

MEI MEI

FLYING WITH FLAIR!



Grade Level: Elementary (Recommended for grades 1-3)

Objective: Students will explore themes of courage, resilience and creativity as they embrace a journey of confidence building and individuality through the story of Mei-Mei.

Materials Needed: A copy of "*Mei-Mei Flying With Flair*" by Jaybie D., paper, pencils, art supplies (optional).

Introduction (15 minutes): Introduce the book to the students. Briefly discuss the title, cover, and any initial thoughts or predictions about the story. Lead a discussion with the theme centered on courage, resilience and creativity. Ask students what these words mean to them and why they are important.

Reading and Exploration (30 minutes): Read the book to the students, stopping occasionally to discuss key events, characters, emotions and illustrations. Discuss Mei-Mei as a character. How does she change throughout the story? How does she show courage, resilience and creativity?

Activity Inspired By Mei-Mei's Journey (30 minutes): Younger students can draw a picture of themselves doing something they love or are good at. Older students can write a short story that reflects their own unique talents or strengths with flair. Allow students to share their creations with the class. Discuss similarities and differences.

Wrap-Up (15 minutes): Lead a final discussion about what the students learned from Mei-Mei's story. Ask them how they can apply courage, resilience and creativity in their own lives. Conclude the lesson by emphasizing how these actions build confidence, the importance of embracing individuality and celebrating each other's strengths.

Extension Activity (Optional): Create a classroom display showcasing students' artwork or stories inspired by Mei-Mei. This can serve as a reminder of the lesson's themes throughout the school year.