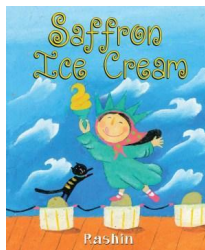
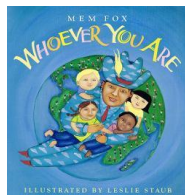


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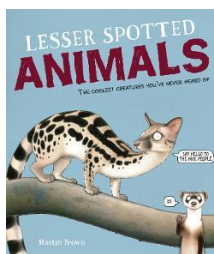
Summer is an opportunity for students of all ages to enjoy reading in a relaxed and leisurely setting. Summer reading is also a vital way that students keep their skills sharp for the upcoming school year. Maret recommends that students spend at least 20 minutes reading each day during the summer. Students should select books and other reading material that interest and challenge them, and families should consider ways that they can read together or make discussing books a part of their lives over the summer months. We recognize that there is a range of readers at each grade level. If books on this list do not match your child's reading ability, you may choose to read them aloud to your child. Starred\* titles are available for checkout online from Maret as e-books or audiobooks through [Sora](#). Use your student's Maret email address and password to log in.



**\*Saffron Ice Cream by Rashin Kheiriyeh:** Rashin is an Iranian immigrant girl living in New York, excited by her first trip to Coney Island, and fascinated by the differences in the beach customs between her native Iran and her new home--but she misses the saffron flavored ice cream that she used to eat.



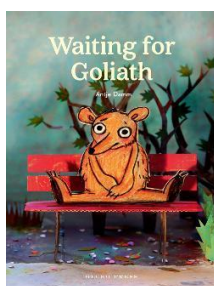
**Whoever You Are by Mem Fox:** Despite the differences between people around the world, there are similarities that join us together such as pain, joy, and love.



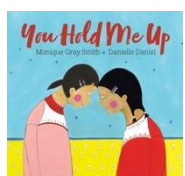
**\*Lesser Spotted Animals: The Coolest Creatures You've Never Heard Of by Martin Brown:** Looks at several seldom seen animals accompanied by information on their sizes, food, geographic locations, and status.



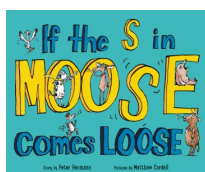
**\*My Teacher Is a Monster! (No, I Am Not) by Peter Brown:** Bobby thinks his teacher is horrible, but when they spend a day in the park together, he discovers she might not be so bad after all.



**Waiting for Goliath by Antje Damm:** Bear has been sitting and waiting since dawn. 'I'm waiting for Goliath,' he tells everyone. 'Goliath is coming! He's my best friend.' At last, the bus pulls up. But no one gets out. Yet Bear is sure: 'He'll definitely show up.'



**\*You Hold me Up by Monique Gray Smith:** A story about the simplicity of love, the importance of respect and the cultivation of compassion.

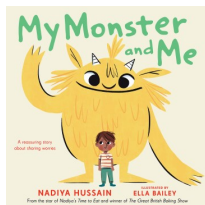


**If the S in Moose Comes Loose by Peter Hermann:** When two of Moose's letters come loose, he vanishes. But his best friend, Cow, has an idea! She'll find a G, an L, a U, and an E and glue MOOSE back together, better than ever!

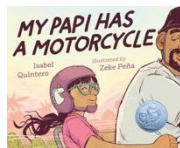


**\*The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires:** A little girl is going to make the most magnificent thing! She knows just how it will look and work. But making it turns out to be harder than she thinks.

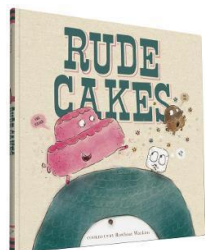
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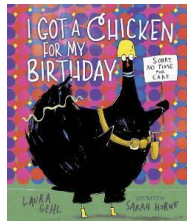
**\*My Monster and Me by Nadiya Hussain:** A touching story about a little boy whose worry monster follows him everywhere he goes. It's there when he gets dressed, when he wants to play with his toys, and even when his friends come over to visit. How can he escape his worries?



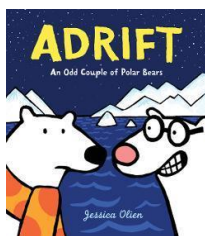
**\*My Papi has a Motorcycle by Isabel Quintero:** When Daisy Ramona zooms around her neighborhood with her papi on his motorcycle, she sees the people and places she's always known. She also sees a community that is rapidly changing around her.



