



Educator Guide

~Little Bee: The Storytime Extravaganza~

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Welcome to the Educator Guide for ***Little Bee: The Storytime Extravaganza*** (Annick Press, 2026) written by Danny Neville and illustrated by Colleen McKeown. This document is meant to support and enrich the reading experience through hands-on activities, vocabulary-building exercises, writing prompts, and discussion starters. Although it says 'educator' guide, anyone is welcome to use these pages. Have fun!

~Danny



Building a Diorama

Pick your favourite scene from *The Storytime Extravaganza* and make a 3-D representation.

Materials: Cardstock, scissors, glue, art supplies



Fold your piece of paper in half

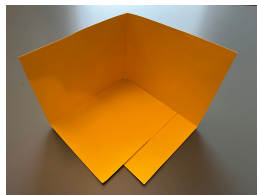


Open it up and fold it in half the other way.

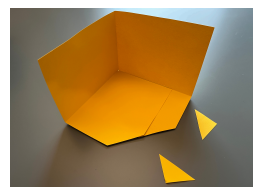


Next, starting from the long side of the paper, cut along the fold until you get to the middle.

Do all of the writing now! It's much easier to work on a flat piece of paper.



Slide one half of the bottom over the other half and glue in place.



Trim off the triangles sticking out.

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Writing Prompts

Describe a habitat.

Find some information about your favourite type of butterfly. Where do they lay their eggs? What do the caterpillars eat? How about the adult butterflies? Write a descriptive paragraph that tells about their habitat. You could pair your writing with the diorama activity in this guide.

Persuade your principal.

Write a letter to your principal (or Principal Silva from the book), convincing them to host a drag storytime in your school. Come up with three reasons why hosting such an event might have a positive impact on your school community.

