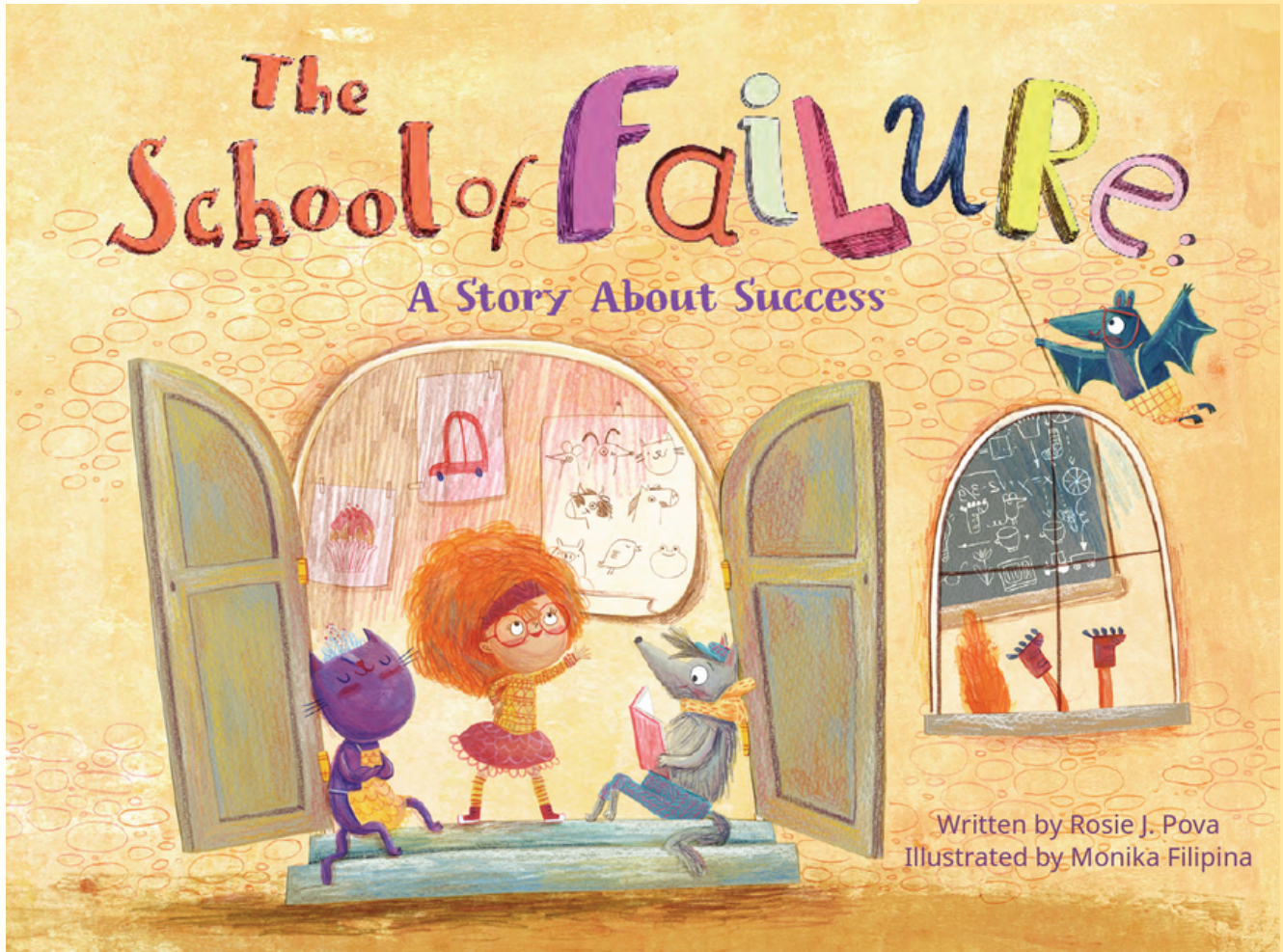


THE SCHOOL OF FAILURE: A STORY ABOUT SUCCESS TEACHING GUIDE & LESSON PLAN

FOR GRADES K-3



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A CHARMING FRACTURED FAIRY-TALE ABOUT HOW THE ROAD
TO SUCCESS IS OFTEN PAVED WITH MISTAKES AND THE MOST
IMPORTANT THING IS TO KEEP TRYING.



