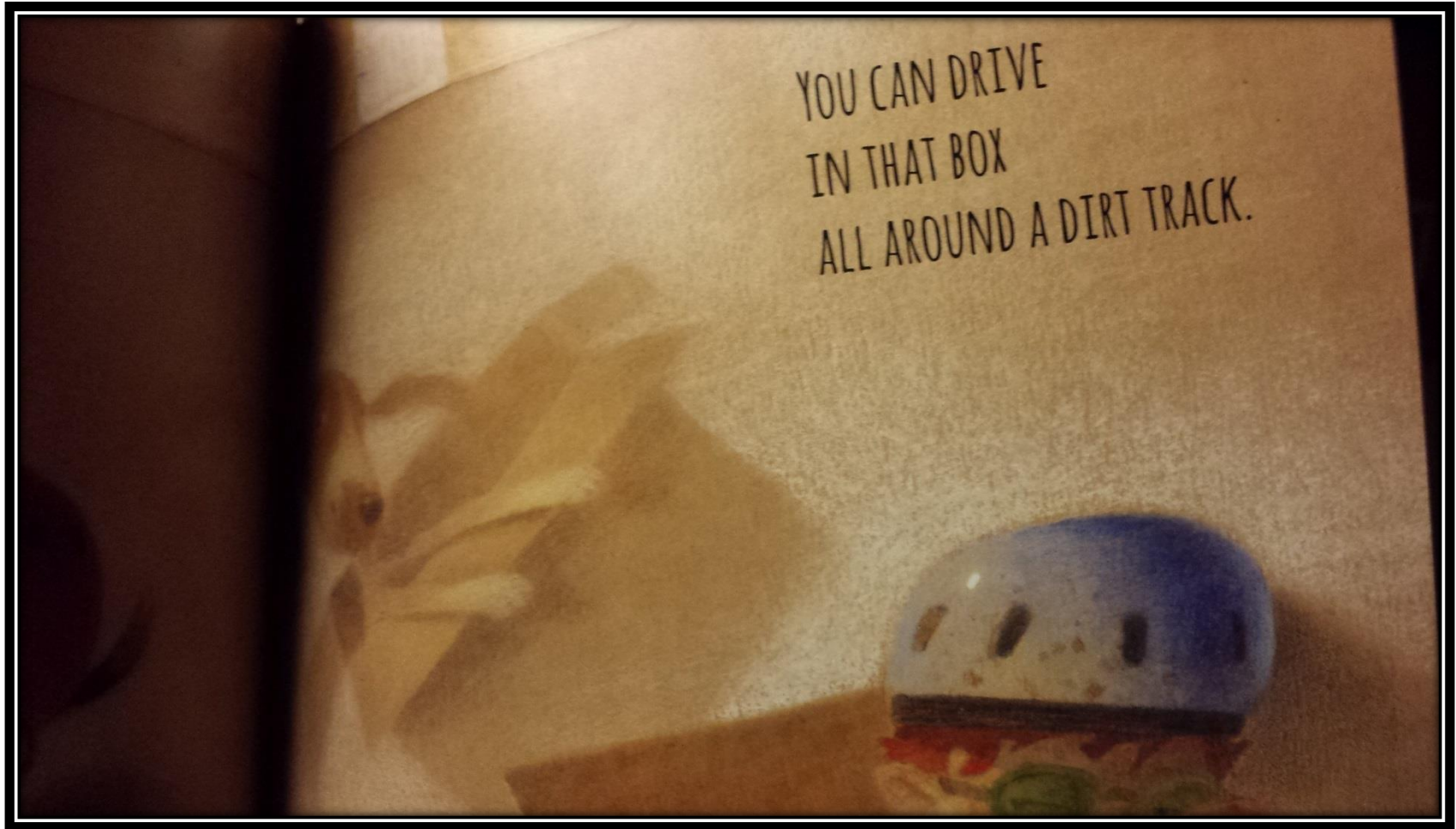


Or paint a blue river and
very green trees.

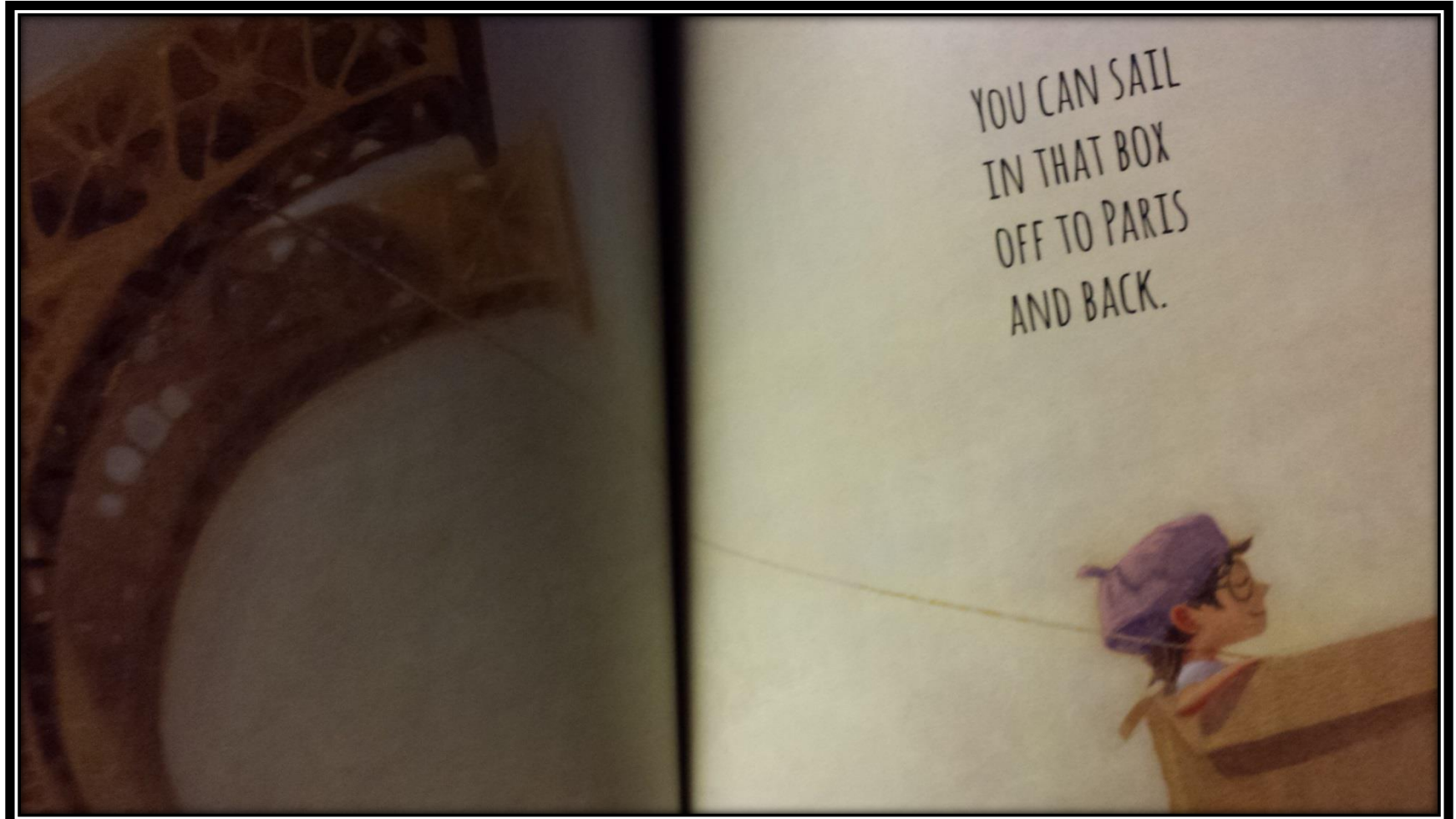


*You can drive
in that box...*

YOU CAN DRIVE
IN THAT BOX
ALL AROUND A DIRT TRACK.



