

Teacher Resource Guide – Brady and the Secret Fairy

Door

A Literacy, Science & Social-Emotional Learning Companion

Recommended Grades: Preschool – Grade 2

Themes:

- Kindness
 - Curiosity
 - Imagination
 - Nature
 - Friendship
 - Caring for Living Things
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Vocabulary

Before reading, introduce a few key words. Encourage students to listen for them during the story.

Word	Child-Friendly Definition
Fairy	A tiny magical helper from stories and folklore.
Garden	A place where flowers, vegetables, or plants grow.
Curious	Wanting to learn or discover something new.
Adventure	An exciting experience or journey.
Glow	To shine with a soft light.
Whisper	To speak very quietly.
Kindness	Doing something thoughtful or helpful for someone else.

Nature	Everything found outdoors, including plants, animals, rocks, water, and trees.
Imagine	To create pictures or ideas in your mind.
Wonder	To think about something with curiosity and amazement.

Writing Prompts

Choose one or more writing activities depending on grade level.

Kindergarten

Draw your own fairy door.

Tell your teacher what is behind it.

Grade 1

If you discovered a fairy door in your yard, what would happen next?

Grade 2

Write a letter to Puck.

What questions would you ask him?

Creative Writing

Imagine you become a fairy for one day.

How would you help people?

What would your special fairy power be?

Opinion Writing

Should Brady have opened the fairy door?

Why or why not?

Use details from the story.

SEL Discussion

Kindness is Real Magic

Discuss:

- How did Brady show kindness?
 - Why is kindness important?
 - Has someone ever shown kindness to you?
 - What is one kind thing you could do today?
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Curiosity

Discuss:

What does it mean to be curious?

Can curiosity help us learn?

Can curiosity sometimes get us into trouble?

How do we know when it's safe to explore?

Caring for Nature

Talk about:

How can we take care of plants?

Why shouldn't we pick every flower?

How do we help butterflies and bees?

How can our playground become more beautiful?

Classroom Challenge

This week, complete one "Fairy Mission."

Ideas:

- Help a friend.
- Pick up litter.
- Water a plant.
- Smile at someone.
- Include someone in a game.
- Write a thank-you note.
- Help at home without being asked.

Create a classroom "Fairy Kindness Tree." Add a paper leaf each time a student completes a Fairy Mission. Watch your tree grow throughout the year.

Science Extension

Nature Detectives

Go outside.

Observe:

- flowers
- insects
- leaves
- tree bark
- birds
- clouds

Ask:

What do you notice?

What do you wonder?

Record observations in a Nature Notebook.

Pollinator Investigation

Learn about:

- Bees
- Butterflies
- Hummingbirds

Questions:

Why are pollinators important?

What flowers do they visit?

How do they help gardens grow?

Extension:

Plant pollinator-friendly flowers in a school garden or container.

Oak Tree Investigation

Since Brady lives beneath the Fairy Oak Tree:

Collect:

- acorns
- oak leaves
- bark rubbings

Compare:

How are oak leaves different from other trees?

Why do animals depend on oak trees?

Art Lesson

Design Your Own Fairy Door

Materials

- Cardboard
- Construction paper
- Popsicle sticks
- Buttons
- Leaves
- Twigs
- Flowers
- Paint
- Markers

Challenge students to create a fairy door that matches their personality.

When finished, students present:

“My fairy’s name is...”

“My fairy likes to...”

“My fairy helps...”

Display the fairy doors around the classroom to create a Fairy Village.

Nature Collage

Collect only fallen natural materials.

Leaves

Grass

Flowers

Seeds

Sticks

Create a beautiful woodland scene inspired by the Enchanted Farmhouse.

Discuss why we only collect items that have already fallen to the ground.

STEM Challenge

Build a Fairy Bridge

Materials

- Popsicle sticks
- Straws
- Craft sticks
- Pipe cleaners
- Tape
- String

Challenge:

Can you build a bridge strong enough for Puck to cross?

Test by placing small objects (pom-poms, marbles, toy figures) on the bridge.

Discuss:

What made your bridge stronger?

How did your team solve problems?

Build a Fairy House

Materials

Natural objects only:

- sticks
- pinecones

- bark
- pebbles
- moss
- leaves

Design criteria:

- ✓ Protect Puck from the rain.
- ✓ Include a tiny door.
- ✓ Add a garden.
- ✓ Make it blend into nature.

Students explain their engineering choices.

Fairy Door Engineering Challenge

Can you design a fairy door that actually opens and closes?

Students experiment with:

- paper hinges
- fabric hinges
- brass fasteners
- magnets
- Velcro

Compare which designs worked best.

Cross-Curricular Connections

Reading

- Making predictions
- Retelling story events
- Character traits
- Story sequence

Writing

- Narrative writing
- Opinion writing
- Friendly letters
- Descriptive writing

Science

- Pollinators
- Plant life cycles
- Habitats
- Oak trees
- Observation skills

Art

- Mixed media
- Nature-inspired design
- Sculpture
- Color and texture

Engineering

- Planning
- Testing
- Improving designs
- Teamwork

Social-Emotional Learning

- Kindness
- Curiosity
- Responsibility
- Empathy
- Stewardship of nature