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AUTHOR'S NOTE



Dear Reader,

I, too, have had many "failures" on my journey, just like the characters in this book. As a writer, I've received lots of rejections. I've written stories that didn't work, I've made mistakes, I've taken steps in the wrong direction. At times, I've felt downright hopeless.

I remember one tough day when I got a few "no's" from literary agents and publishers, back-to-back. By late evening, yet another one arrived in my inbox. I was crushed. My dream of becoming an author seemed impossible.

I opened my notebook, grabbed my red pen, and wrote, "I GIVE UP!"

But the next day, I found myself doing the same things I've always done as a writer — I wrote, I revised, I researched, I made lists, I looked for new publishing opportunities. Suddenly, it dawned on me that I couldn't give up on my passion, even if I tried. In a way, I failed at failing. And I'm so glad I did!

I started to look at "failure" as my friend — a friend who had my best interest at heart. Someone who re-directed me when I was on the wrong path and presented me with new opportunities that prepared me for what was coming next.

So, I do encourage you to accept "failure" as a friend, too, and take its wise guidance, because it is leading you towards your next great adventure!

May you always follow your dreams and pursue your passions!

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Fun Fact: The very first sentence of the first draft I wrote for this story didn't make it into the final version of THE SCHOOL OF FAILURE that became the published book. But it was that sentence that started it all, and I loved it, so I'd like to share it with you here: "The school of failure was located in the middle of nowhere, but it was the center of everything." (Well, at least it made it into this Lesson Plan guide. ;))

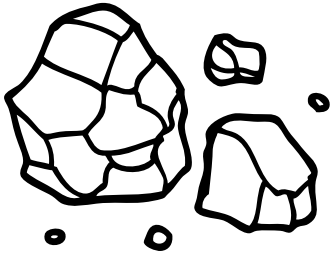
Love,

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LETTER

School starts with the letter S.
What else starts with that letter?









VOCABULARY

Can you explain the word "conundrum"? What is another word for it?

READING COMPREHENSION

Why wasn't Wolfred's poem a fit for Veggie's World Weekly magazine?

Why did Zinderella wear steel-toed stilettos to the dance-off at the castle?

READING COMPREHENSION

Was the Non-Evil Queen able to bake cakes that weren't burned?

Why was Wolfred unable to write the sonnet for Prince Armor?

CRITICAL THINKING

Do you think being famous makes a person happy?

Do you think it's more important to like what you do or to be liked by everyone?

Does being your best mean you have to be perfect?

CRITICAL THINKING

Do you think success is possible without making any mistakes?

Can failure be your friend?

COUNTING

How many items are on the white board?

How many candies are in the candy box that the Non-Evil Queen brought for Wolfred?

OBSERVATION

What animal is the headmaster?

Can you spot 3 objects in the lost and found closet that start with the letter B?

Can you find 4 objects in the lost and found closet that start with the letter C?

What color is Zinderella's hair?

WORD SEARCH

fairy tale character classmate audition failure
success school castle prince comedy baking haiku

A I E R P R H W R I M C O M E D Y N F L
P H Z L M C L A S S M A T E C X M Q M Z
F F A Y K W S S N W D I K R G F U W M W
I X E X T K B U N F B I S T B J T E U T
W C C H O T P V C H W I V Q Q T T G T P
H H H J U K S W T C F B D Y E O Z C Y N
U E H A E J U X P O E A T B Y B P K G N
X M A G R D T K D D S S I B D U C N T C
B A I E O A J U S C O B S L E Y T I D A
W N K M L P C J Y U U V O U U W Z F S B
N Y U U P Q K T T Y G R J N I R O Z V A
J T X A A T U S E W S X S X W O E W K K
U L D H U O D C S R E C R X O T K P O I
Q V U K D D G A J X G W H N O Y E T W N
C R J I I O K S G G E N R O B J R O J G
K T Z S T F U T U U M B D P O Y Y H V G
S X V G I P C L F R I J L M B L M J H C
G X S W O M I E C J B C S Y Y B R L D A
R V B J N U B Q G M F A I R Y T A L E C
M C F Y T X P R I N C E A V B G P E J E

ACTIVITY

How to write a haiku?

Haiku is a Japanese poetic form—a three-line poem in which the first and last line have five syllable, and the middle line has seven syllables.

(5 syllables) -----

(7 syllables) -----

(5 syllables) -----

Write your own haiku:

ACTIVITY

Design and draw a fashionable outfit for Prince Armor.