

For Sue, Nick and Wei. ~ Kim

FREDDIE

the FLY



BEE ON, -BUZZ OFF-

a story about
learning to focus
and stay on task

Written by **Kimberly Delude**

Illustrated by **Brian Martin**

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"Bzzzzzz!" they sing as I race
for the door.

Suddenly, Mom shouts,
"FRREDDIE!"

I pause but my wings keep **flapping**.

"Yes?"

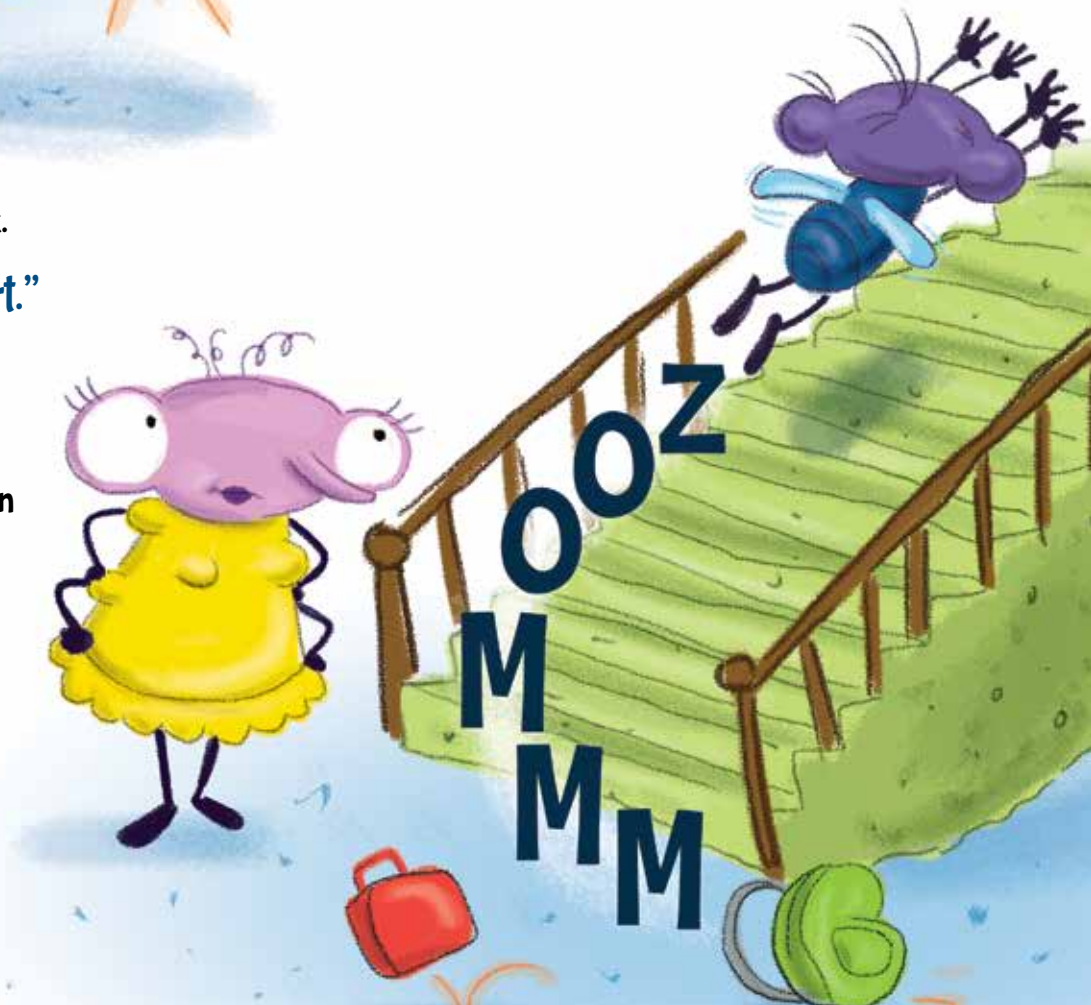
"Did you forget something?"

I try to think but my mind is blank.

She smiles and says, "Your shirt."

Oops! That was a close one!
I zoom up to get it.

