

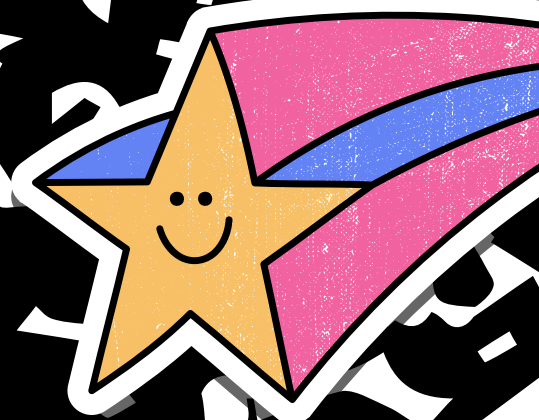
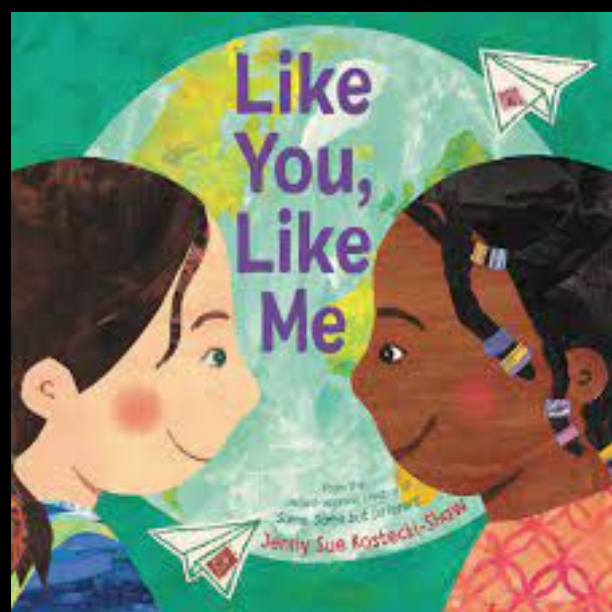
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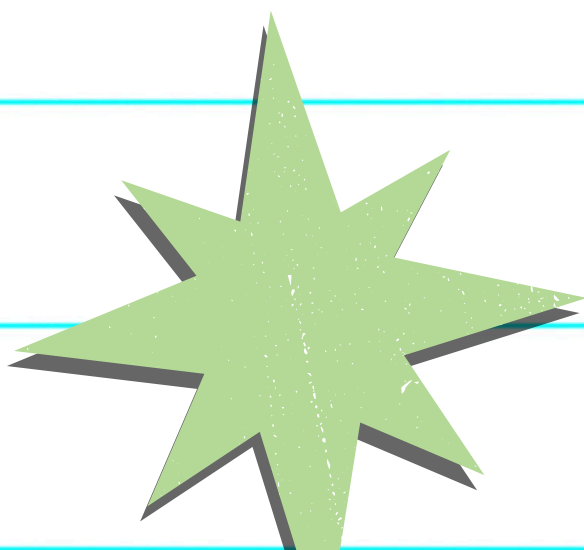
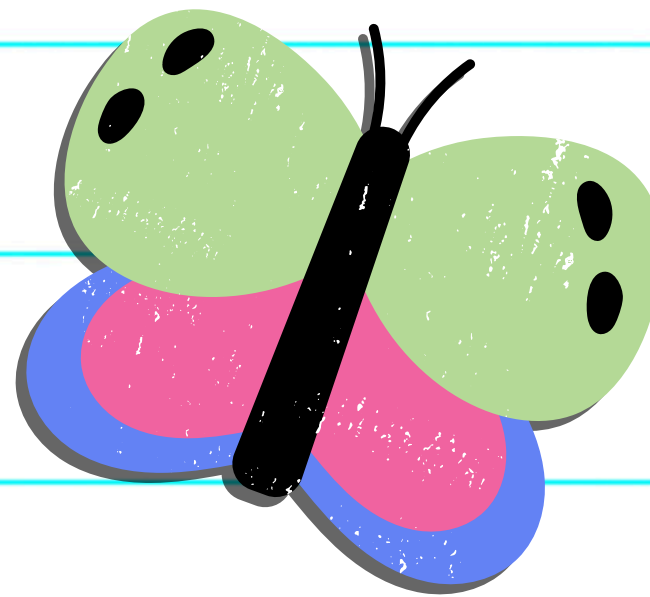
Like You, Like Me

