DREAM BIG, INSPIRATION

Materials: Crayons; markers; scissors, tape; pens; a large mason jar; Dream Big, Inspiration Student Worksheet; The BFG—Excerpts From Roald Dahl’s Novel

Time Required: 40 minutes

Essential Question: What are our goals and dreams, and how do friends and family help us achieve them?

Directions:

1. Share the classroom poster and have students read the quote aloud. Ask students to reflect on what the quote means to them.

2. Using The BFG—Excerpts From Roald Dahl’s Novel, introduce students to Roald Dahl’s The BFG, a novel that takes readers to a place called Giant Country, where evil giants that gobble up human “beans” roam. Among them is the BFG—the Big Friendly Giant. He lives by a different set of rules. He befriends a young girl named Sophie and through their unlikely friendship, they’re able to accomplish extraordinary things. Explain also that while their friendship is out of the ordinary, the love and support they show each other gives them strength and inspiration to achieve their goals.

3. Have students read the book excerpts on The BFG—Excerpts From Roald Dahl’s Novel and discuss goals and dreams with them, emphasizing that with the support of others, you can achieve anything.

4. Ask students to complete Dream Big, Inspiration Student Worksheet. Distribute crayons and markers and encourage students to illustrate one of their dreams.

5. Explain to your students that they are going to use these pictures to create a “Dream Jar.” The top will be open for students to drop in pieces of paper that list their dreams and goals throughout the year.

Go Online! Download a Gobblefunk vocabulary worksheet at scholastic.com/BFG.
DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions about your dreams and goals on a separate sheet of paper. At the bottom of this page, write and draw one dream, cut out, and place in your class Dream Jar.

1. List three dreams you have **RIGHT NOW**!
2. List one **Big** dream you have for the future.
3. Sophie and the BFG have dreams that they share with each other. Why is it important to have dreams?
4. Sophie and the BFG are friends who help each other achieve their dreams. How can friends and family help us in realizing our dreams?

**DID YOU KNOW?** Sophie was able to interact with objects in the BFG’s cave because a large table was built with props that were the BFG’s size.
The filthy old fizzwiggler!’ shouted the BFG. ‘That is the horridest thing I is hearing for years! You is making me sadder than ever!’ All at once, a huge tear that would have filled a bucket rolled down one of the BFG’s cheeks and fell with a splash on the floor. It made quite a puddle.

Sophie watched with astonishment. What a strange and moody creature this is, she thought. One moment he is telling me my head is full of squashed flies and the next moment his heart is melting for me because Mrs. Clonkers locks us in the cellar.

‘The thing that worries me,’ Sophie said, ‘is having to stay in this dreadful place for the rest of my life. The orphanage was pretty awful, but I wouldn’t have been there for ever, would I?’

‘All is my fault,’ the BFG said. ‘I is the one who kidsnatched you.’ Yet another enormous tear welled from his eye and splashed on to the floor.

‘Now I come to think of it, I won’t actually be here all that long,’ Sophie said. ‘I is afraid you will,’ the BFG said.

‘No, I won’t,’ Sophie said. ‘Those brutes out there are bound to catch me sooner or later and have me for tea.’

‘I is never letting that happen,’ the BFG said.