

A NEW GREEN DAY

IF YOU LISTEN NATURE SPEAKS!

Using language in creative and playful ways helps us understand how language works.

Language and stories can be a source of creativity and joy.

We are all authors and have a story to tell



*I am a chorus
of a million tiny voices.
Come splash
In my song.*



GATHER MATERIALS

- Paper or one of your pre made books
- Writing and drawing tools

READ, THINK, IMAGINE

Read along with A New Green Day.

Think about the author's writing style as you listen to the story. As you follow along, stop the video after each clue and see if you can guess what everyday plant, animal, or weather pattern is calling out to be discovered by the protagonist? Also notice the author's word choice.

CREATE AND SHARE

Who scribbles on the sidewalk with glistening ink?
Snail!

Who's a comma in a long, long sentence of a stream?
Tadpole!

- Create your own book of nature riddles of everyday plants, animals or weather patterns you've seen.
- Start with "I am... and use descriptive words.
- Draw a picture on the page with the answer to your riddle.
- Remember to write on one side so that others can guess your riddle before they turn the page.
- Share your book with someone.

GO BEYOND

Write a story in which someone receives a message. Is the message a cry for help? Does it present a mystery that needs to be solved or start a friendship between two characters? Maybe the message starts a battle between two stink bugs! It could be any idea that comes to you and gets your creativity rolling.