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Grade and Colorado Academic Standard



Grade Level: 2nd grade
**Content Area: Reading, Writing, and
Communicating**
**Colorado Academic Standards
Info:**

- **Standards Category: Writing and Composition**
- **Grade Level Expectation: Write informative/explanatory texts organized around the main ideas which are supported by relevant facts, details, and definitions.**
- **Evidence Outcome: Write letters and “how-to’s” (for example: procedures, directions, recipes) that follow a logical order and appropriate format.**
- **Colorado Academic Standard information retrieved from <https://www.cde.state.co.us/apps/standards>.**
- **View the full standards at <https://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/standards>**

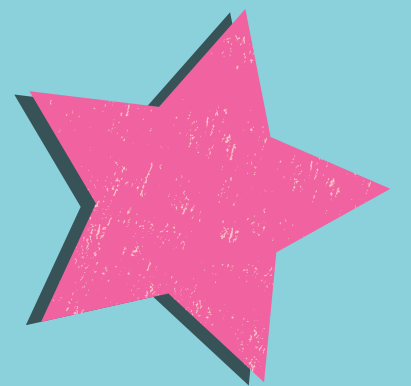


Picture Book Puppet Show!

Each small group of students will make a paper bag puppet of their favorite character in the book *Like You, Like Me* by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw.

Activity Overview!

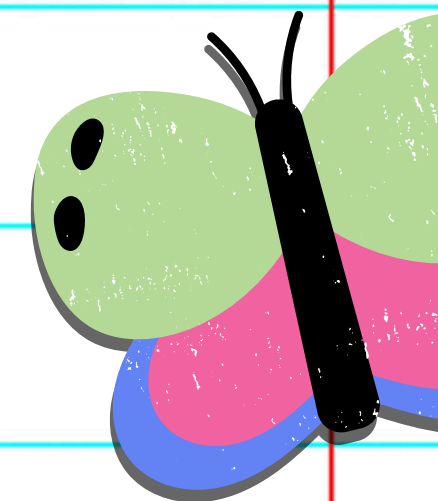
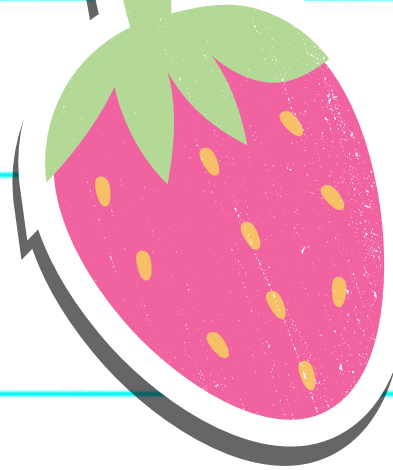
- **Students will have 20-30 minutes to create their puppets; then once they are done, they'll have 15 minutes to write a letter to their puppet. Students will then act out their letters!**
- **Then each group will perform their scene in front of the whole class.**
- **Finally, lead a group reflection on what the students liked about this activity and the book and why they chose that character for their puppet.**



Materials

- Paper bags or socks
- Markers/crayons/colored pencils
- Paper for letters
- Googly eyes, yarn, fabric scraps
- Scissors and glue
- Space to perform the letters
- Copies of the book





Directions for Activity



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To introduce this activity, start by reading the book again. Ask your students who their favorite character is and their favorite part of the story. Show your example and get them excited about a fun puppet show.

