

All About Fairies



AIR FAIRIES

If you have been listening to Sparkle Stories for a while, you have likely noticed a lot of talk about elves, fairies, gnomes, sprites, pixies, and nymphs. In many stories, fairies are central characters that are struggling with something in the natural world, wrestling with their feelings, or working out conflicts with other fairies. In other stories, fairies are referenced as magical beings that explain the unexplained. But whenever something magical is in a story, there is always the chance that a child will ask...

"What is a fairy – really?"

SYLPHS

PIXIES

SPRITES

Characteristics of Air Fairies

Air fairies are like the wind – they change. They embody and personify the quicksilver variability of nature. When a cloudy sky suddenly clears or a wind comes out of nowhere or you hear the inspiring sound of leaves rattling overhead, air fairies are at work.

In the growth cycle of a plant, air fairies inspire the plant to push out leaves and flower. Imagine what that must feel like as a plant – that opening and breathing out. That is a key part of what air fairies bring – the opening and breathing out. The feeling of wonder and delight.

Seeing Air Fairies in Your Children

The quick moving, ever-changing, butterfly nature of children can be equated with the influence of air fairies. Again, think of the weather – one moment bright, the next moment cloudy. You never really know. This quality is a gift of air fairies.

So when experiencing your children and others through the lens of the fairy world, pay close attention to the "opening" quality in plants – when plants blossom. Look for that wonder, the bubbling imagination, and the puppy-like delight in everything. That is where you will find air fairies.