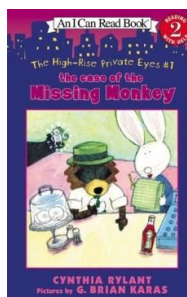
**\*Rude Cakes by Rowboat Watkins:** A story about a rude cake who never says please or thank you or listens to its parents, and a giant cyclops who is polite.



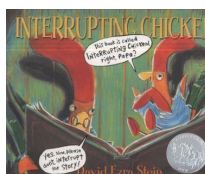
**\*I Got a Chicken for my Birthday by Laura Gehl:** A girl is sad when she receives a chicken as a birthday gift from her abuela, until she realizes the chicken is planning something big for her special day.



**\*Adrift: An Odd Couple of Polar Bears by Jessica Olien:** Karl and Hazel find themselves alone together on a small ice floe, and learn to appreciate and like each other despite their differences.



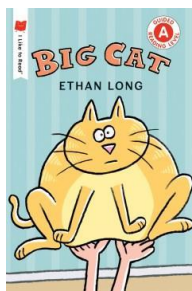
**\*The High-Rise Private eyes series by Cynthia Rylant:** Beginning readers and fledgling detectives alike will love these funny, big-city mysteries about two fast-talking, private eyes--Bunny and Jack.



**\*Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra:** A little chicken has a habit of interrupting her father's fairy tale bedtime stories.



**\*Accident by Andrea Tsurumi:** When a clumsy armadillo named Lola knocks over a glass pitcher, she sets off a silly chain of events, encountering chaos wherever she goes.

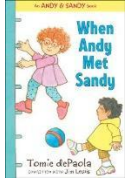


**\*Big Cat-I like to Read series by Ethan Long:** A hefty feline puts up with all kinds of indignities from the children in her loving but rambunctious family.

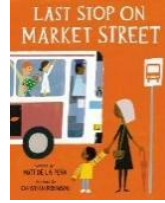


**The Elephant by Jenni Desmond:** Follows a young boy as he learns about elephants, discussing their anatomy, behaviors, territory, and more.

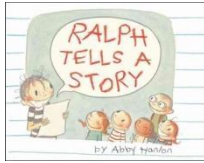
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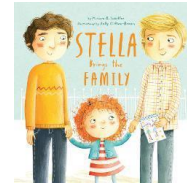
**\*Andy and Sandy series by Tomie dePaola:** Andy and Sandy may be opposites, but they're best friends.



**\*Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña:** A boy rides the bus across town with his grandmother and learns to appreciate the beauty in everyday things.



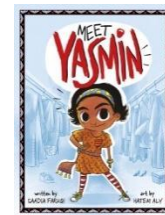
**Ralph tells a Story by Abby Hanlon:** Ralph struggles to find something to write about although his teacher insists there are stories everywhere.



**\*Stella Brings the Family by Miriam B. Schiffer:** Stella brings her two fathers to school to celebrate Mother's Day.



**The Great Big Green by Peggy Elizabeth Gifford:** Tries to get kids to guess what a great big thing full of green things (especially plants and animals) is.



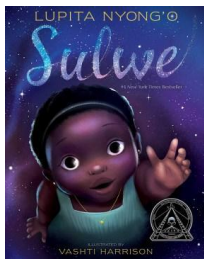
**\*Meet Yasmin Series by Saadia Faruq:** Pakistani American second grader Yasmin learns to cope with the small problems of school and home, while gaining confidence in her own skills and creative abilities.



**\*How to be a Lion by Ed Verde:** When Leonard the lion and his friend Marianne, a duck, are confronted by a pack of mean lions, they find a creative way to stand up for themselves.



**\*Flower Talk: How Plants Use Colors to Communicate by Sara Levine:** Describes why plants use the colors of their flowers to communicate with animals.

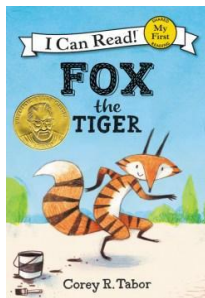


**\*Sulwe By Lupita Nyong'o:** When five-year-old Sulwe's classmates make fun of her dark skin, she tries lightening herself to no avail, but her encounter with a shooting star helps her understand there is beauty in every shade.

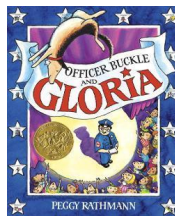


**\*Mama Built a Little Nest by Jennifer Ward:** Illustrations and simple, rhyming text introduce different kinds of birds' nests with brief facts about each kind of bird.

