

Cozy Classroom

# Inclusion and Friendship



Learning & Activity Packet 6



Dear Educators

Welcome to the Learning & Activity Packet we have prepared to extend the thinking and learning that were explored in our Cozy Corner offering! Cozy Arts believes that learning is something that happens together, and we are excited to learn with you. This resource is appropriate for use with individual students, small groups, or your whole class.

In this packet, we explore the themes of inclusion and friendship. As you saw in “Dragon Next Door” our capacity to extend true friendship to others is an infinite resource. We also learned that creating welcoming spaces is an essential ingrediency to growing our nucleus of friendship to include all peoples, and ensure our communities are fair, healthy, and vibrant.

Our philosophy of “learning together” is built on the principles of Feelings, Friendship, and Fairness. Growing out of these principles, the activities that we present to you in this packet support the development of crucial social-emotional skills in tangible ways. Understanding that your classroom and school are communities in themselves, our activities provide concrete connections to other people, to the larger community, and are oriented towards justice in ways that children can easily understand. If you want to know more about our learning philosophy, please visit [LEARN WITH US.](#)

Each Learning & Activity Packet contains arts-based projects, ideas, conversation prompts, book suggestions, and resources - all thoughtfully crafted and collected to support and extend the learning that began with Rory and our other Cozy Corner friends. There are clear links between these activities and the Massachusetts Primary School Learning Standards - particularly History and Social Sciences Framework Topics such as Kindergarten - Civics: Classroom Citizenship, and Grade 1 - Leadership, Cooperation, Unity and Diversity. We encourage you to make even more connections.

We would like to build a learning community with you and your classroom, so please share your input and suggestions about different activities and conversations you have about inclusion and friendship! We also invite you to send us photos and stories of you and your class putting this learning into action. Email them to [share@cozyarts.org](mailto:share@cozyarts.org) and we will share them on our website!

On behalf of the Cozy Arts community, I want to thank you for joining us on this journey,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Faye Dupras".

Faye Dupras  
Founder / Artistic Director

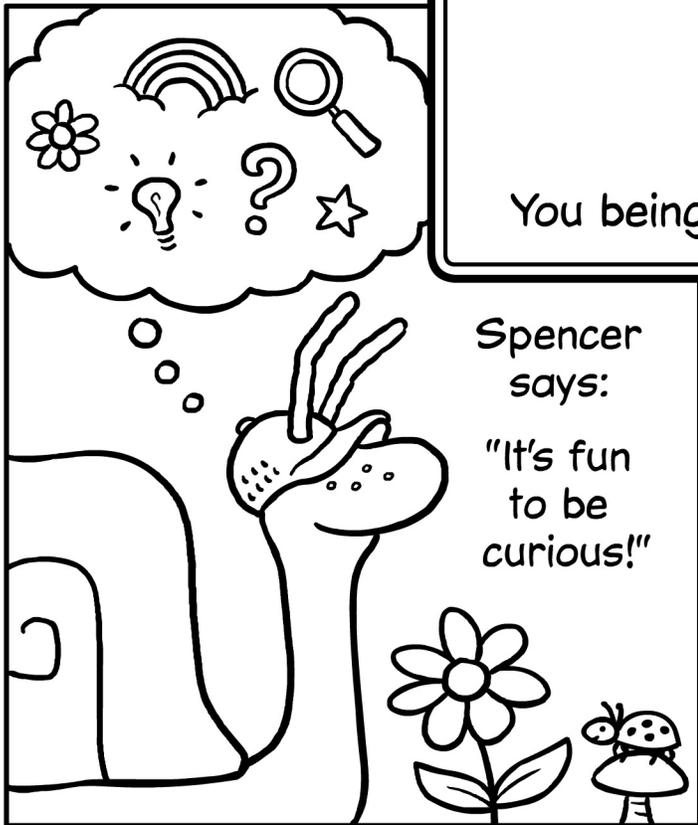
# KID'S COZY COMIC!

An interactive letter for children



Draw, write, or describe...

You being welcoming.