*You can sail
in that box...*

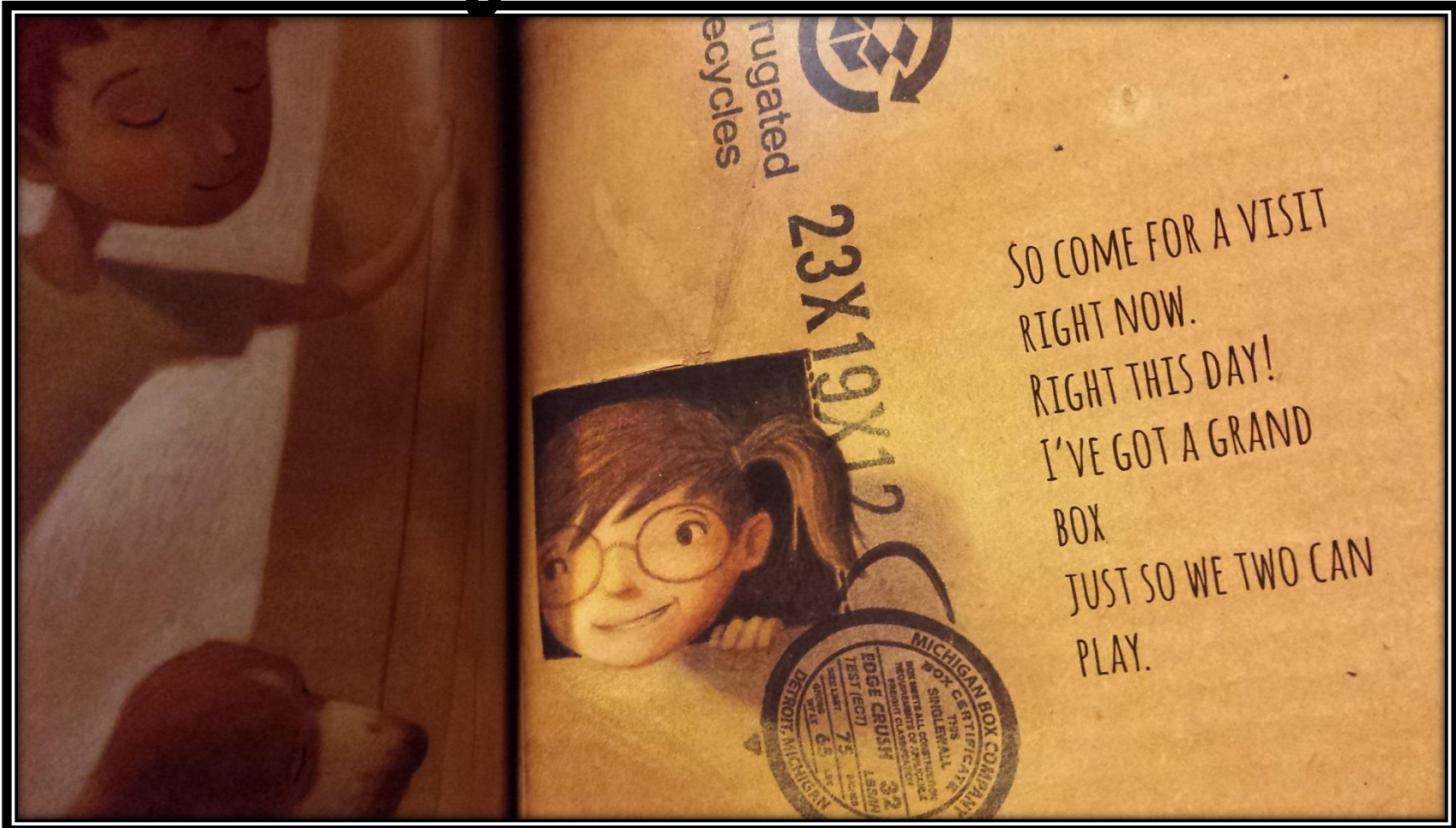


A box, a box is a wonder
indeed!

A BOX! A BOX
IS A WONDER
INDEED.
THE ONLY
SUCH MAGIC
THAT YOU'LL
EVER NEED.



I've got a
grand box!



recycled recycled

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SO COME FOR A VISIT
RIGHT NOW.
RIGHT THIS DAY!
I'VE GOT A GRAND
BOX
JUST SO WE TWO CAN
PLAY.

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THIS BOX CERTIFICATE
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MEETS ALL CONSTRUCTION
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LBS/IN
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WALL 7.5
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*"Think left
and think
right and
think low and
think high.
Oh the things
you can
think if only
you try."
~Dr. Seuss*

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St. Joseph School

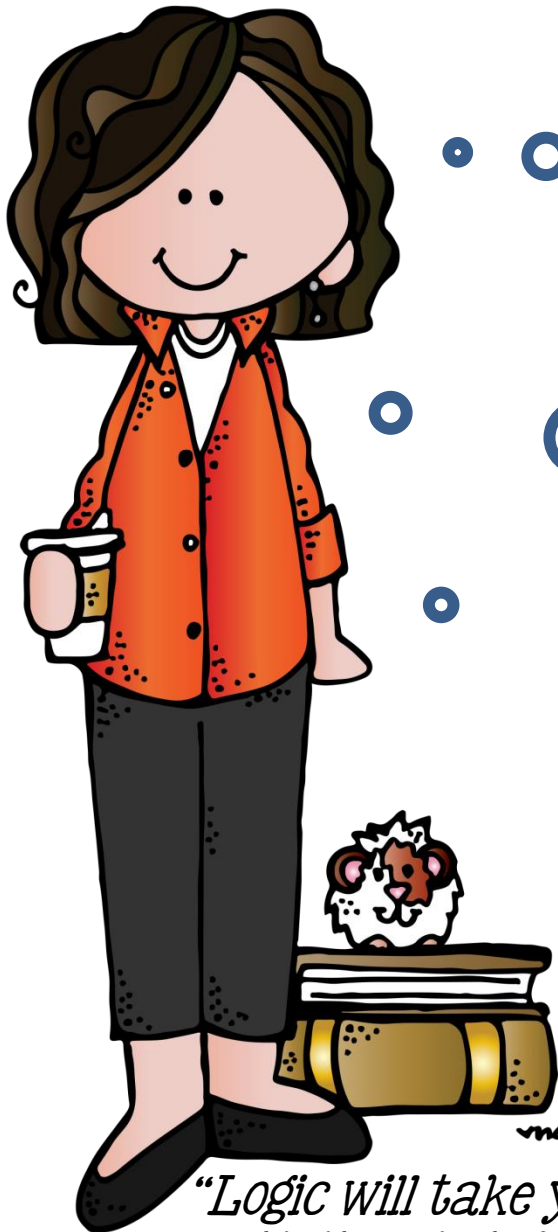
Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin



*"We can all dance when
we find music that we
love."*

~Giles Andrae

So much to do...



