

Pennsylvania One Book Activity Guide

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Before Reading

Have your child look at the cover of the story and make predictions. Where does the story take place? Who are the characters in the story? What do you think the story is about?

Ask your child if they have ever had an experience where they fell. How did it feel? What were their emotions when this happened?



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During Reading

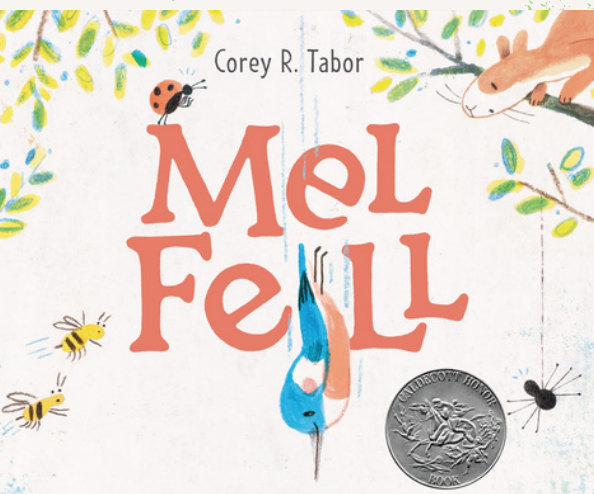
Throughout the story, ask your child to make predictions about what may happen next. What might happen to Mel as she continues to fall? Do you think Mel will fly?

Ask your child to think about a time when their friends tried to help them, or they tried to help their friends. Talk about how they felt and why.

After Reading

Discuss the word bravery and ask your child what they think it means. Ask your child when they have been brave. Ask when in the story do they think Mel was being brave.

Go outside or to a local park with your child. Listen to the different sounds you hear. Can you tell where they are coming from? Can you tell what is making those sounds?



Sing it!

Little Bird

Sung To: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

Little bird, little bird, fly around,

Up to the sky, down to the ground.

Little bird, little bird, flap your wings.

Open your beak and sweetly sing.

Little bird, little bird, fly to your nest.

Now it is time to take a rest.

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Make It!

Bird Watching Binoculars

Materials Needed:

2 empty cardboard tubes Glue or tape String, yarn, or ribbon
Decorating supplies, such as markers, crayons, stickers or tissue paper (optional)

Attach the cardboard tubes together with glue or tape. Decorate the binoculars however you choose! You can paint them, color them with crayons or markers, collage with paper scraps, cover them in stickers. There is no wrong way to do this step! Optional: If you want to wear your binoculars, add a strap. Cut or poke a small hole on the outside edge of each cardboard tube. Tie on a piece of yarn, ribbon, or string to make a strap. (STANDARD AREA(s): *Creative Thinking and Expression - Communication Through the Arts*)



Make It!

Paper Bag Nest

Materials: narrow paper bag and scissors

Trim off the top of the paper bag, leaving 3-4 inches of the bottom part of the bag. Roll the top edge of the bag outward. Continue to loosely roll the bag until you get to the bottom. When you get to the bottom, squeeze and shape to make a nest. Add candy eggs, stones or other objects! (STANDARD AREA(s): *Creative Thinking and Expression - Communication Through the Arts*)



Try It!

Bird Seed Writing

Materials: Plate and bird seed, finger, stick or other writing tool
Optional: You can also use flour, sand, or sugar in place of the bird seed.

Pour a small amount of bird seed onto the plate. Use a finger, a stick or other writing tool to draw letters, numbers or designs in the bird seed. (STANDARD AREA(s): *Language and Literacy Development - English Language Art*)

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