The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess
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Synopsis: When a wooden robot prince forgets to say the magic words that turn his sister from a log into a princess she is thrown away, so he goes on an epic journey to find her and bring her back.

Suggested Reading Date: April 10, 2023 (National Sibling Day), February 26, 2023 (Tell a Fairy Tale Day), April 8th, 2023 to April 16th, 2023 (National Robotics Week)

Activity Descriptions:
- Finish the Story: The Little Wooden Robot and The Log Princess each have a page of “too many adventures to recount here” – have students work individually or in pairs to finish one of the adventure stories.
- Venn Diagram: Compare the King, Queen, Wooden Robot, and Log Princess – what is the same and what is different (male, female, wood, skin, hair, adult, child, made, born, etc.).
- Shape Art: The Little Wooden Robot and The Log Princess are each created with geometric shapes. Students can use pre-cut shapes to create different designs. They could work in pairs and/or trade colors/shapes as needed. They could also cut additional shapes that they need.
- Discussion: Is The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess a fairy tale? Before or after reading the book discuss common elements of fairy tales: beginning/ending, good vs. evil, magic, antagonist, moral. What is the same? What is different? Discuss the most prominent similarities and differences.

Related Websites:
- The Log Book: Tumgir site by Tom Gauld for The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess: https://www.tumgir.com/thelogbook
- Coloring Pages from Tom Gauld: https://www.tomgauld.com/colouring
- Publisher’s Weekly Q & A with Tom Gauld: https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/childrens/childrens-authors/article/87176-q-a-with-tom-gauld.html
- Tom Gauld’s Website: https://www.tomgauld.com/

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- Boy + Bot by Ame Dyckman
- Extra Yarn by Mac Barnett and illustrated by Jon Klaussen
- Love, Z by Jessie Sima
- The Princess and the Pony by Kate Beaton
- The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch and illustrated by Michael Martchenko
- The Antlered Ship by Dashka Slater and illustrated by the Fan Brothers

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