That
standard...

The meeting starts
at 3:30 but I
wonder if I can
meet with...

I need to
create an
extra project for...

*"Logic will take you from A to B.
Creativity will take you anywhere!"
~Albert Einstein*

Let's pretend
that...

How 'bout
you be...

I've got a
great idea...

*"Anything can
happen child.
Anything can be."
~Shel Silverstein*



It's RECESS...

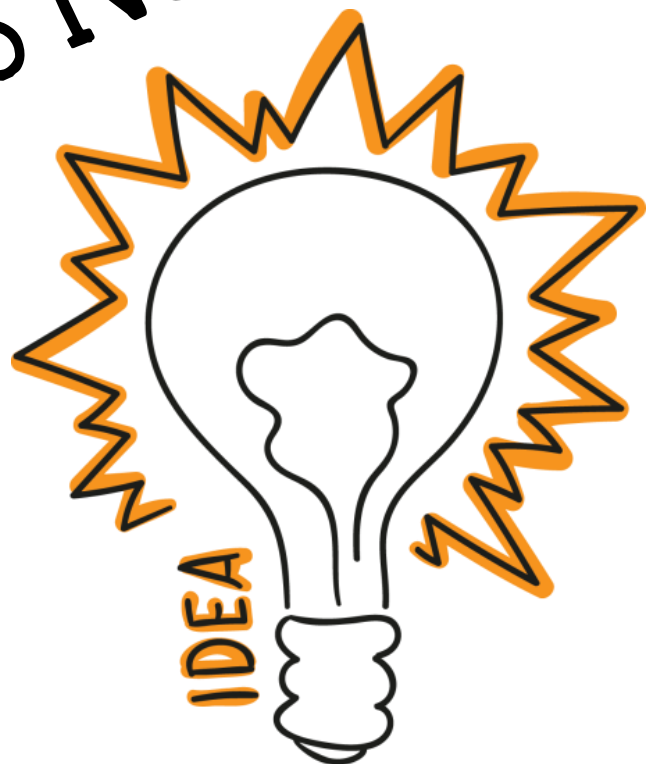
This is NOT a box!



*"I think I can, I think I
can, I think I can..."*
~Watty Piper

- This is a house.
- This is a castle.
- This is a plane.
- This is a secret hiding place.
- This is my new invention.
- This is where I create.
- This is my laboratory.

This is NOT a box!



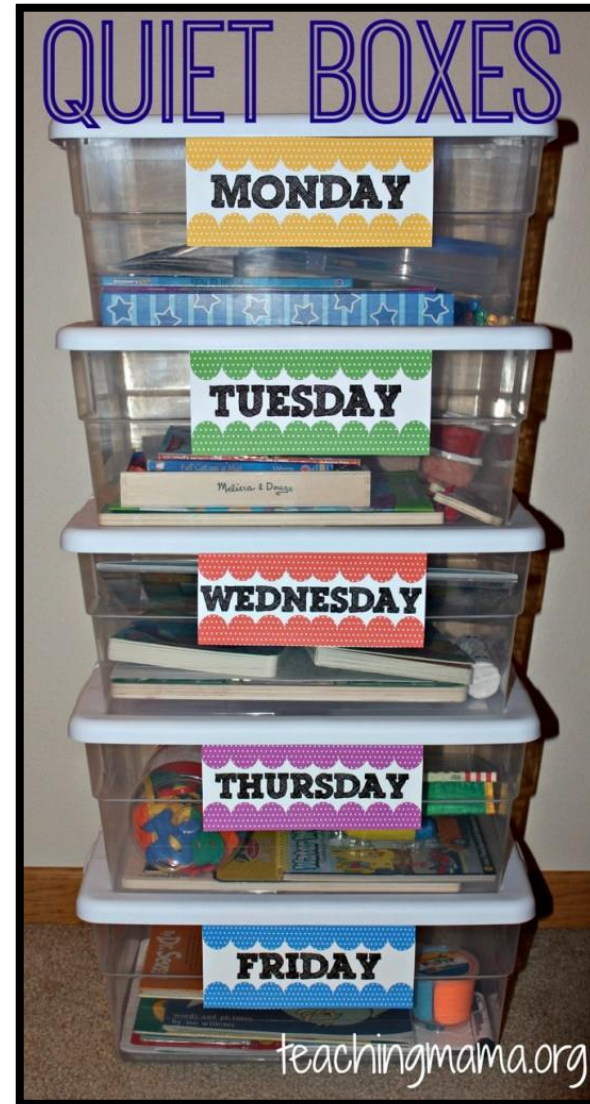
“What day is it?” asked Pooh. “It’s today.” squeaked Piglet. “My favorite day,” said Pooh.



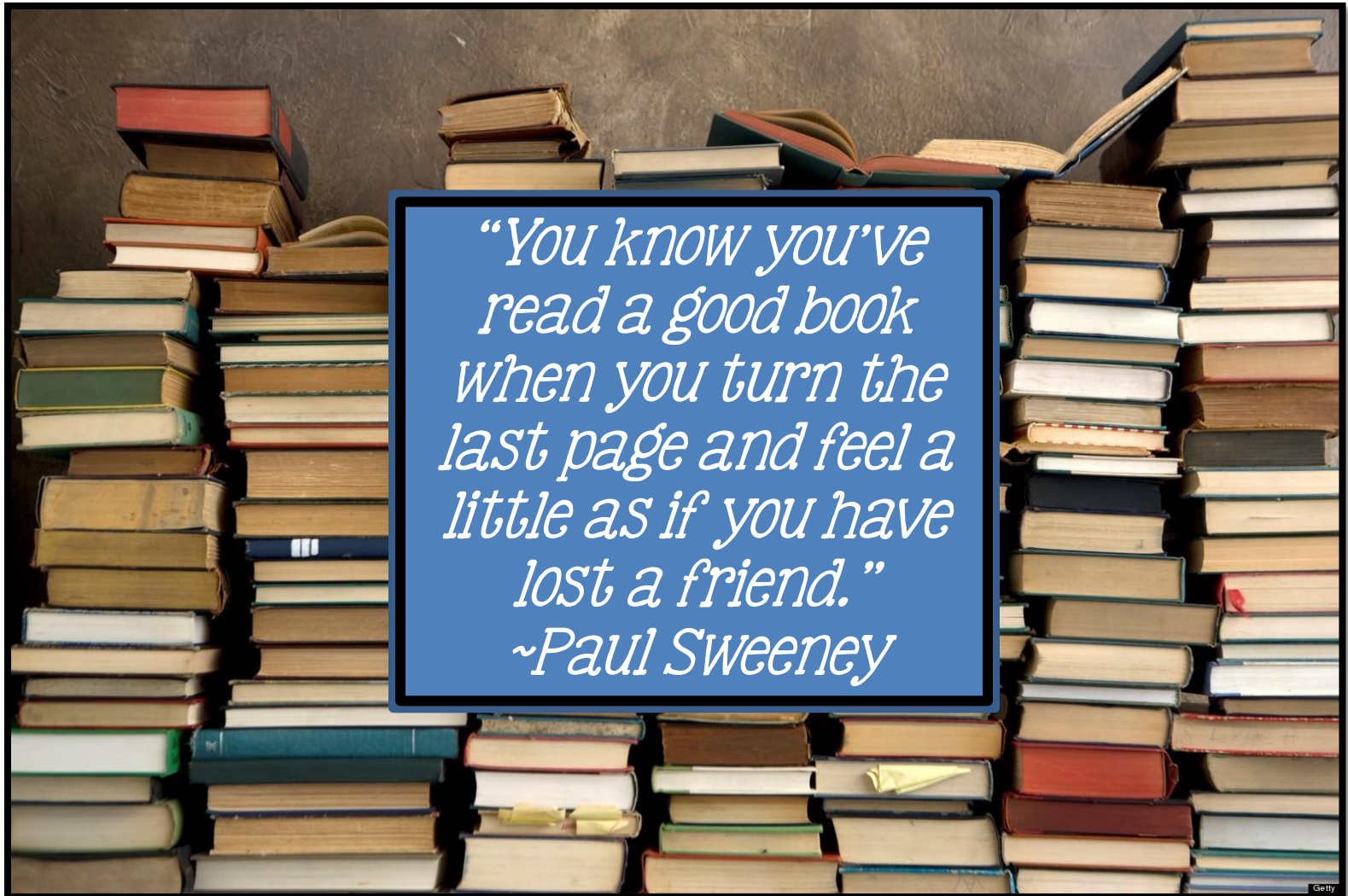
Pinning = Quiet Boxes!



