

### Big Ideas:

Exploring stories and other texts helps us understand ourselves and make connections to others and to the world.

### Core Competencies:

**C** I can understand and share information about a topic that is important to me.

**T** I can ask questions, make predictions, and use my senses to gather information.

**PS** I can contribute to group activities that make my classroom, school, community, or natural world a better place.



**Learning Targets:** Smile, say hello and share a favourite storybook.

Engaging with others to share and develop ideas.  
Collaborating with others to create something new.

**Share the story** *LINUS The Little Yellow Pencil*  
Written and illustrated by Scott Magoon

Before reading: invite predictions...

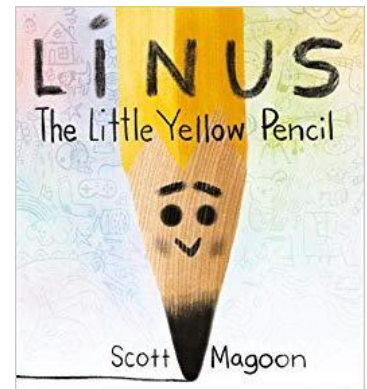
During Reading: Talk about the story as it unfolds. Invite learners to make connections, visualize, ask questions, and make inferences.

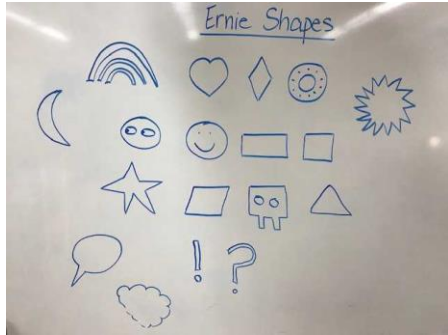
After reading:

*Linus and his eraser, Ernie, don't always see eye to eye. But with the family art show drawing near, these two will have to sharpen their collaboration to make something neither one could do on their own!*

What did Linus discover when he asked Ernie to “erase just a little”?

Why do you think Scott Magoon wrote this book? What is his message? Co-create ideas





*Co-create ideas for simple shapes*

**Performance of understanding:** Students combine their efforts with those of others to effectively accomplish a drawing task.

Co-create a list of shapes that might be easy for Ernie the eraser to erase! (e.g. heart, square, circle, happy face, a pencil shape, a tree, a flower etc.)

In partners, students will take turns smudging and erasing pencil lead to create designs and images on post-it notes.

What worked? What was difficult? What could you do differently next time?

**Synthesizing and transforming:**

What will happen if we connect our smudge drawings together?

Invite learners to gather at the carpet with their smudge drawings. Invite students to share their smudge post-its and place them on the large sheet of paper.



Extension: Read-Aloud *Perfect* by Max Amato

