

Charlotte's Web

Get ready to see a play!



A social story to help families prepare for a visit to the theater

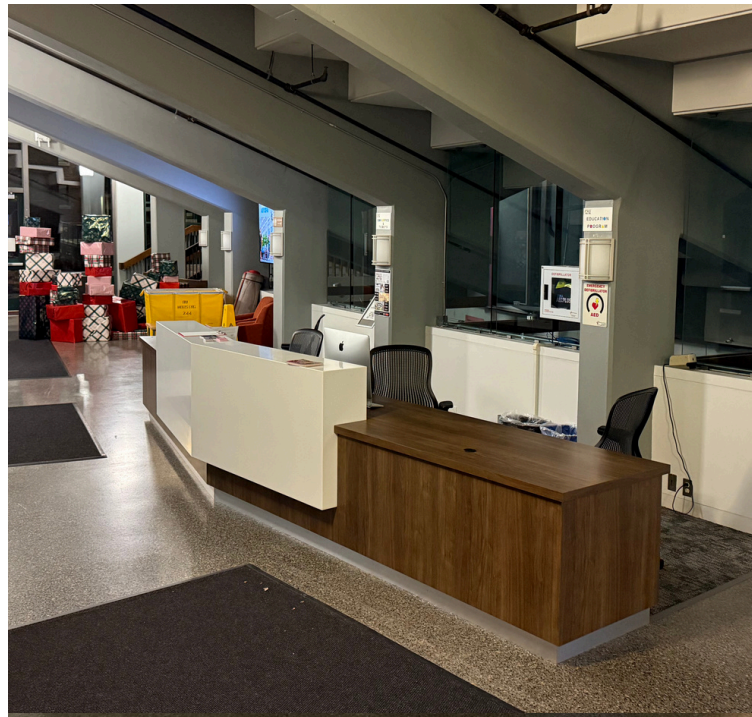


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I am going to see a play called
CHARLOTTE'S WEB at Wheelock Family
Theatre at Boston University.



When I get to the theater, we will walk
through the lobby.



It might be crowded.

I can take deep breaths and be patient
as we move through the crowd.



In a play, people on stage tell a story -
right in front of us!

These people are called actors.



When I sit down in the theater I will see
the set. A set is an imaginary place,
built on the stage, to show where the
story happens.

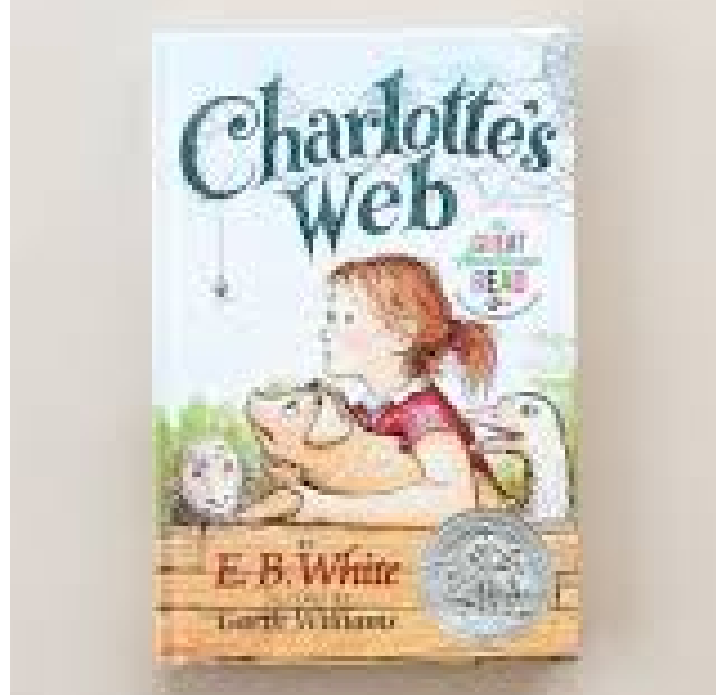
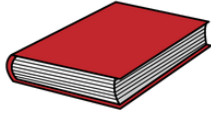


The set for this play can be different
locations.

It can be a farm or a county fair.