*"It's necessary for me
sometimes just to be alone
and quiet and doing
nothing."
~Charles Bukowski
Author*



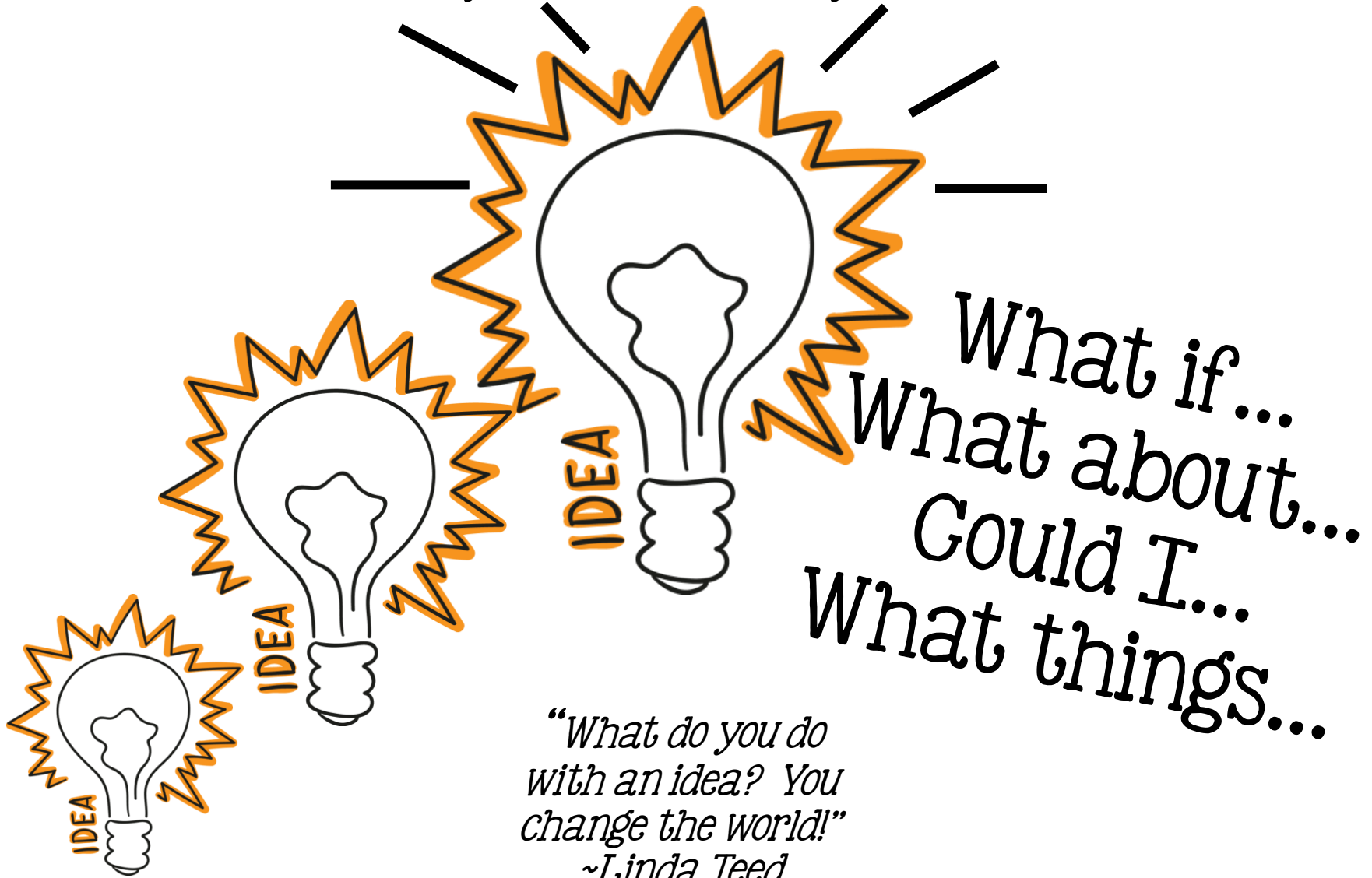
Books, Books, Books!!



*"You know you've
read a good book
when you turn the
last page and feel a
little as if you have
lost a friend."*

~Paul Sweeney

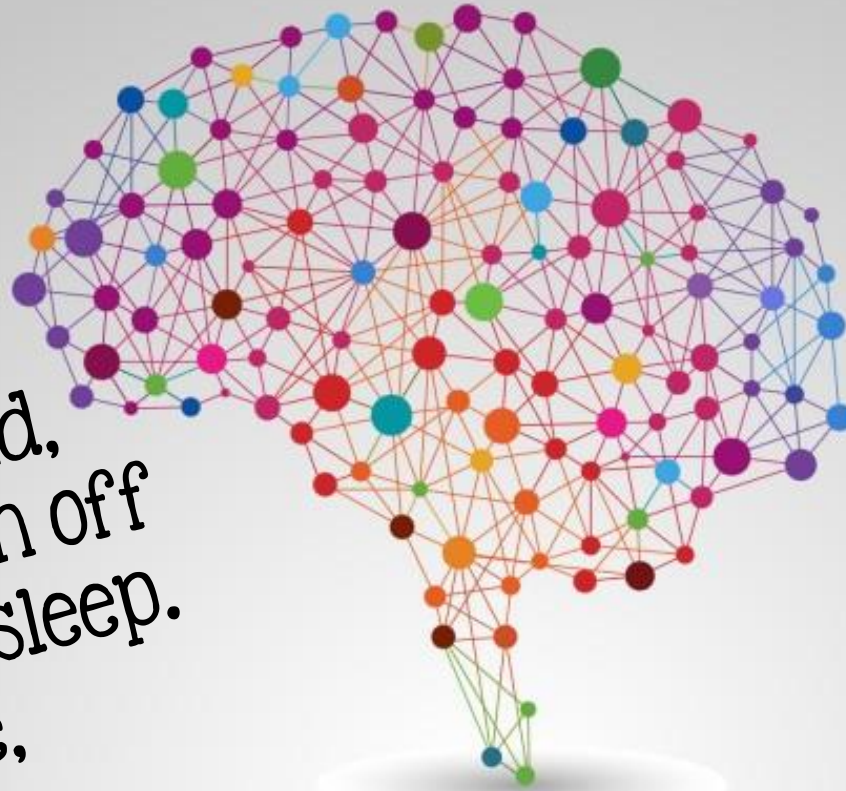
Ideas, Ideas, Ideas!