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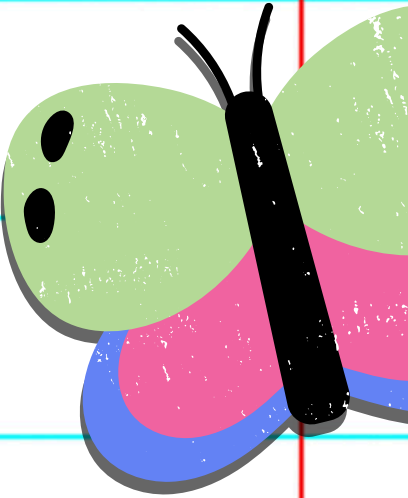
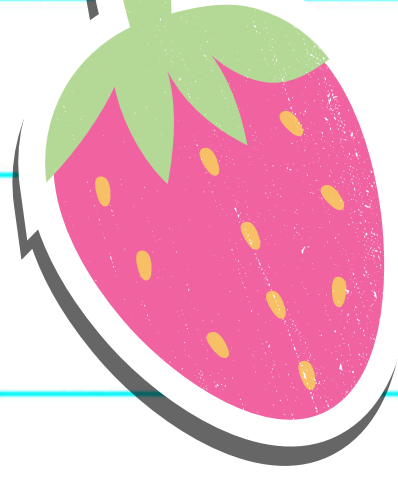
The first step is to hand out the materials. Decide if you want to use socks or bags. Then put a little bit of each material at each group's place. Allow time to make the puppets.

3

- Model and explain how to write a letter to their puppet, reviewing format and ideas for details and questions to include. Example on slide 7!
- While they are writing, set up the "show area" behind desks or a curtain. Make it festive and fun!

4

Have the students check their letters with you, and edit the letter as needed with them.



Directions for Activity (cont.)

5

Before the show starts, state the ground rules:

- Clap/ snap for everyone
- Give everyone the support you want while performing
- HAVE FUN!!

6

Students take turns performing their letters for the class. Note when students are hitting the important points in the book as well as ways they are having fun.

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To wrap up the activity, have your students discuss what they enjoyed as well as what was challenging. To take it a step further, ask why the students chose the character they chose.



Letter Example

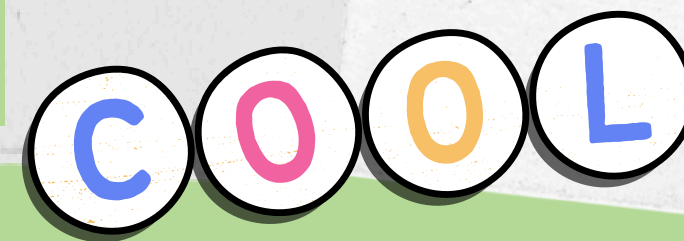
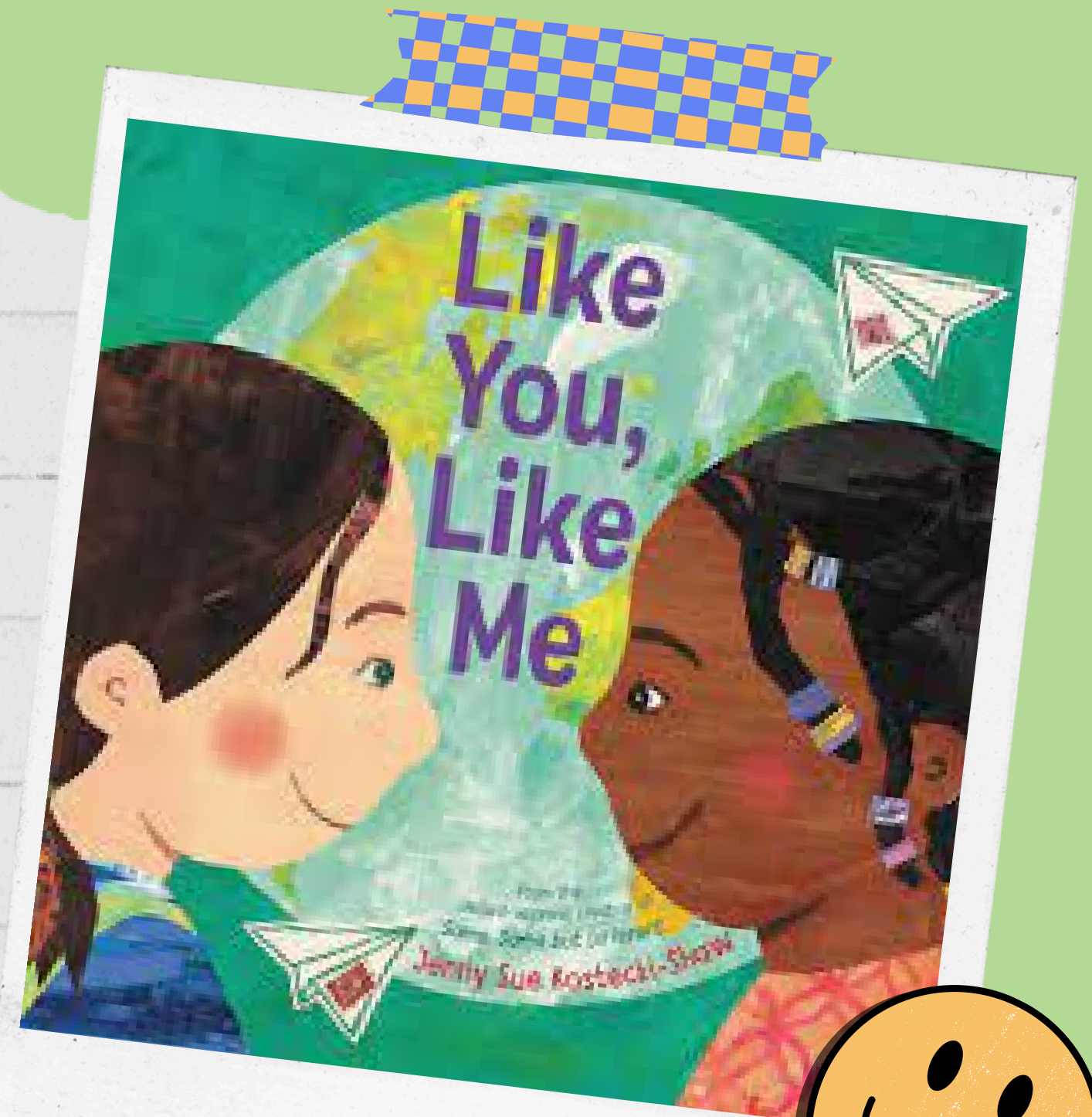
October 7, 2024