## COZY WORDS

Cozy Corner is informed by the qualities of kindness, empathy, respect, fairness, equity, and trust. The words we use are important and shape the ways in which we behave in the world around us. Here is a list of words you will hear often in Cozy Corner, and our interpretations of them:

**LOVE** | as a core quality that inspires positive actions and attributes

**FRIENDSHIP** | an expression of love for others, an infinite resource

**CURIOSITY** | fuels learning and helps us expand beyond what we know

**GENEROSITY** | a quality of the heart that involves being present with, and open to, others

**WELCOMING** | an action of expanding our nucleus of friendship to include all peoples, both familiar and less familiar to us

**COMMUNITY** | a group of people working together towards common goals

## THEME WORDS

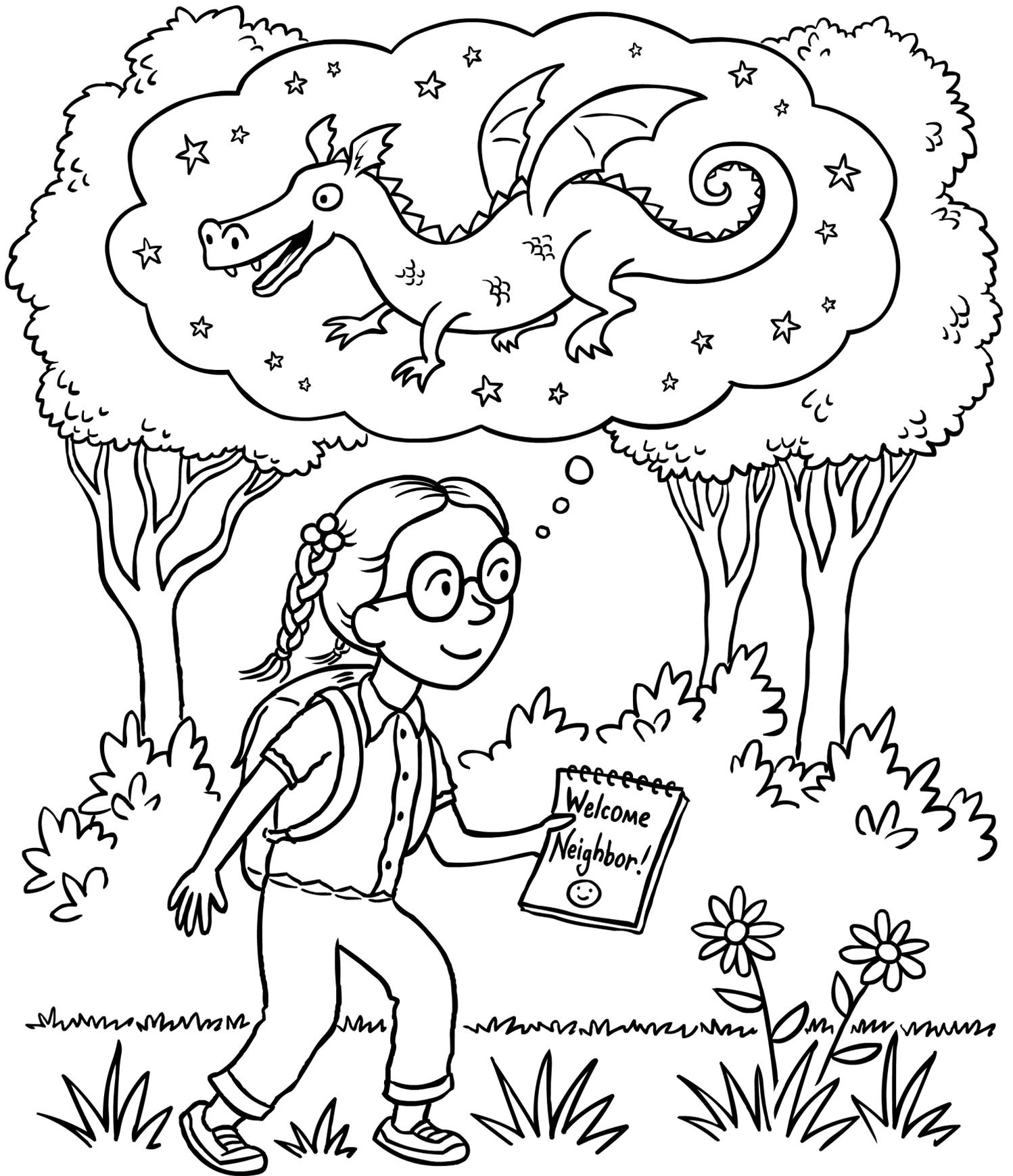
**INCLUSION** | welcoming all people so that everyone has a sense of belonging.