What if...
What about...
Could I...
What things...

*"What do you do
with an idea? You
change the world!"
~Linda Teed*

My Imagination!

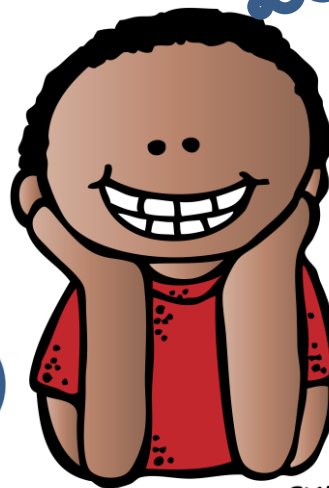


Dear Mind,
Please turn off
and go to sleep.
Love,
Me

*"Creativity is just making
interesting connections
between things."
~Steve Jobs*



Imagine!



Read!

Write!

Create!



"We learn by doing." ~ Aristotle

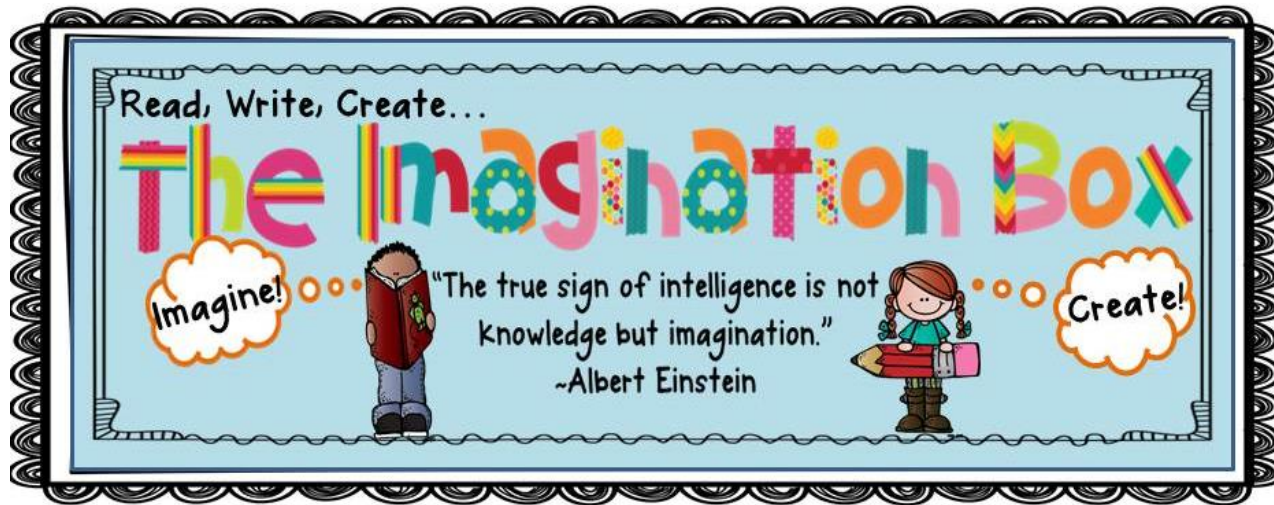
*"It's the time you spend on your rose that makes your
rose so important."
~The Little Prince
Antoine de Saint-Exupery*

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Create!



"The air is full of ideas. They are knocking you in the head all the time."
~ Henry Ford



Big Question One: Why Boxes?



*"Life is like a box of
chocolates. You never know
what you're going to get."
~Forrest Gump*

What's in the
box?

?

?

Can I look
inside?

Can I take
a peek?

?

Big Question One: Why Boxes?

What's inside?



*"A box gets their attention!"
A box "reels them in!"
~Linda Teed*



a treasure!

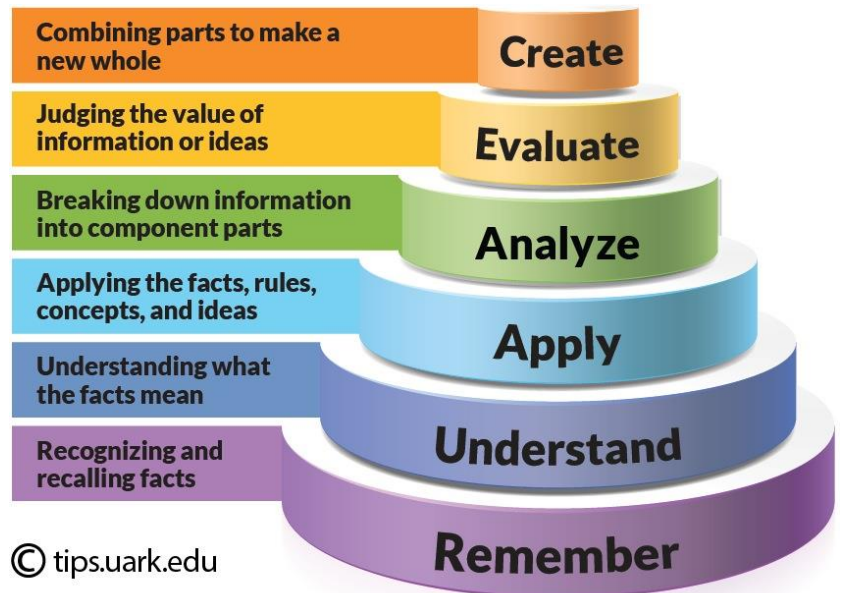
Big Question Two: What's the purpose?



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*"Creativity is the highest
form of intelligence."
~Griss Jami*

Bloom's Taxonomy



Big Question Three: What age?



I bet my brother
and
little sister would
love this
box!

*"Imagination is the beginning
of creation."*

~George Bernard Shaw

Big Question Four: What size/kind of box?