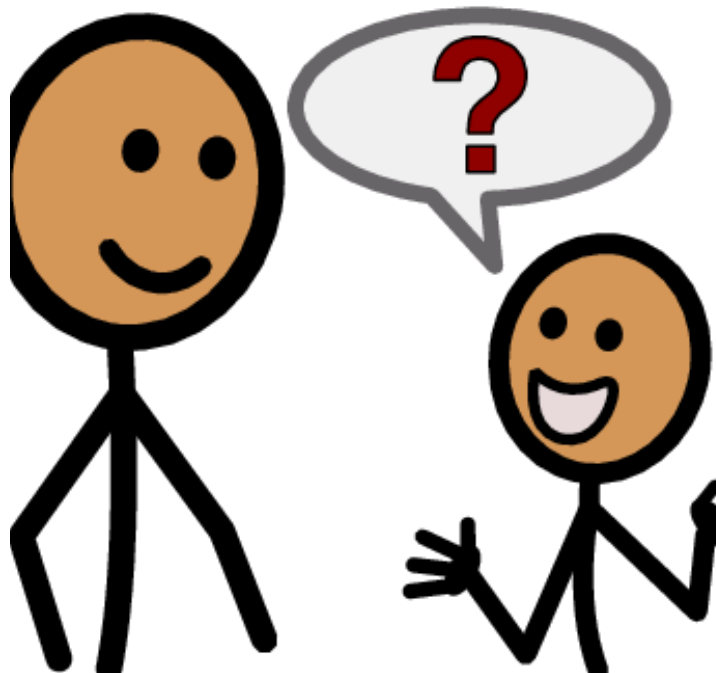
This play is based off of a book!



I may have read this book before.
Maybe I have not. Either way it will be
fun!



I can ask the people who came with
me if they've read the book before!



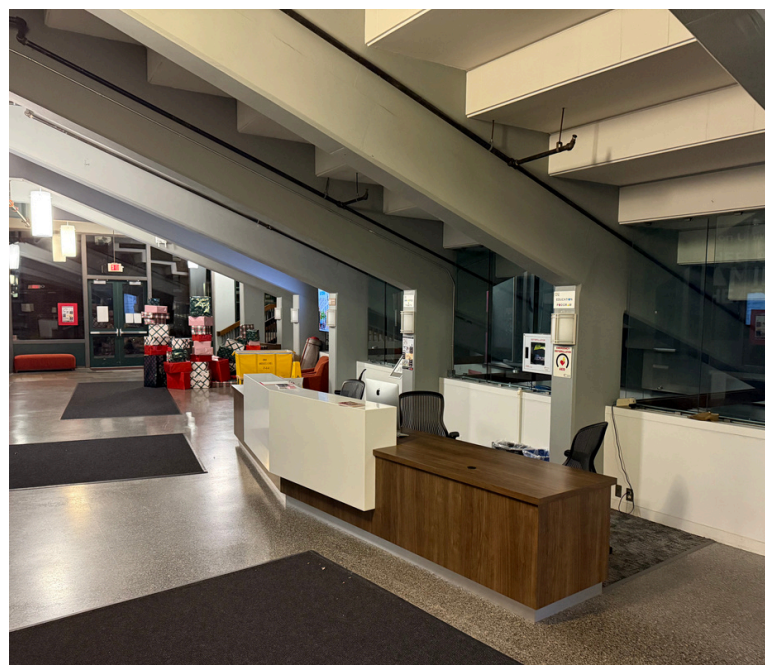
If it is too loud for me I can always
cover my ears...



...I can hug or hold hands with the
people who came with me to the
theater.



If I need a break I can go into the lobby...



...or to a quiet, cozy space nearby.



If I need something to hold onto I can ask an usher for a squishy toy.



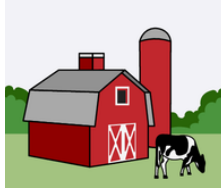
I will know that the play is about to start when the lights in the room get darker and the lights on the stage get brighter.

The audience will get very quiet. It is important that I try to be quiet during the show so the play can be heard.



This play is about a little pig named Wilbur.

He is born on a farm.