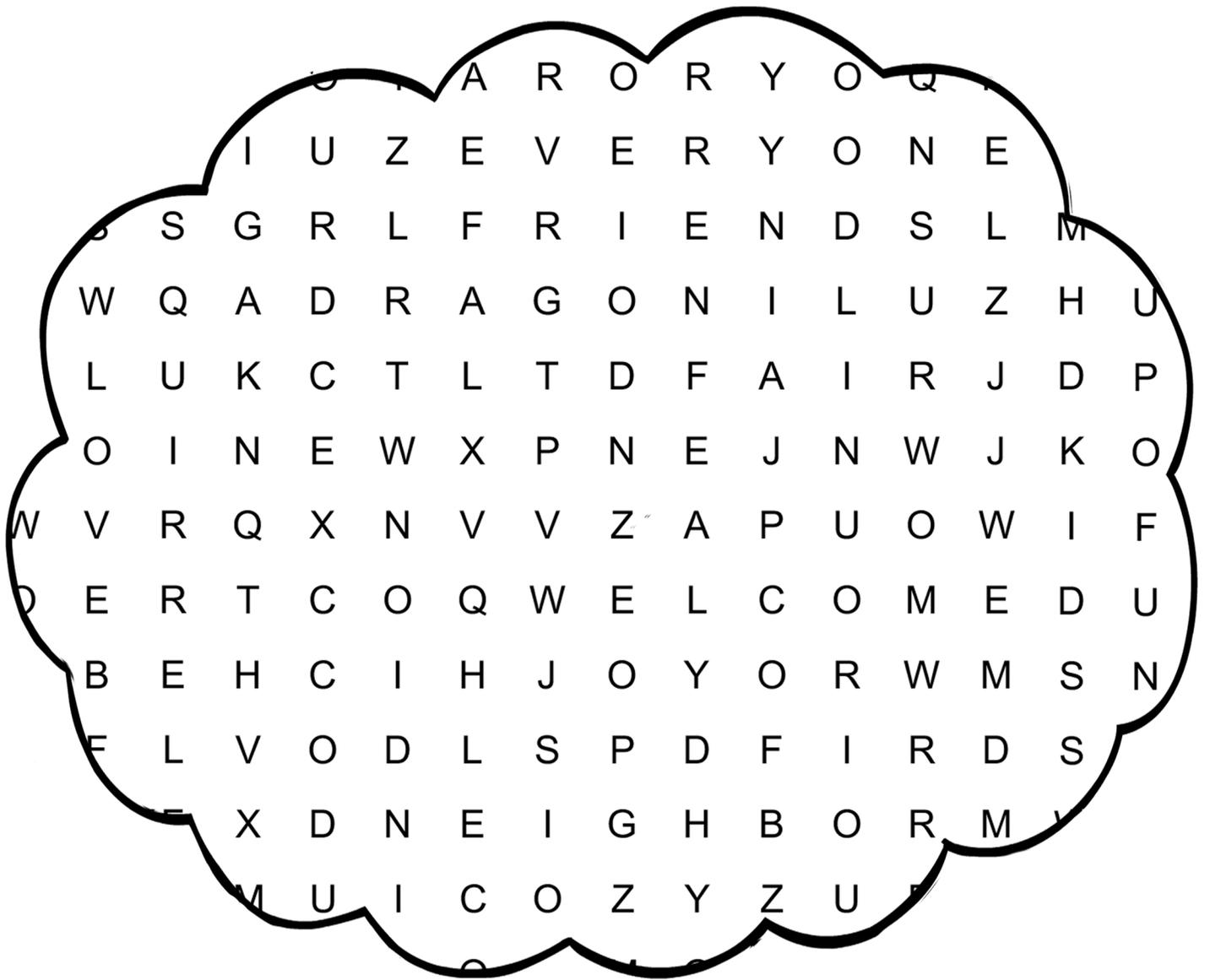
## WHAT DO YOU THINK . . .

prompts for conversation, drama, and drawing

- Why was Rory worried about Trudy making a new friend?
- What did Professor Lumens teach Rory about friendship?
- Why was Squirrel worried about having a new neighbor?
- What did Trudy teach Squirrel about making new friends?
- Have you ever been left out? How did it make you feel?
- What can we do to make everyone feel welcome?
- What can we say when we see someone excluding another person?

[Write us a letter](#) with your questions about Cozy Corner and we will write you back!





- DRAGON
- NEIGHBOR
- WELCOME
- EVERYONE
- NEW
- FRIENDS
- JOY
- FAIR