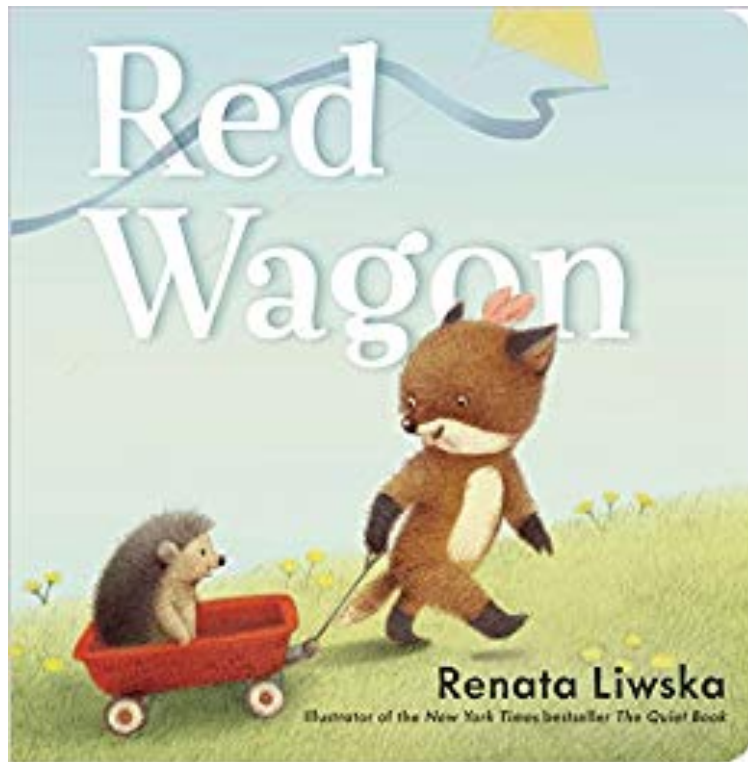


Red Wagon

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“Red Wagon” by Renata Liwska is a book that highlights the imagination of children. After Lucy gets a brand new red wagon, her mother asks her to go to the market to pick up some vegetables. At first, Lucy is hesitant because it sounds like a chore, but she gathers up some friends and makes her way to the market. Throughout their journey to and from the market, Lucy and her friends play make believe with the wagon, and it becomes anything from a covered wagon to a pirate ship to construction equipment.

This book allows for lots of creative ideas from both students and teacher. Because of the variety of activities in the book, a variety of styles in music and activities can be used. For example, when Lucy finally gets to the market, her imagination turns it into a circus. It’s a great opportunity for students to improvise movements of circus acts along with some upbeat music. The round “The Volga Boatman” can also be used well with the pirate page. Using an R.U. piece with some various odds and ends (pots, pans, buckets) would also be a lot of fun with the construction page. It could be a great program book!