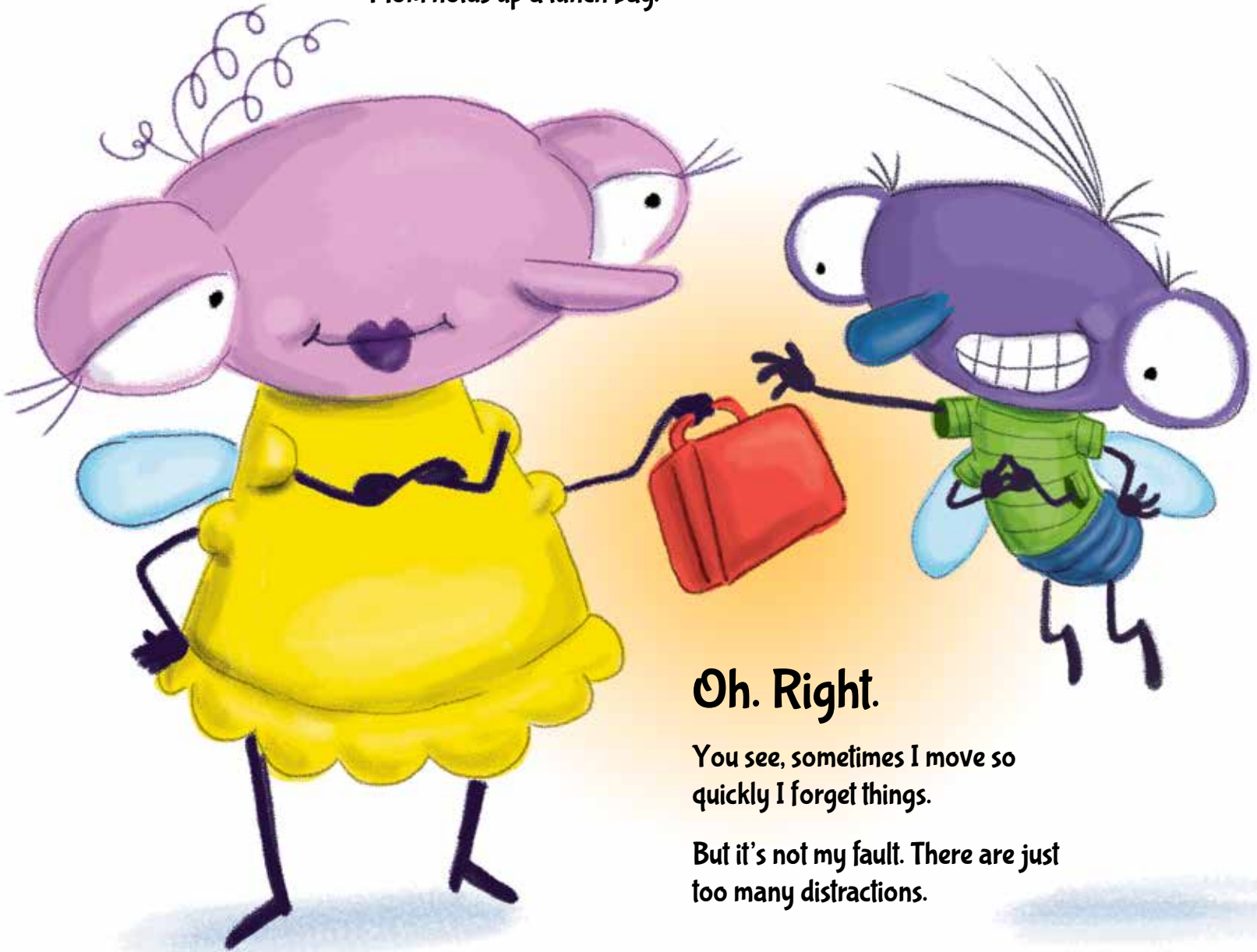
I'm just about to leave again when
I hear, "FRRREDDIE!"



“Are you forgetting something else?”

I have all my clothes and my backpack. What could it be?

Mom holds up a lunch bag.



Oh. Right.

You see, sometimes I move so quickly I forget things.

But it's not my fault. There are just too many distractions.

Like in art class yesterday.

