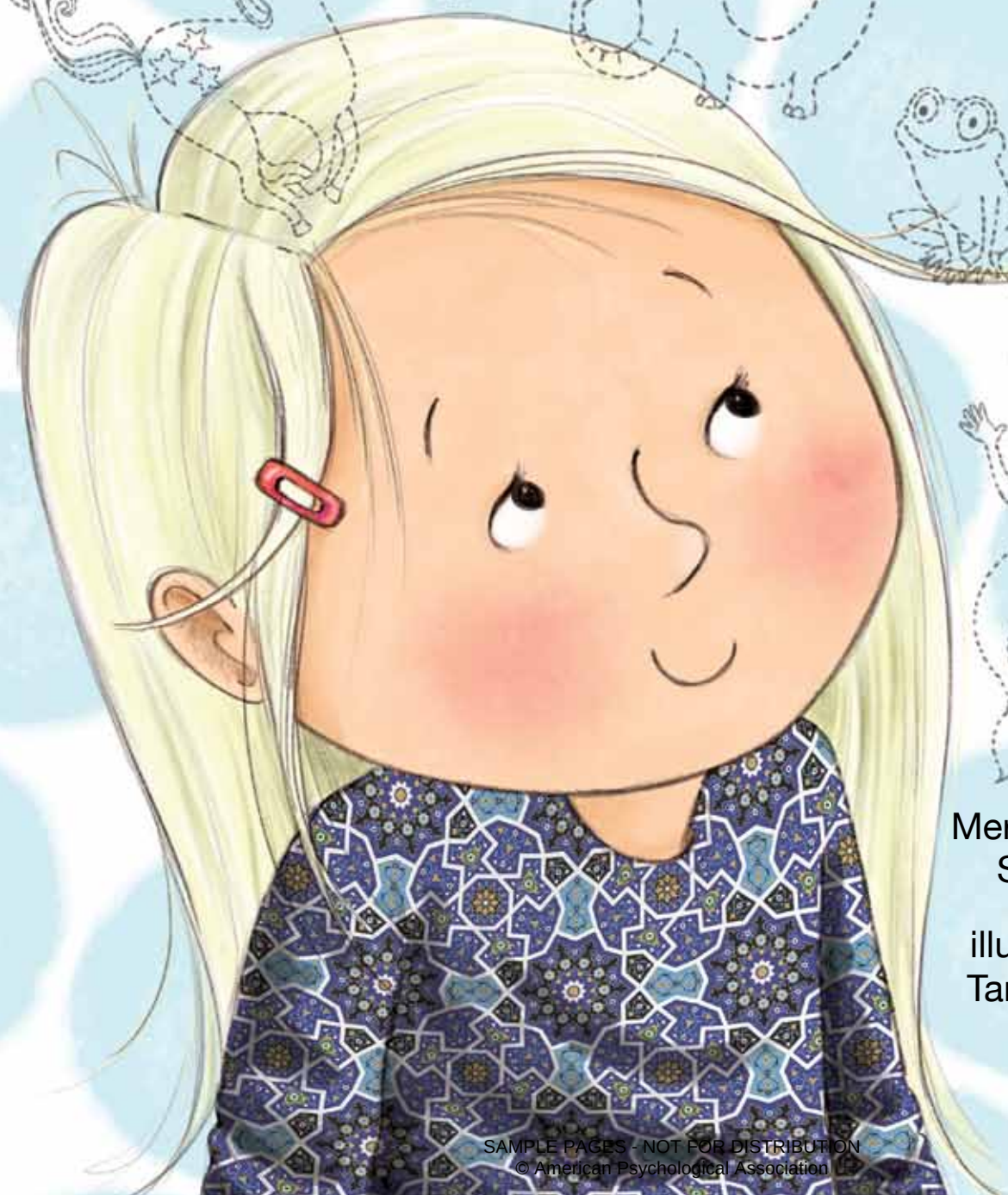


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*For Greg, whose wandering, dreaming mind makes
me smile every day. I love you—MSS*

*For my mom, who always pointed out everything I did right.
Thank you for allowing me to make my dreams come true—TL*