The farmer's daughter, Fern, becomes his friend.



Fern's family has a mom, a dad, and a brother, Avery!



Wilbur goes to live with Fern's Uncle
Homer Zuckerman.

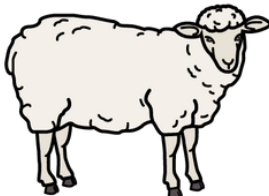


Zuckerman has a man who works for him
named Lurvy.

He feeds Wilbur everyday.



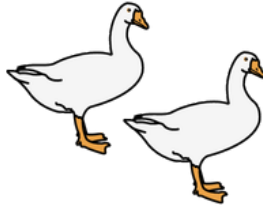
On the farm, Wilbur meets many
different animals.

This is Sheep. 



These are Goose and Gander.

They say everything three times.



There is Templeton, the rat.

He loves food.



And lastly, he meets his good friend,
Charlotte.

She is a spider.



In the play, Wilbur is scared that he is going to be turned into bacon or ham.



Charlotte wants to help show that Wilbur is special so the humans do not eat him.



I may also feel scared for Wilbur.

This play is just pretend - no one is hurt in real life.

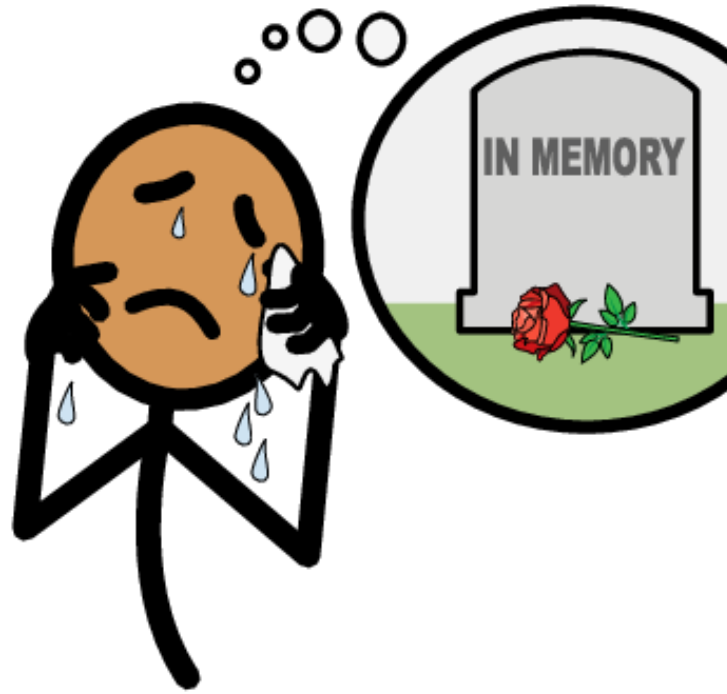


In this play, there is a character who dies.



This makes the other characters very sad.

I may feel very sad, too.



It is okay to feel sad that a character has died.

I will also remember that this is pretend for the play and, in real life, the actor is alive.



If anything else in the story makes me feel sad or mad or scared, I can ask people who came with me for support.

I can also take a deep breath or take a break.

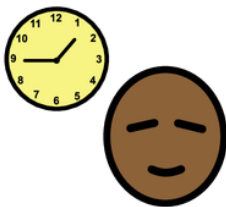


At the end of a scene or song some people will clap. Clapping tells the actors that I liked their performance.

If I want to clap I can.
If I don't want to clap I don't have to.



This play has an intermission.



During this break, I can go use the bathroom.



I can also get a drink of water or have a snack.



At the end of the play, all of the actors will come out on stage and bow. This is called a curtain call.



I can clap. Clapping tells the actors I liked the show.

If I really like the show I can stand up and clap. This is called a standing ovation.



After I move through the lobby, I will leave Wheelock Family Theatre at Boston University.



Going to the theater is very exciting!
I hope I will have a great time when I go to see *CHARLOTTE'S WEB*!



For more information about access and inclusion at Wheelock Family Theatre at Boston University please contact Jeri Hammond, Director of Education, Outreach, and Community Engagement, at JeriH@bu.edu or 617-353-1459.

