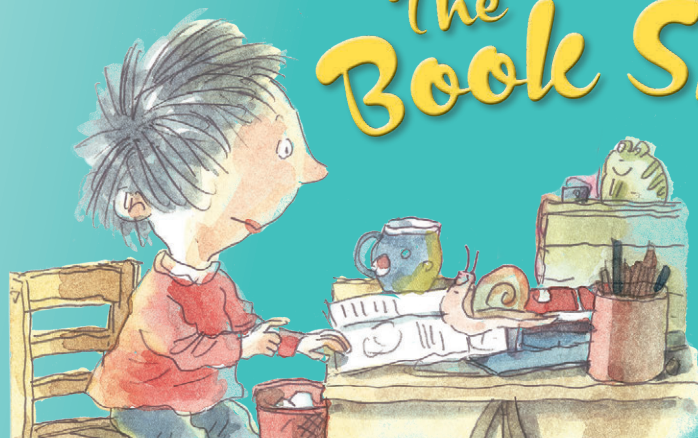# Educator Guide

DISCUSSION

Ask these questions to the class as a whole or have students discuss in small groups. These questions encourage students to consider school–life balance, mental wellness, and books.

1. In the story the child was too busy and wanted a break. For good health, everyone needs a balance of activity and rest. Have you ever been too busy? What did it feel like?
2. The child's parents said there couldn't be any adventures or fruit until after homework. What helps you finish your homework so you have time for fun activities?
3. The child went on wonderful adventures while reading alone. Is there anything you like to do on your own? Are there other activities you like to do with friends?
4. The book snail had a lot of books! What are your favorite books? Why?

SCIENCE CONNECTION

A star of this story is a magical snail. Introduce snails (minus the magic) with the facts below.
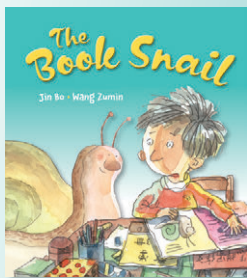
Snails belong to several classifications of animals. They are **invertebrates** (animals that don't have a backbone). They are **mollusks** (animals that have a soft body usually covered by a shell). And they are **gastropods** (animals that move around on their belly—**gastro** means stomach and **pod** means foot).

Snails stay in the same shell all their lives and never stop adding calcium carbonate to their shells, which makes the shells bigger and stronger. Every snail has a uniquely patterned shell. The shells almost always spiral **clockwise** (to the right); it is very rare to find a snail shell that spirals **counterclockwise** (to the left).

There are over 40,000 different kinds of snails. They usually live for several years. Some snails live longer than 15 years!

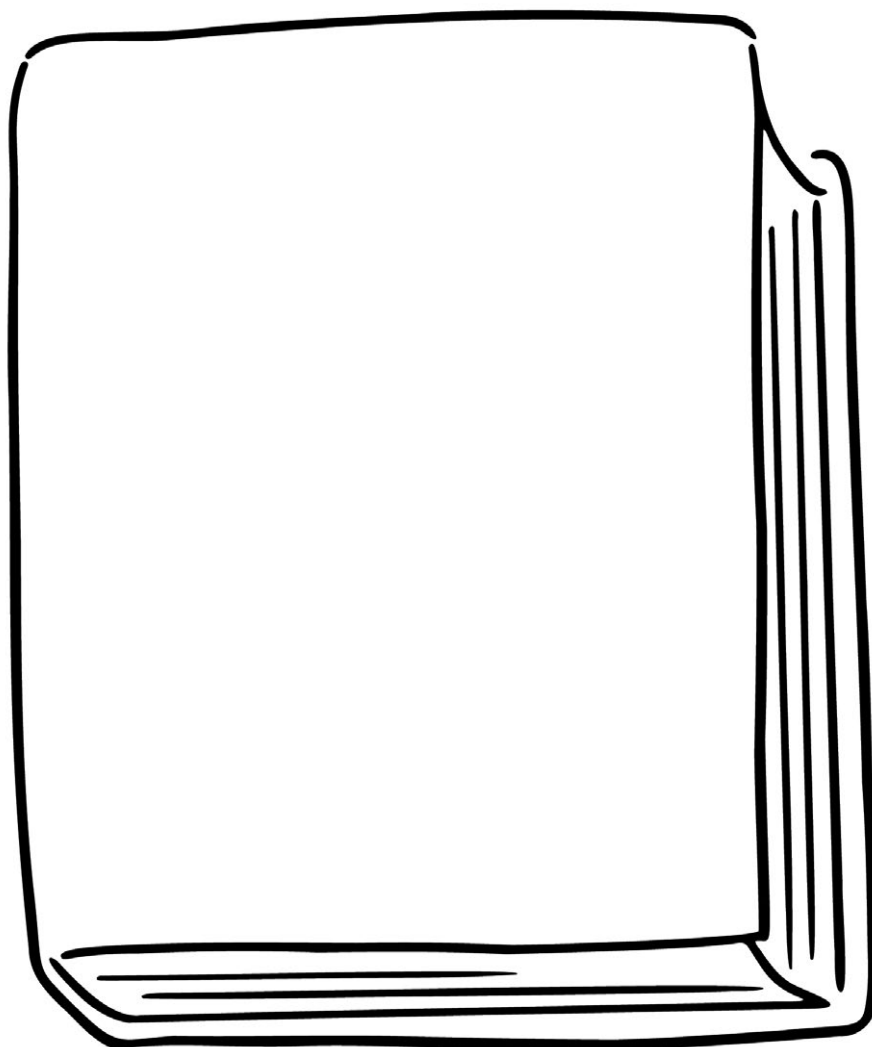And—you may know this already—snails have thousands of teeth on their tongues!