Dear Tulsi,

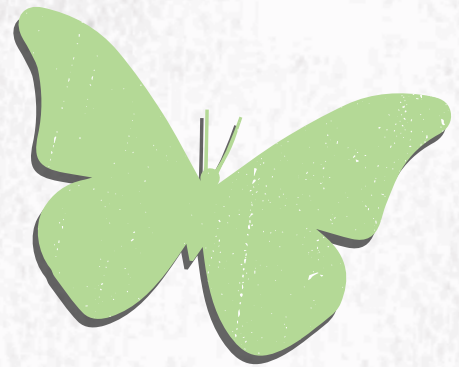
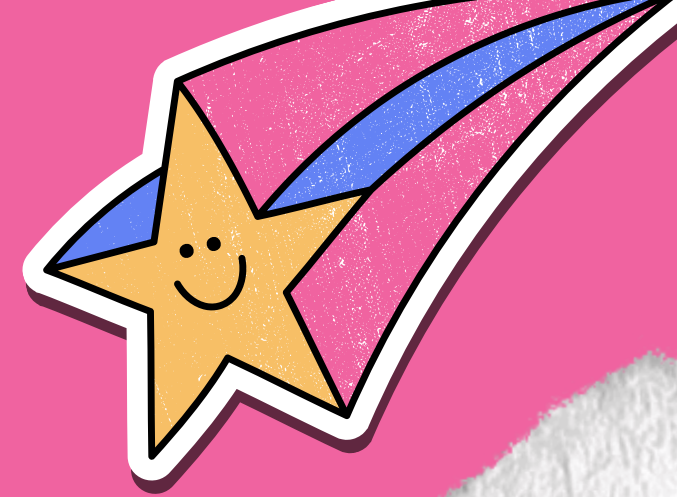
I live in the mountains too! I have 2 dogs named Murphy and Daisy and I love them. I live in the Colorado mountains, so my mountains are different than your mountains in New Mexico. Do you have bears where you live? We do. How many other pets do you have, other than Shanti? I can't wait to hear from you! Bye Tulsi!

Sincerely,

Maya*





Final Thoughts





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We also hope you can join us on Saturday, November 9 at the Boulder Public Library to meet Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw and hear more about Like You, Like Me in-person... along with other authors and illustrators! For more information, visit <https://www.colorado.edu/event/bookfest>