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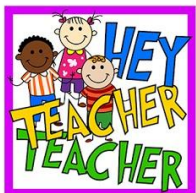
## The Very Lonely Firefly      PreK-2nd Grade

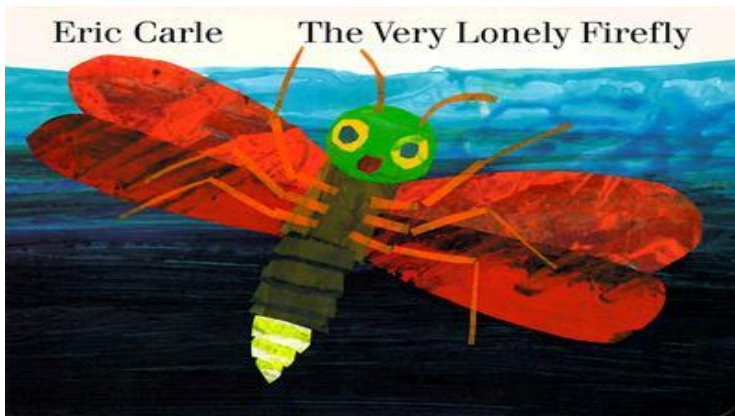
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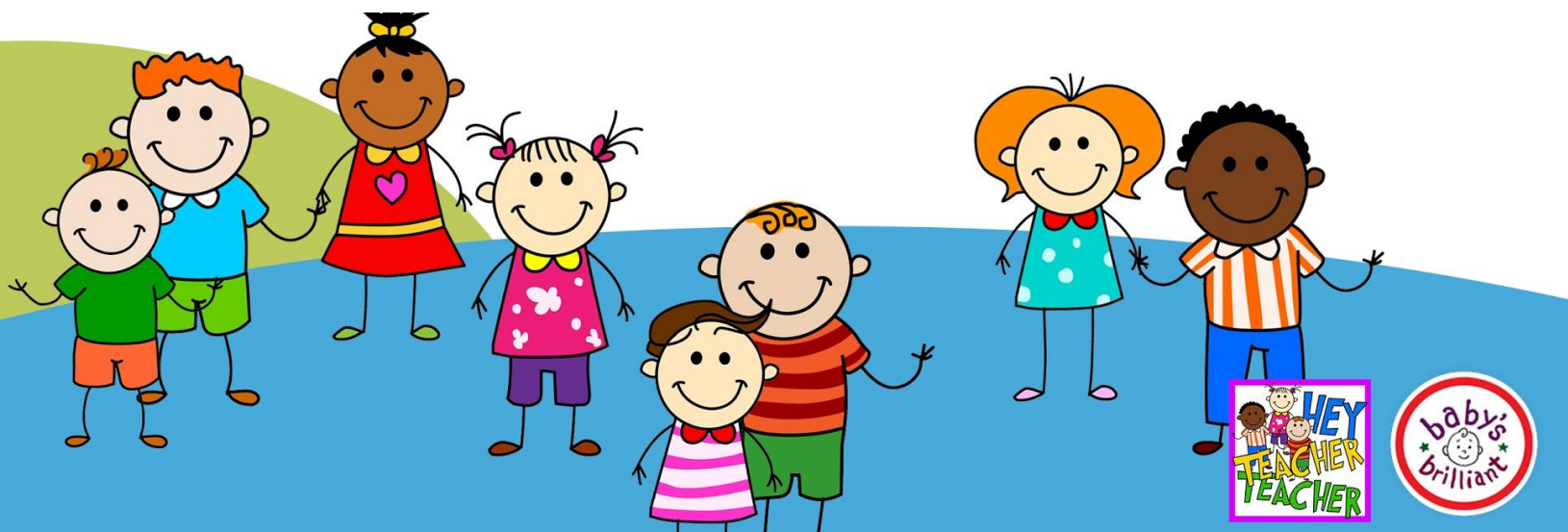
*From the Desk of Tanielle*  
***The Very Lonely Firefly***  
By Eric Carle



When a very lonely firefly goes out into the night searching for other fireflies, it sees a lantern, a candle, and the eyes of a dog, cat, and owl all glowing in the darkness

## Firefly Bulletin Board

Create your own firefly. Our students used a tea light, however gold glitter can be applied to create the light effect on the tip of the firefly's bottom. Group the fireflies in a swarm on a bulletin board with the caption "And he wasn't lonely anymore!"



- What is the insect on the cover? Why do their bottoms light up?
- What does it mean to be lonely? Do you think the lonely firefly will ever find his friends? What kind of friends?
- Discuss sources of light from the story: lantern, flashlight, light bulb, headlights. What other things provide light?

Have kids pretend to fly around like fireflies

- Bring a variety sources of light from the story to show the children: candle, flashlight, lantern. Turn the lights off to demonstrate what kinds of light they provide.
- Turn off all lights so that the children can see the fireflies light up on the last page of the story, which is so AWESOME. Usually this book requires two 1.5 Volt batteries.

Have the students break a glow bracelet and mix with 1 tsp of hand sanitizer and glitter to make a glow jar.