The Book Snail
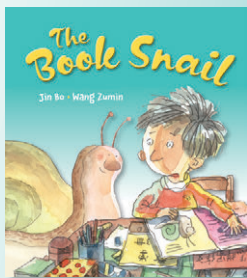
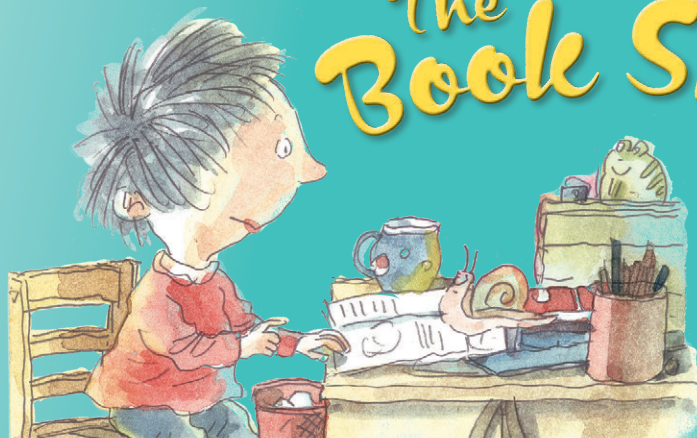9798765403174

Activities for Kids

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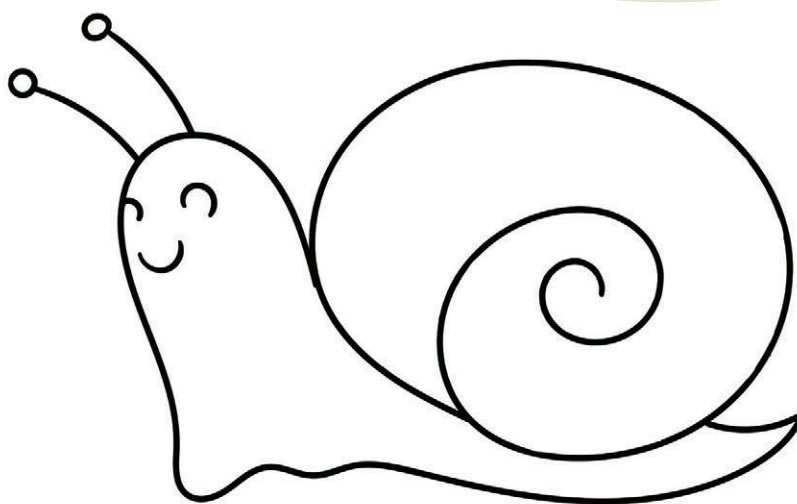Create your own adventure by designing your own book cover!

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Activities for Kids

LET'S DECORATE

Decorate this snail's shell.

WRITE SNAIL IN CHINESE

The Chinese word for snail is 蜗牛 woniu, written with two characters. Trace the characters below, then practice writing them on your own!

蜗 牛

wo   niu