cardboard box



lunch
box



banker box



hat box

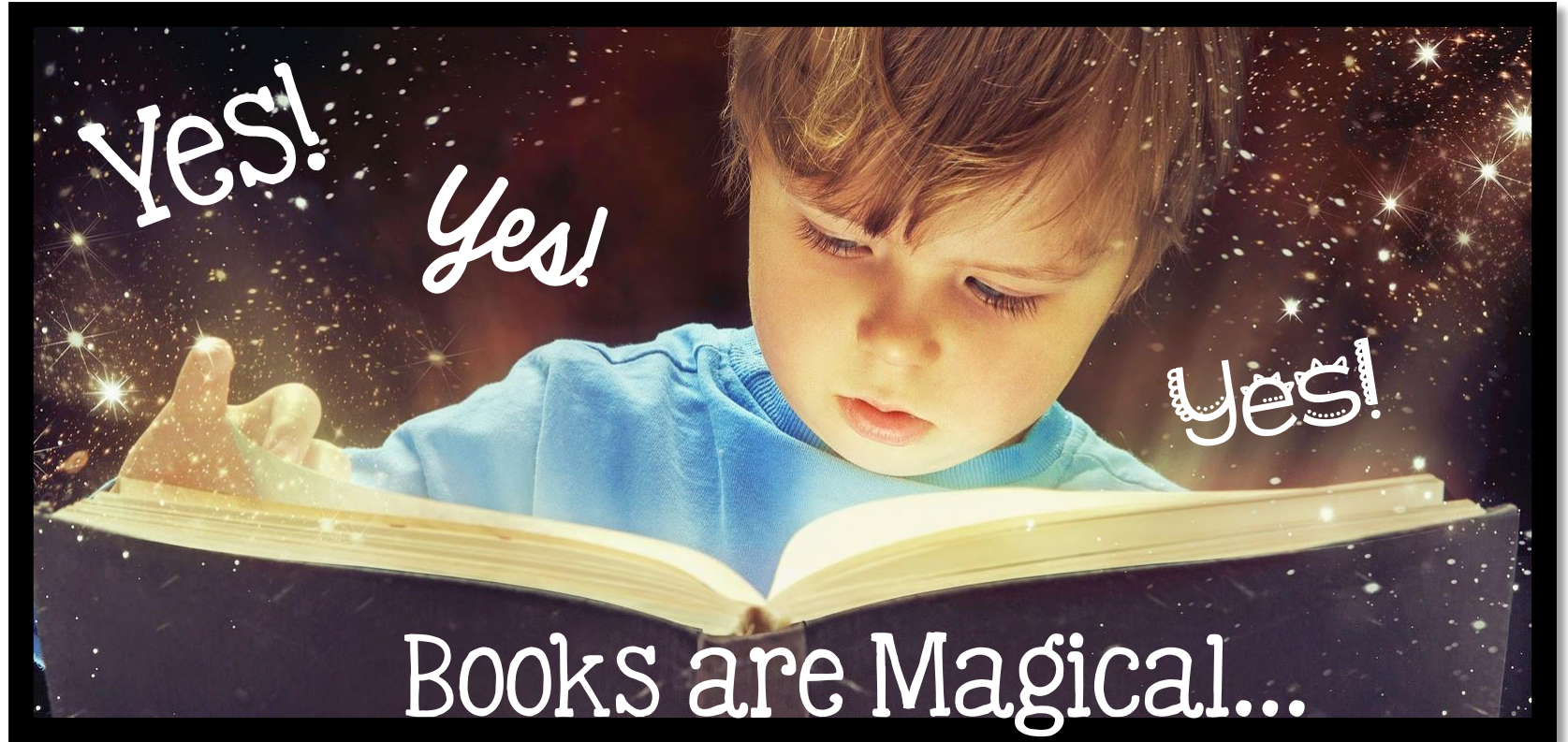
*"A box is just a box...unless...it's NOT a box."
~Anonymous*

Big Question Five: What theme?

- ~sports
- ~animals
- ~favorite chapter books
- ~inventions
- ~seasons
- ~science topics
- ~food
- ~famous people

"Tell me what you pay attention to and I will tell you who you are." ~ Jose Ortega y Gasset

Big Question Six: Do I need to include books?



*"One child, one teacher, one book, and one pen can change the world."
~Malala Yousafzai*

BRAINSTORM #1

What would you put inside?

Theme: Butterflies!



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Big Question Seven: What's in the box?



"In my career, I've found that thinking "outside the box" works better if I know what's "inside the box."

~ Dave Grusin, Award winning jazz composer and musician

Big Question Seven: Play Doh...Legos...



*Let's
create!*

"Children don't need a box to be anything more than a box. We didn't really need to make the box into anything, we just need to give the children the box and step back... ~Amy, Child Central Station

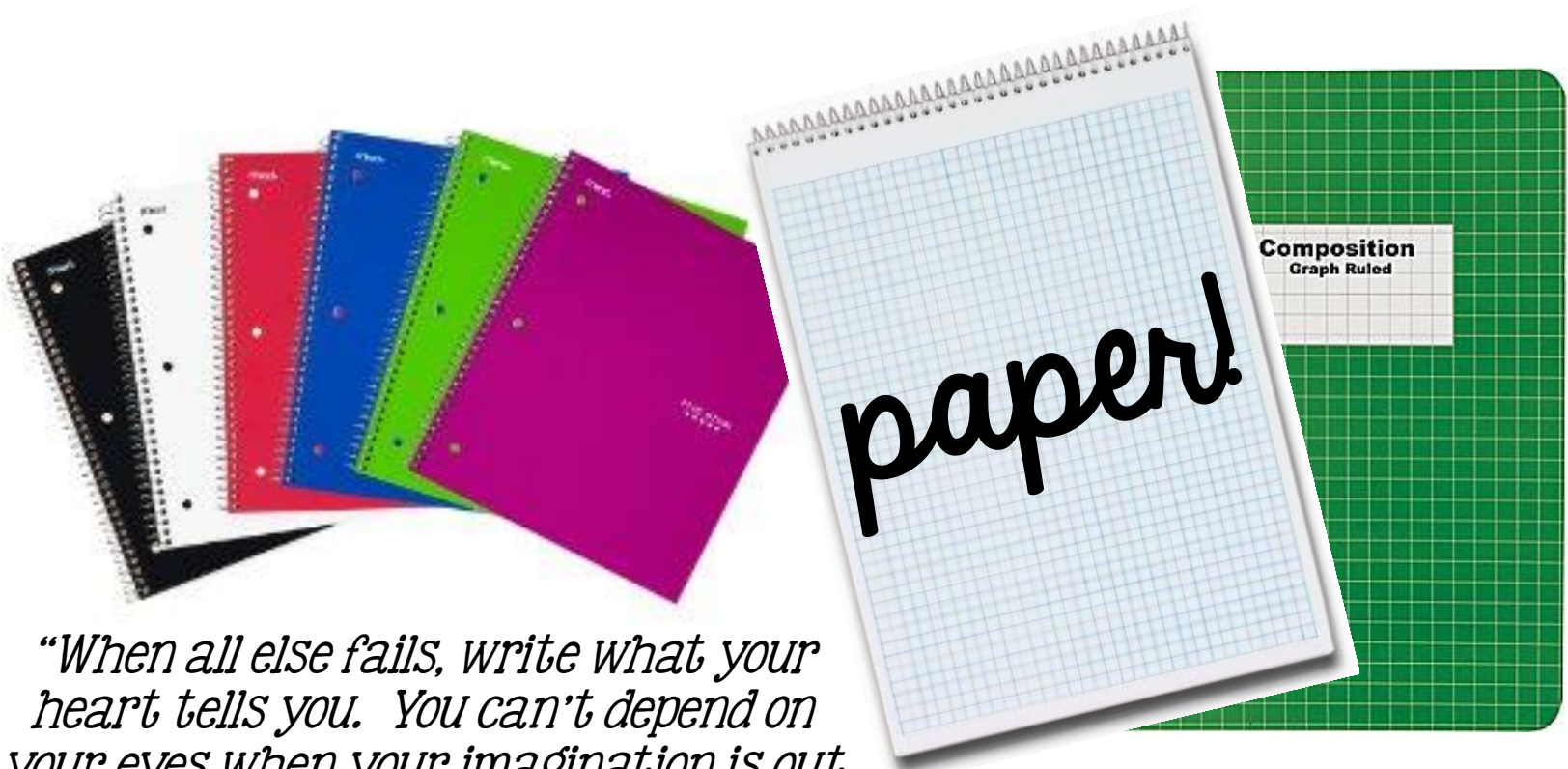
Big Question Seven: Supplies to create...

