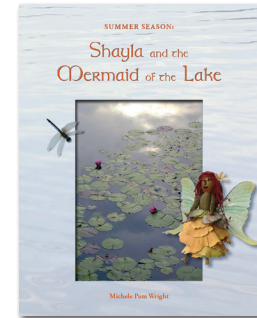


SUMMER SEASON:  
Shayla and the Mermaid of the Lake

***The Story:***

Shayla, the forest fairy, is enjoying the long summer days with her friends, but she discovers Fiona, the mermaid of the lake, is miserable. Fiona feels like a failure, but with Shayla's help, she learns that while her work is important, true success in life is also about caring for others. Enjoy a special summer day of friendship with Shayla and Fiona.



***Discussion Before Story: Finding Success in Life***

- 1) **What do you think it means to have success in life?**
- 2) **How important is friendship?**
- 3) **How does summer encourage friendships?**  
(e.g. Longer days and lots of activities with friends)

***Discussion After Story: (Page references next to each question)***

- 1) **Why are summer days longer?** (The sun's rays are hitting us directly, not at an angle)  
*Page 1*
- 2) **Why is it important to remember things that made your day special?**  
(Reminding yourself of positive things helps you appreciate life and makes you a happier person.) *Page 3*
- 3) **Why does Shayla believe everything in the forest depends on the trees?**  
(Trees are their main source of food and shelter, either directly or indirectly.) *Page 4*
- 4) **Why does Shayla think flying may be similar to swimming?**  
(You fly in air currents and you swim in water currents so the feeling may be similar.)  
*Page 7*
- 5) **Why does Fiona the mermaid feel she is not successful?** (She believes being successful is only about being perfect at your job.) *Page 9*
- 6) **What does Fiona learn from Shayla and rescuing the duckling?**  
(True success and happiness are about friendship and caring for others.) *Page 12*
- 7) **What were some special things about Shayla's day?**  
(The beauty of the forest, the baby bears, the ducks, and making a new friend.) *Page 15*

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