

Teacher Resources – Welcome to the Enchanted Farmhouse

Grades K–2

A companion guide for classrooms, homeschool families, and story time.

Learning Objectives

Students will:

- Build vocabulary through context clues.
 - Practice listening comprehension.
 - Develop empathy and teamwork.
 - Make connections between literature and nature.
 - Use creativity to solve problems.
 - Explore the scientific role of hummingbirds, trees, weather, and gardens.
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Vocabulary

Introduce these words before reading.

Word	Child-Friendly Meaning
Enchanted	Filled with magic
Fairy	A tiny magical being
Tempest	A very strong storm
Trellis	A wooden structure plants climb
Herbs	Plants used for cooking or medicine
Promise	To give your word to do something
Protect	To keep something safe
Courage	Being brave even when something feels scary

Sparkle	To shine with tiny flashes of light
Blossom	A flower opening
Roots	The part of a plant that grows underground
Magical	Something wonderful that seems impossible

Before Reading

Ask students:

- What do you think makes a place magical?
 - Have you ever heard strange sounds outside?
 - What animals visit your yard?
 - If you found a tiny door in a tree, what would you think?
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After Reading Discussion

Comprehension

- Why did the flowers grow so quickly?
 - Who lived inside the oak tree?
 - Why did the fairies ask Tutu and Papa to keep a secret?
 - What happened during the Great Tempest?
 - How did everyone help save the tree?
 - What happened after the storm?
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Writing Prompts

Choose one.

Kindergarten

Draw your own fairy.

Finish the sentence:

If I found a fairy door, I would...

First Grade

Write about your own magical garden.

What would grow there?

Who would visit?

Second Grade

Pretend you are one of the fairies.

Write a letter to Auntie Tutu thanking her for protecting your home.

SEL Discussion

Theme: Working Together

Ask:

- What problem did everyone face?
 - Could one character solve it alone?
 - How did each person help?
 - When have you worked together to solve a problem?
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Theme: Keeping Promises

Ask:

- Why are promises important?
 - Have you ever kept an important promise?
 - How does it feel when someone keeps their promise to you?
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Theme: Caring for Nature

Discuss:

- Why are big trees important?
 - What can we do to help plants and animals?
 - Why should we take care of places we love?
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Science Extension

Hummingbirds

Research:

- How fast can hummingbirds flap their wings?
- What flowers do they like?
- Why are hummingbirds important pollinators?

Students can create a hummingbird fact sheet.

Oak Trees

Investigate:

- How old can oak trees become?
- What animals depend on oak trees?
- What grows underneath an oak?

Create an “Oak Tree Community” poster.

Weather Watch

Learn about storms.

Discuss:

- What causes thunder?
- What causes lightning?
- How can we stay safe during storms?

Create a classroom weather journal.

Art Lesson

Build a Fairy Door

Materials:

- Cardboard
- Popsicle sticks
- Bark
- Leaves
- Pebbles
- Paint
- Glue

Students design a fairy door that blends into nature.

Display them around the classroom library.

STEM Challenge

Build a Fairy House

Challenge:

Build a fairy house using only natural materials.

Students may use:

- Sticks
- Pinecones
- Bark
- Leaves
- Pebbles
- Acorns

Requirements:

- ✓ Must stand on its own
- ✓ Must include a door
- ✓ Must include a roof
- ✓ Must protect fairies from rain

After building, students explain:

- Why they chose their materials
- How their design keeps fairies safe
- What they would improve

Nature Journal

Take students outside.

Draw:

- One flower
- One insect
- One bird
- One interesting leaf

Write:

Today I noticed...

Extension Activity

Fairy Garden Observation

Over one week, students quietly observe the school garden or a nearby tree.

Each day they record:

- Birds
- Bees
- Butterflies
- Wind
- New flowers
- Interesting sounds

Then ask:

“What kinds of real-life magic did you discover?”

Cross-Curricular Connections

Reading: Story elements, sequencing, character traits

Writing: Narrative and descriptive writing

Science: Plants, weather, habitats, pollinators

Art: Mixed-media fairy doors and nature crafts

Engineering: Building fairy houses

Social-Emotional Learning: Cooperation, empathy, responsibility, gratitude

Family Connection

Invite families to continue the adventure at home.

Enchanted Farmhouse Family Challenge

Take a nature walk together and see if you can find:

☐ A bird

☐ A butterfly

☐ A hummingbird

☐ A flower

☐ An interesting rock

☐ A giant tree

☐ A tiny door-shaped knot in a tree

☐ Something that makes you wonder

When you return home, ask:

“Where did we find a little bit of magic today?”