craft sticks



*"Nothing is a mistake. There's no win and no fail. Only make."
~Gorita Kent and John Gage*

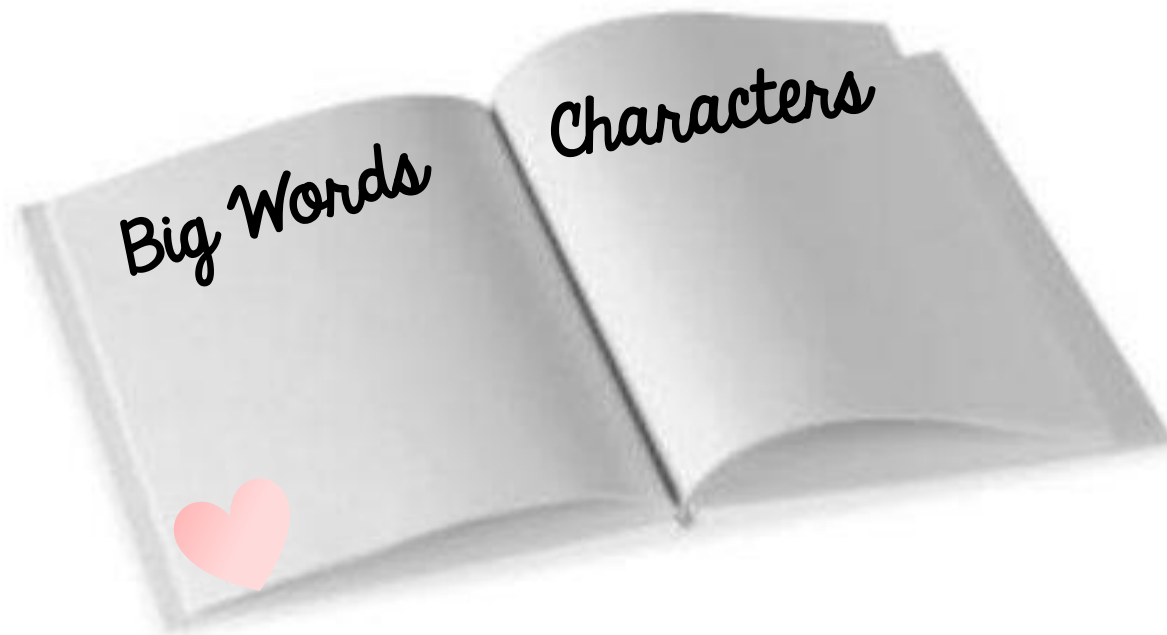
Big Question Seven: Lots to write on...



"When all else fails, write what your heart tells you. You can't depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus."

~Mark Twain

Writing with bound, blank books



*"You fall only if you stop writing."
~Ray Bradbury*

Big Question Seven: What's inside the box?



"Learning takes place best when young children are engaged and enjoying themselves."

~Kathy Hirsch-Pasek

Big Question Seven: T shirts!



*Tell a story
on a t shirt!*

*"Write what should
not be forgotten."
~Isabel Allende*

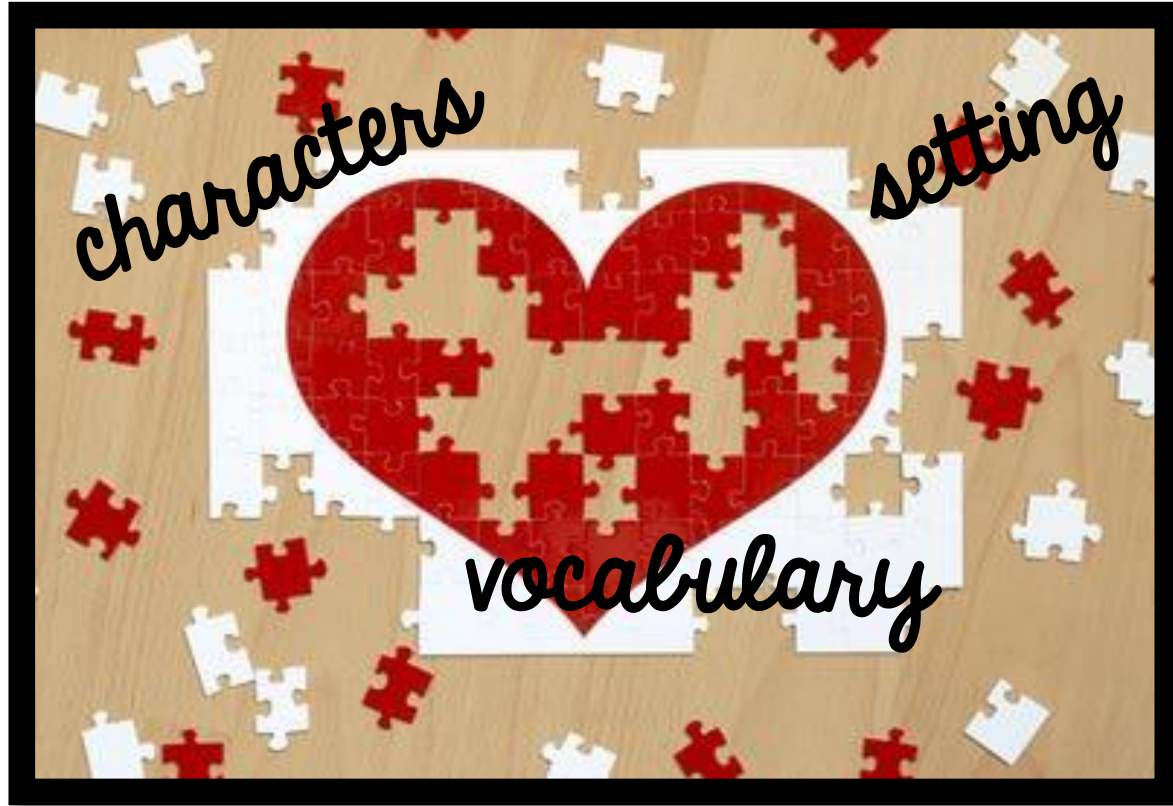
This to this...

paper
books!



*"I'm at the mercy of whatever character comes into my head."
~Kate Dicamillo*

What about puzzles?



*"It's not about the pieces.
It's how they work together."
~Anonymous*

Things don't have to be new!

this

to

this



*"To invent you need a good imagination and a pile of junk."
~Thomas Edison*

What can you do?

imagine

create

write

read



*"I don't think outside of the box; I think
of what I can do
with the box."
~Anonymous*

This to this...