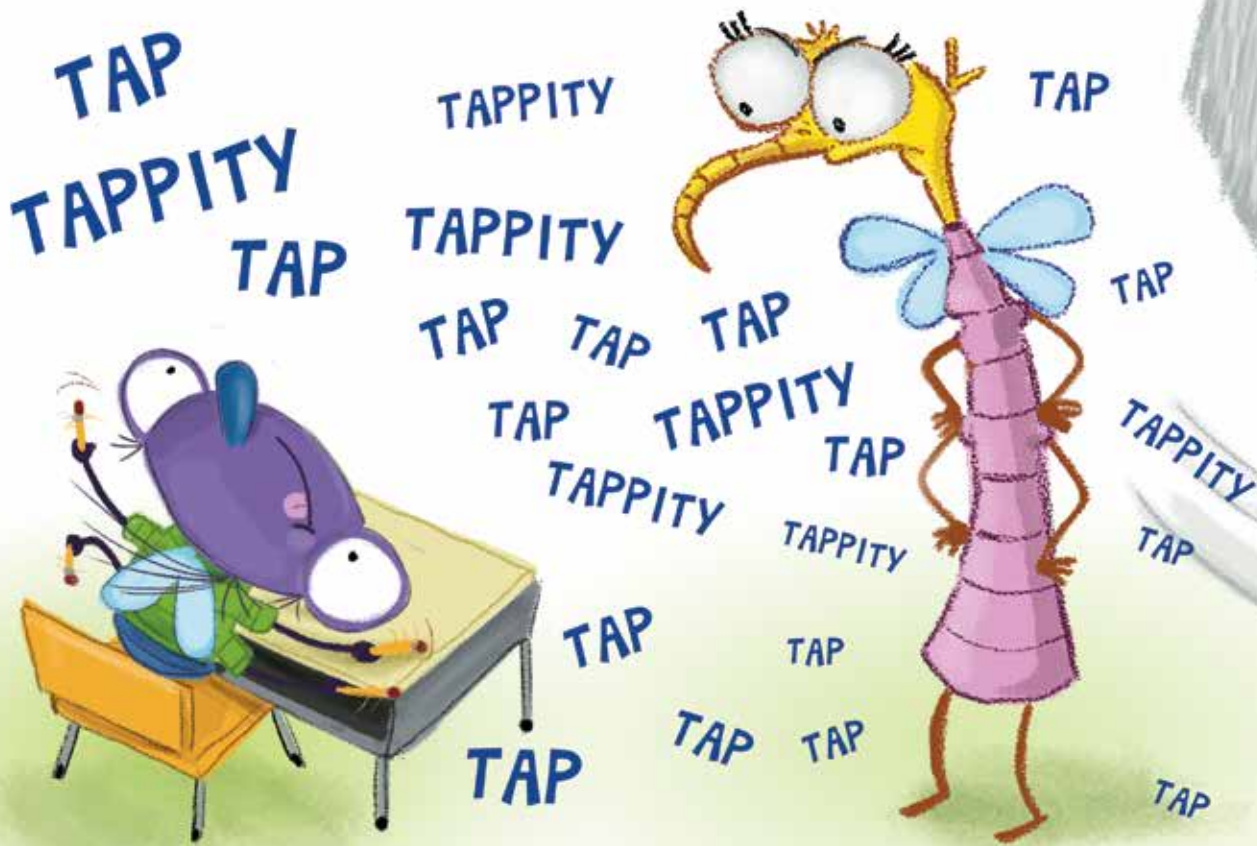


There was this really cool trash volcano. I couldn't take my eyes off it, and as soon as Mr. Bugcasso stopped talking, I flew up to touch it... which landed me in trouble.

Because the entire time I was so busy staring at it, Mr. Bugcasso had been explaining that absolutely no one was allowed to touch it.

Or, during our spelling test. Mrs. Stinger had the ceiling fan on, and it was making such a cool sound! I started tapping along and making up my own rhymes. I got so caught up that I didn't hear any of the spelling words and had to stay in from recess to finish my test.

Today it's impossible to stay focused because we are going on a field trip to the zoo!