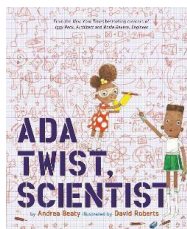
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**\*Fox the Tiger by Cory R. Tabor:** Fun-loving, mischievous Fox wishes he were a tiger. Tigers are big and fast and sneaky. So he decides to become one!



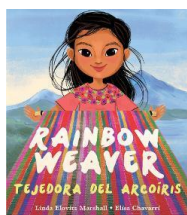
**\*Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann:** The children at Napville Elementary ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.



**\*Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty:** Ada Twist is a very curious girl who shows perseverance by asking questions and performing experiments to find things out and understand the world.



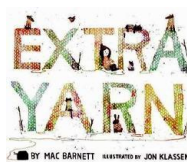
**\*The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka:** The wolf gives his own outlandish version of what really happened when he tangled with the three little pigs.



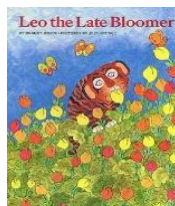
**Rainbow Weaver by Linda Elovitz Marshall:** Ixchel, a Mayan girl who is not allowed to use her mother's thread to weave, repurposes plastic bags to create colorful weavings.



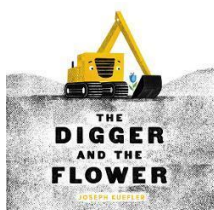
**\*Camp Tiger by Susan Choi:** Mo A talking tiger approaches a family during their annual end-of-summer camping trip and is befriended by the youngest, a boy who does not feel ready for first grade.



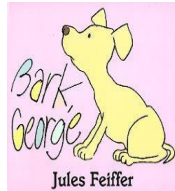
**\*Extra Yarn by Mac Barnett:** With a supply of yarn that never runs out, Annabelle knits for everyone in town until an evil archduke wants the yarn for himself.



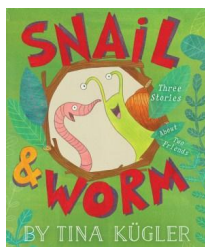
**\*Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus:** Leo, a young tiger, finally blooms under the anxious eyes of his parents.



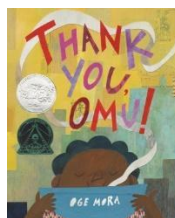
**The Digger and the Flower by Joseph Kuefler:** When Digger discovers something growing in the rubble, he sets in motion a series of events that will change him, and the city, forever.



**\*Bark, George by Jules Feiffer:** George the puppy's mother is in for a big surprise when she takes him to the veterinarian to find out why he does not bark.

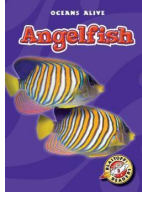


**\*Snail and Worm series by Tina Kugler:** Snail and Worm are best friends who support each other no matter what silly things happen to them!

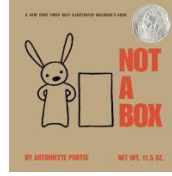


**\*Thank you, Omu! By Oge Mora:** When the aroma of Omu's homemade stew fills the air, her neighbors arrive, one by one, for a taste until all is gone except for her generous spirit.

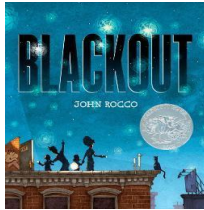
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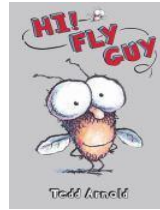
**\*Oceans Alive series:**  
Illustrated introductions to the physical characteristics, habitat, and behaviors of ocean animals.



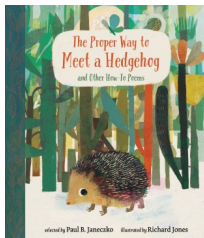
**Not a Box by Antoinette Portis:** A box is not always just a box to an imaginative little bunny.



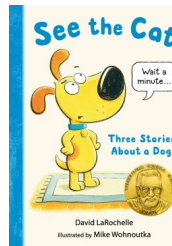
**\*Blackout by John Rocco:**  
Neighbors gather on the roof after the power goes out on a hot night in the city and start having so much fun that not everyone is happy when the lights go back on.



**\*Fly Guy series by Tedd Arnold:**  
Hilarious, easy to read stories about a boy and his pet fly.



**The Proper Way to Meet a Hedgehog and Other How-To Poems by Richard Jones:** An illustrated compilation of how-to poems for children.



**\*See The Cat: Three Stories About a Dog by David LaRochelle:** Move over, Spot. . . . Spoofing classic primers, Max the Dog talks back to the book in a twist that will have fans of funny early readers howling.