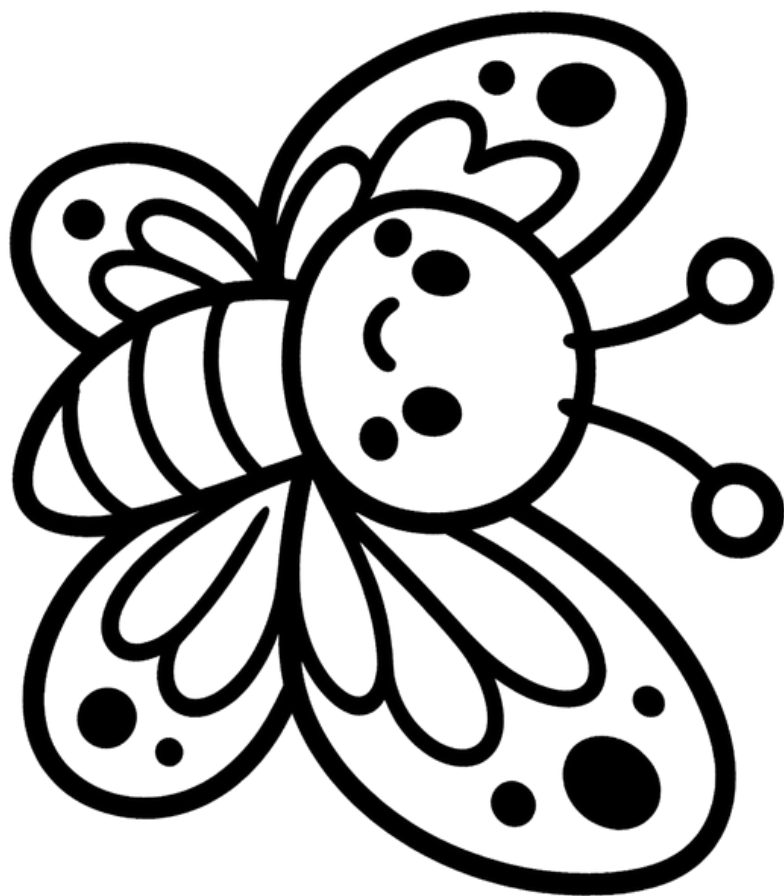
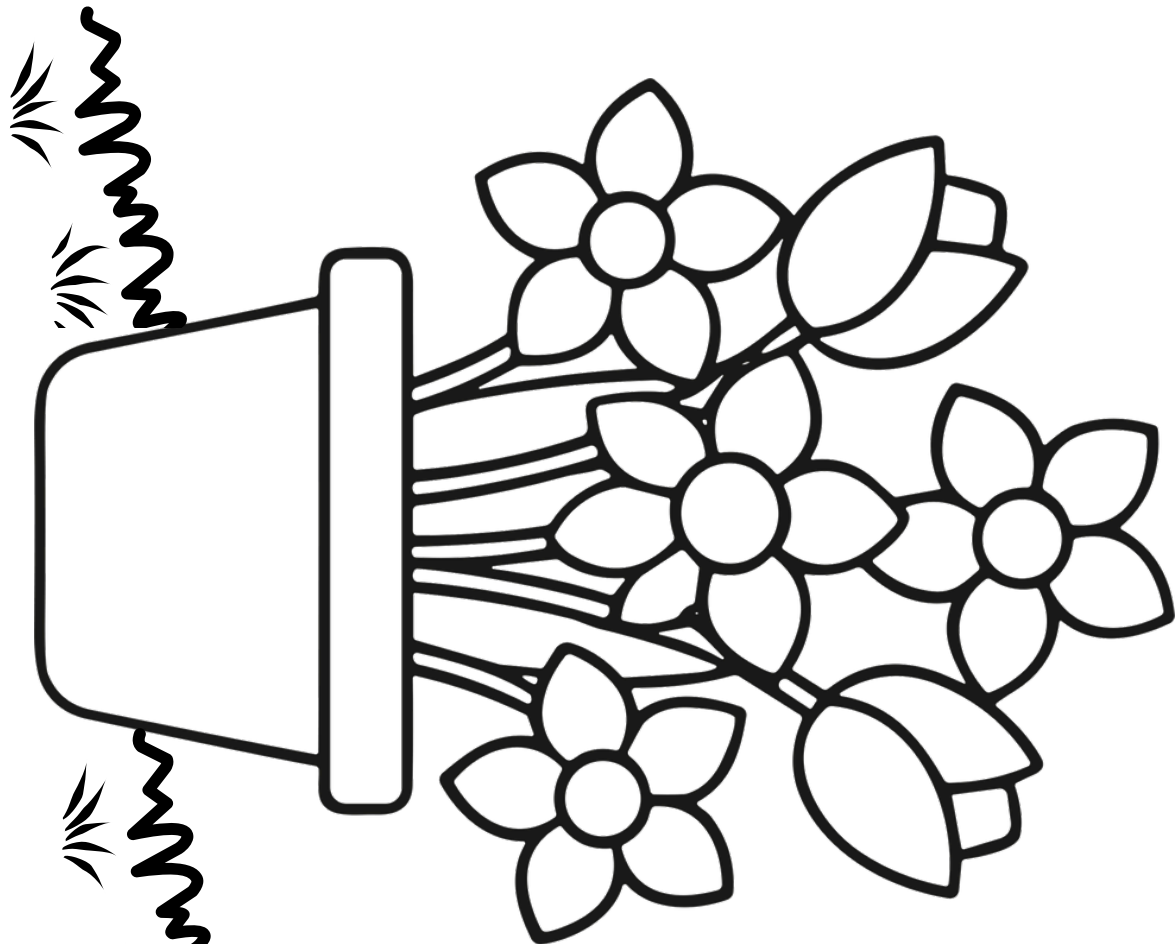
Write a thank you note.

In the book, the friends come up with a way to say thank you to Uncle Andy for his help. Think of someone who has helped you recently. It might be a friend, classmate, teacher, or family member. Write a note that lets them know how they helped you and why you are grateful for their support. Don't forget to deliver the note!