On the bus, I feel my body begin to tap and my wings start to **flap...**

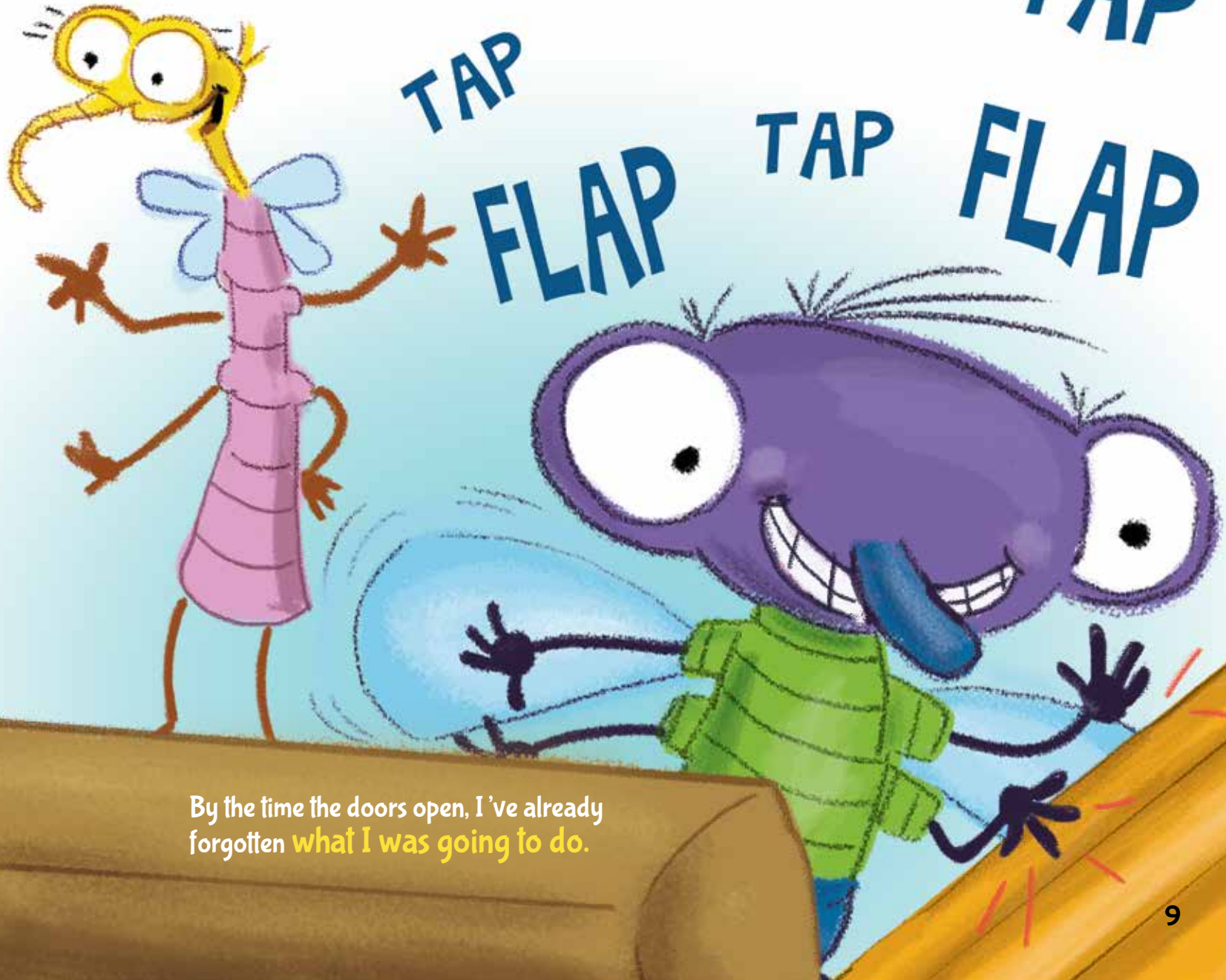
The **buzzing** is so loud now, and there are so many interesting things to see out the window, that I miss what Mrs. Stinger is saying.



With each **tap** and **flap**, a new thought races through my mind...

Tap: I should ask her what she said.

Flap: Are we there yet?



By the time the doors open, I've already forgotten **what I was going to do.**

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WHAT'S ALL THE BUZZ ABOUT FREDDIE the FLY?



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BEE ON, BUZZ OFF is the 3rd in a series of Freddie the Fly books, and it powerfully continues the tradition of being simultaneously entertaining, informative, and empowering to children, families, and educators. Words and illustrations blend in such a seamless partnership that all readers and listeners will most definitely BEE ON.

– David R. Heimbecker, Ed.D., Executive Director, South Coast Educational Collaborative



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