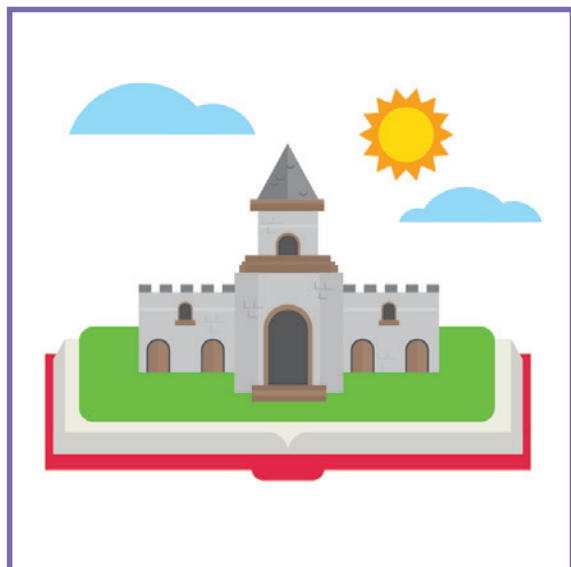




THEMES FIRST! FAIRY TALES AND FABLES

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This Month's Theme Unit Is "Fairy Tales and Fables"

There are some stories that never get old: tales of magic, adventure, and growth. This month's theme unit—*Fairy Tales and Fables*—journeys through eight classic stories, from "Little Red Riding Hood" to "The Boy Who Cried Wolf." Students work independently and collaboratively to explore the plots, settings, and themes that distinguish these beloved tales.

The *Fairy Tales and Fables* unit offers students opportunities to consider character traits and narrative structures. Group activities, independent work, art, science, and cooking lessons strengthen writing, math, and reading proficiency while reinforcing listening and social skills. Games, songs, life skills, and circle exercises guide students toward a greater understanding of responsibility, empathy, and overcoming challenges.

All lessons throughout the theme address a diverse range of student skill levels. As students work through the *Fairy Tales and Fables* unit, they make connections between fiction and reality, gain confidence, and learn valuable life lessons.

Theme Unit Vocabulary:

"Little Red Riding Hood": Wolf, Forest, Ears, Teeth, Eyes, Cottage, Basket, Grandma, Hood, Girl, Boy / **"The Three Little Pigs":** Pigs, Straw, Sticks, Bricks, Blow, House, Three, Chimney, Big, Little / **"Goldilocks and the Three Bears":** Goldilocks, Baby Bear, Mama Bear, Papa Bear, Chair, Bed, Hard, Soft, Porridge, Hot, Cold, Bowl, Broken, Kitchen, Bedroom, Sleeping, Tasting, Sitting / **"The Ugly Duckling":** Nest, Egg, Ducklings, Duck, Reflection, Lake, Cat Tail, Hatched, Farmer, Swan, Different / **"The Tortoise and the Hare":** Tortoise, Hare, Race, Run, Nap, Finish Line, Fast, Slow, Win, Lose, Cheer, Boast / **"The Lion and the Mouse":** Lion, Mouse, Kindness, Jungle, Net, Asleep, Paw, Thorn, Grabbed, Roar / **"The Ant and the Grasshopper":** Ant, Leaf, Sun, Rocks, Seeds, Grasshopper, Work, Play, Chirp, Crops, Field, Food, Winter, Rest, Summer, Fall, Spring / **"The Boy Who Cried Wolf":** Cried, Sheep, Lies, Villagers, Hill, Laugh, Creep, Chase, Truth, Village / **Colors:** Red, Green, Brown, Pink, Yellow, Blue / **Shapes:** Square, Rectangle, Triangle, Circle, Diamond, Star

What We Are Learning about Fairy Tales and Fables:

- Character traits
- Storytelling
- Life skills: healthy habits

- Fairy tale crafts
- Identifying life lessons
- Science inquiry

- Introducing narrative structure
- Describing settings
- Collaborative games

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