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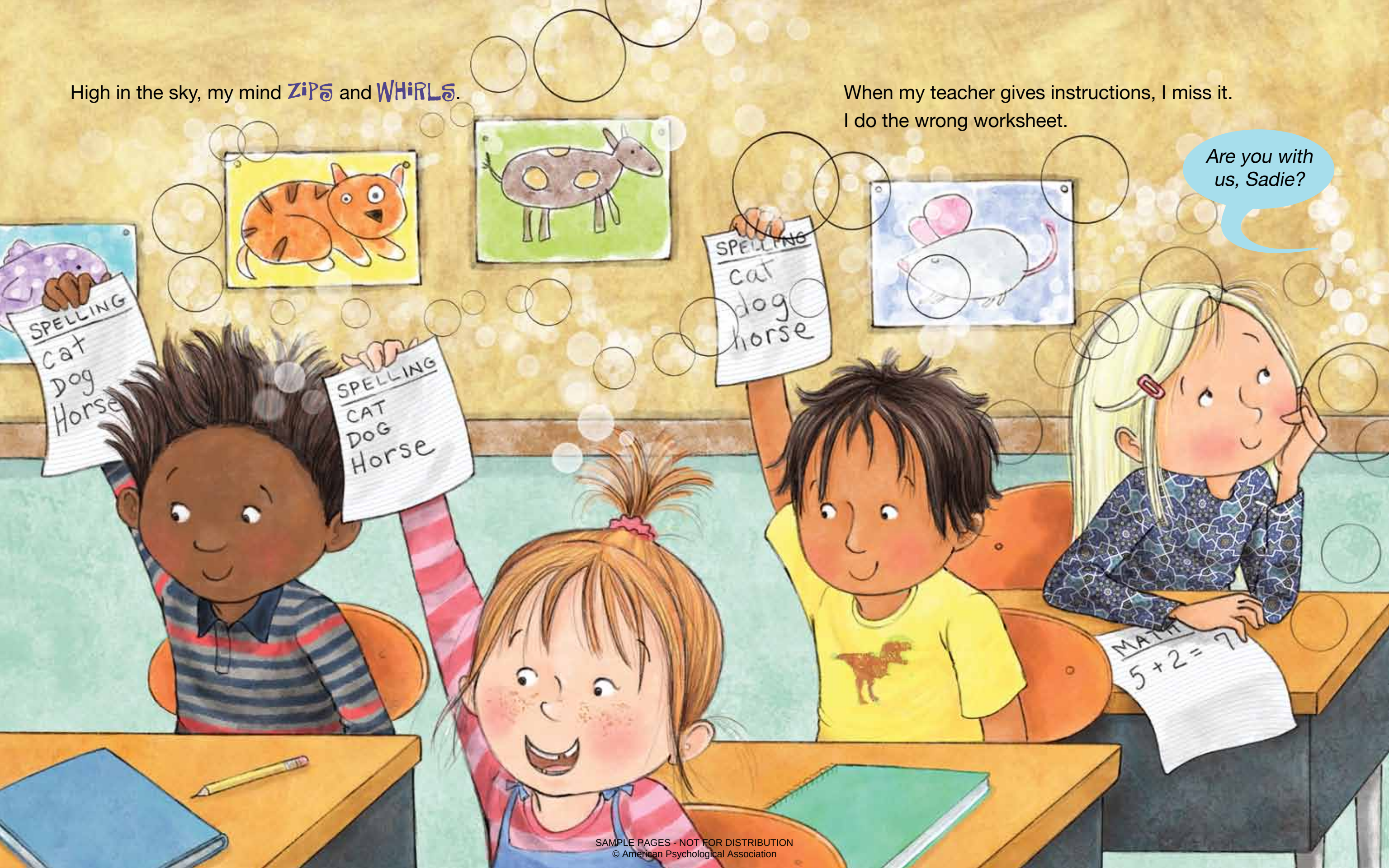
My mind often **FLIES**
to the clouds and
DREAMS of ponies,
and bubbles, and ice
cream. Time floats by
and I don't even notice.

*It's time to go!
Stop dilly-dallying!*

High in the sky, my mind **ZIPS** and **WHIRLS**.

When my teacher gives instructions, I miss it.
I do the wrong worksheet.

Are you with
us, Sadie?



My mind spots the animals on Nicole's shirt
and **iMAGiNES** them roaming the schoolyard.

Let's go to the
monkey bars!

I don't hear what my friends say.

My mind can **Zip** so far away, I forget things.

*I asked you
to put these
away.*

Really important things.

*Where were
you?*

*Sorry.
I forgot.*



My **WANDERING** mind stops me from finishing my chores.



And my homework.



Why does my mind
FLY TO THE SKY, and think of fairies
and mermaids and frogs?



I wish it would **JUST STAY PUT**
and help me do my homework
and listen and remember.

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