Create a new cookie recipe.

Check out Uncle Andy's Favourite Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cookie recipe, then use the template to create your own by replacing the chocolate chips with something else. What would you add?





The Storytime Extravaqanza



A **scene** in a book is one part of the story that happens all in one place and time. What was your favourite scene from the book? The part where Blake first notices Tiam in the hallway? The brunch scene? The butterfly release party? Create a short comic strip that retells the scene.

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RECIPE CARD



Title: Uncle Andy's Favourite Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cookies

Cook time: 10-12 mins

Prep time: 15 mins

Makes: 24 cookies

Ingredients:

- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup white sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 ½ cups flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 ½ cups rolled oats
- 1 cup chocolate chips



Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350F. Wash your hands. Sift the flour, baking soda, and salt together. Set aside.

Beat the butter and both sugars together until fluffy. Add the egg and vanilla, then beat until combined. Add the flour mixture and combine, then mix in the oats and chocolate chips.

Roll the dough into small balls with your hands. Spread them out on a baking sheet and bake for 10-12 mins, then let cool completely.



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| ☐ WINGS | ☐ LIBRARY |
| ☐ BAKING | ☐ SPARKLY |
| ☐ CATERPILLAR | ☐ RAINBOW |
| ☐ CHRYSALIS | ☐ SLEEPOVER |





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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



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Please remember that the suggested questions within this educator guide are meant to serve as a starting point. Educators are encouraged to select questions that work best for their style of teaching and will help them meet their goals when covering the topics in this book. Prompts should be adapted to best fit your students, context, and community to ensure equity and inclusion.

1. What did you know about butterflies before you read this book? What interesting facts did you discover from the book?
2. If you had to pick one favorite insect, what would it be? Why would you choose that one? How about your least favorite insect?
3. If you've read *Little Bee: The Buzz About the Party*, you may have noticed a change in Penny's character. What do you think has changed for her? How is she different from the first book to the second? What do you think made her change?
4. At the end of Chapter 4, Bee and Sarah see how sad Tiam is feeling and decide to help him. What is something you could do for a friend who is feeling sad? Why do you think that might help them?
5. What do you know about drag queens? Did you learn anything new from *The Storytime Extravaganza*?
6. Has anyone ever made fun of you for something? Have you ever witnessed someone else being teased? How did you feel? What did you do?
7. In the book, Tiam does a few things that he doesn't normally do, like play video games with Santiago and Dylan, or try to join the other kids playing baseball. Why do you think he did these things?
8. On p. 14, Blake asks Tiam why he doesn't "act like a normal boy"? What do you think this means?
9. On pp. 54-55, Bee tells her papa about Blake's "like a girl" comment. Have you ever heard anyone say this? What do you think it means? How does it make you feel?
10. Inside a chrysalis, a caterpillar changes into a butterfly. Can you think of a time when you needed to change or adapt? How did it make you feel?

11. Use a dictionary to look up the definition of bullying. What does it say? Do you think Blake's words and actions qualify as bullying? Why or why not?
12. Bee and her friends love brunch, a delicious mix between breakfast and lunch. What different foods would you include on your fancy brunch menu? Compare with a friend.
13. In your opinion, what is the best kind of cookie? Defend your answer by coming up with three reasons why your cookie choice is better than the rest.
14. If you see someone being left out of a game, what are some small things you could do to help?
15. Think about a time when you felt left out or when someone wasn't nice to you. How did it make you feel? What is something that might have helped you in that moment?
16. A bunch of the kids at school paint their pinky nails and sign a petition in support of Tiam and Drag Queen Storytime. This is called "activism"—they used their voices to make real change happen. Have you ever had an experience like this? Do you feel like your voice matters in your community?
17. Did this book change your perspective on anything? What new or interesting idea will you carry with you now that you have read this book?



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