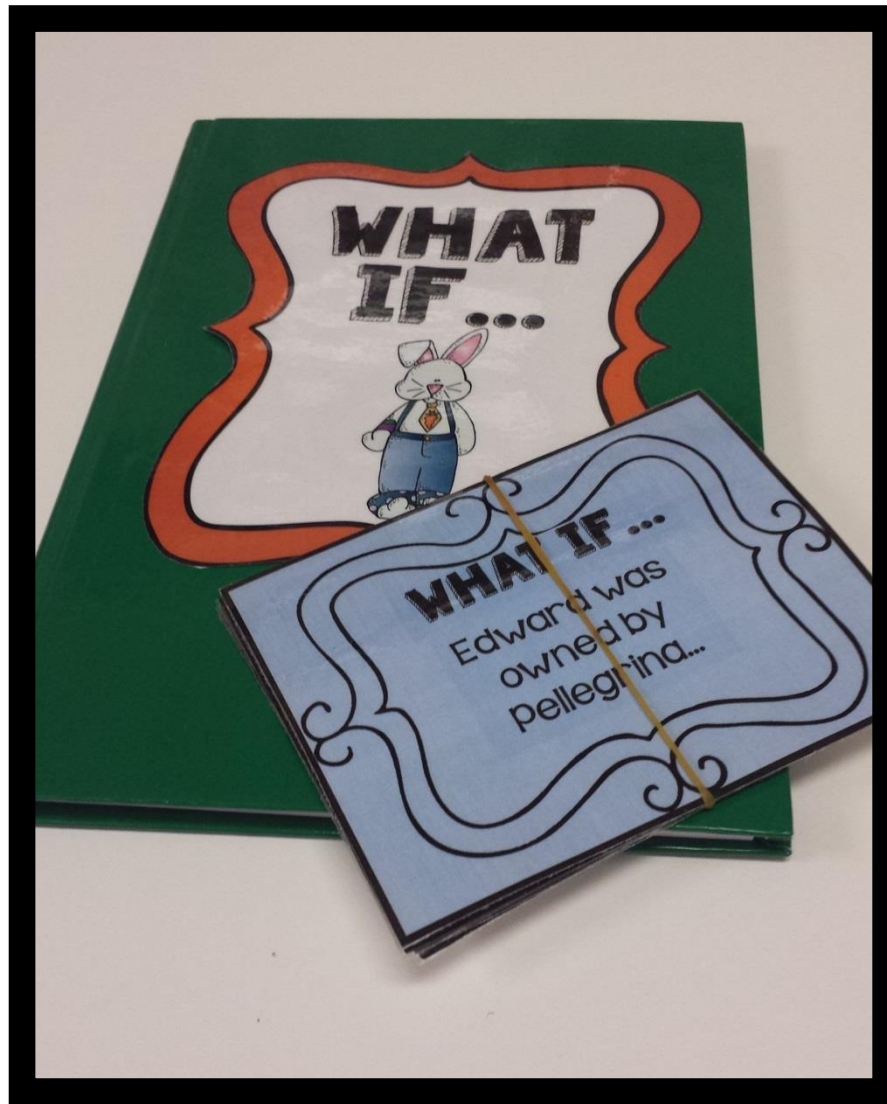
*"Junk is the ultimate merchandise. No sales talk necessary."
~William Burroughs*

Or...What if's to write...

*make
connections*

*Create new
connections*

*"What if I fall?
Oh, but my darling,
What if you fly?"
~e.h.*



*Use
schema*

*Make
inferences*

*What
if...*

Bags in the Box! Organize!

by chapter...
(book)

by project...
(poetry)



by steps:
bag #1
bag #2
bag #3
(science)

*"I am a day dreamer and
a night thinker."*

~l.t.

BRAINSTORM #2

What might be a great theme?



*"Every idea has an opportunity for something good.
You just have to look for it!"
~Kobi Yamada*

Big Question 8: How do I put the box together?

*“Open your heart.
Someone will come
for you.
But first you must
open your heart.”
~The Miraculous
Journey
of
Edward Tulane*



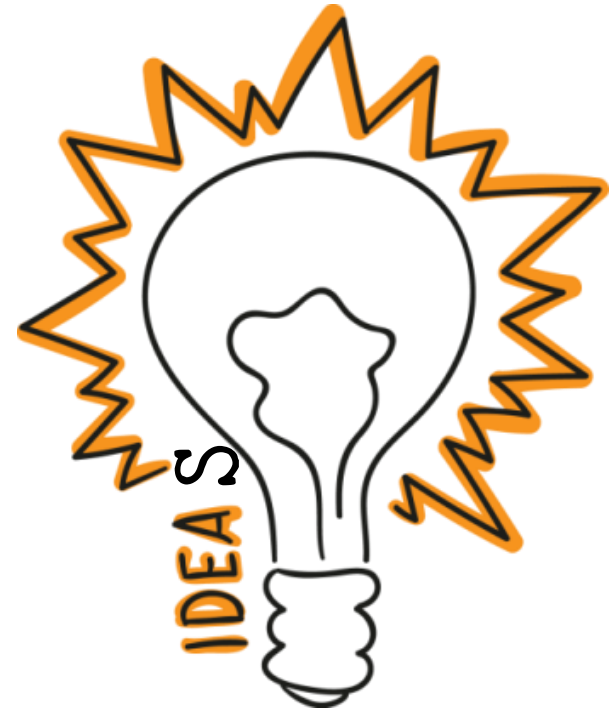
Start with a box!



*"The world is a magical
place, where you decide
your own adventure!"
Unknown*

Pick a theme!

Theme =



"Creativity is the process of having original ideas that have value. It is a process; its not random.

~Ken Robinson

Choose a Book or books!

Reading
is



a
hoot!

*"I do believe something very magical can happen when
you read a good book."
~J.K. Rowling*

What's the purpose of this box?



purpose determines context



*"Ideas are like rabbits. You get a couple and learn how to handle them; and pretty soon you have a dozen."
John Steinbeck*

You know your students...
Content is also determined by
them!



"Sometimes things aren't clear right away. That's where you need to be patient and persevere and see where things lead."

~Mary Pierce

Create a box full of wonder and excitement!



*"A child's world is fresh and new and beautiful, full of wonder and excitement...
Give a child a sense of wonder so indestructible that it will last throughout life."
~Rachel Carson*

Create a box that they will remember!



*"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."
~Ben Franklin*

T shirts courtesy of Edward!



*"The desire to write grows with writing."
~Desiderius Erasmus*

T shirts courtesy of Edward!



*"Girl power is about teamwork, not competition."
~Anonymous*

Big Question Nine

How long do you use the boxes?



*As long as it
takes and you
have time for!*

Be prepared to have
your students ask you
often to revisit
them!

"Remember that life is a great balancing act!"

~Dr. Seuss

Where do you store the boxes?

Let us create...
Let us imagine...
Let us show
you...

Make them
available!



*"Opportunities are like sunrises. If you wait too long you miss them."
~William Arthur Ward*

Where do you create? The Creation Station!



It's all about creating!

Imagination Box Rubric

Teacher Graded Rubric

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Student Name: _____

5 = Outstanding, 4 = Very Good
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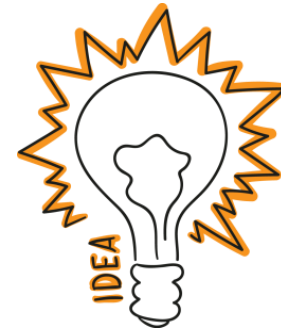
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Project Based Learning

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world!

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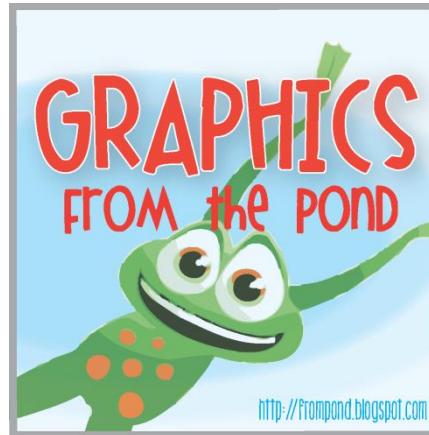


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Your Questions...



*"...Because answers exist only with questions!"
~Mungara Tarou Krishnamurti*