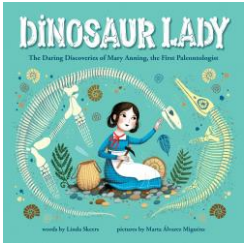


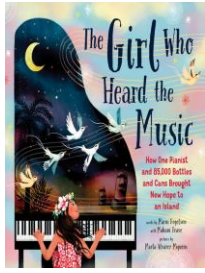


Maret Rising First Grade Summer Reading 2024

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.

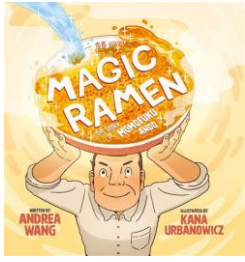
Starred** titles **ARE** available for checkout online from Maret as e-books or audiobooks through [Sora](#). Use your student's Maret email address and password to log in.

	<p><i>Dinosaur Lady: The Daring Discoveries of Mary Anning, the First Paleontologist</i> by Linda Skeers**</p> <p>Mary Anning loved scouring the beach near her home in England for shells and fossils. She fearlessly climbed over crumbling cliffs and rocky peaks, searching for new specimens. One day, something caught Mary's eye. Bones. Dinosaur Bones.</p>
	<p><i>All Rise: The Story of Ketanji Brown Jackson</i> by Carole Boston Weatherford**</p> <p>Taught that she could overcome any obstacles through hard work and determination, Brown Jackson became the first African American woman on the Supreme Court.</p>
	<p><i>Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music</i> by Margarita Engle*</p> <p>Girls cannot be drummers. Long ago on an island filled with music, no one questioned that rule—until the drum dream girl. In her city of drumbeats, she dreamed of pounding tall congas and tapping small bongós. She had to keep quiet. She had to practice in secret. But when at last her dream-bright music was heard, everyone sang, danced, and decided that both girls and boys should be free to drum and dream.</p>



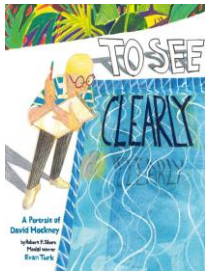
The Girl Who Heard the Music: How One Pianist and 85,000 Bottles and Cans Brought New Hope to an Island* by Marni Fogelson, with Mahani Teave*

Teave, an award-winning musician and environmentalist, was born on Rapa Nui and, using garbage in its construction, created a school of the arts there.



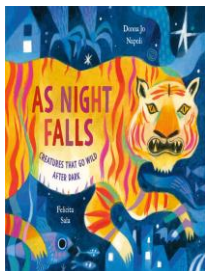
***Magic Ramen The Story of Momofuku Ando* by Andrea Wang**

Every day, Momofuku Ando would retire to his lab--a little shed in his backyard. For years, he had dreamed about making a new kind of ramen noodle soup that was quick, convenient, and tasty for the hungry people he had seen in line for a bowl on the black-market following World War II. With persistence, creativity, and a little inspiration, Ando succeeded. This is the true story behind one of the world's most popular foods.



To See Clearly: A Portrait of David Hockney* by Evan Turk*

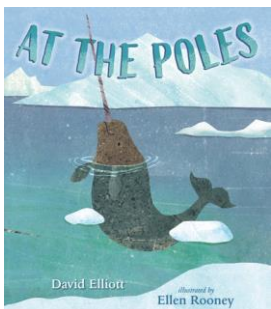
Mixed-media art in Hockney's style accompanies the life story of this world-famous English artist, encouraging readers to look closely at the world.



As Night Falls: Creatures That Go Wild after Dark

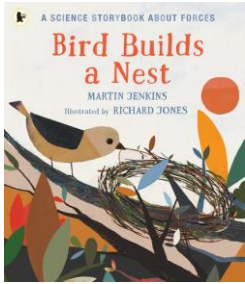
by Donna Jo Napoli**

Lyrical writing and lively illustrations evoke the world of nocturnal animals, some exotic and little known, in their roles as predator and prey.



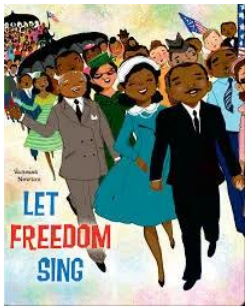
***At the Poles* by David Elliott**

A rhyming lyrical look at musk oxen, emperor penguins, and other creatures that inhabit the North and South Poles.



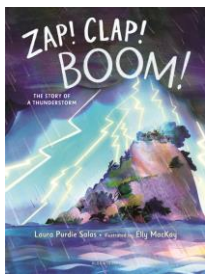
***Bird Builds a Nest: A First Science Storybook* by Martin Jenkins**

It's time for Bird to build her nest! Follow her as she pulls a worm out of the ground, lifts some twigs that are just the right size, and pushes the twigs into place. Uh-oh! One of the twigs falls to the ground! But after a day of hard work, Bird's nest is ready and waiting. Can you guess what it's waiting for?



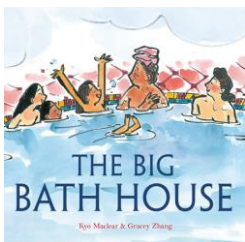
***Let Freedom Sing* by Vanessa Newton**

Using music to discuss the civil rights movement with little ones makes "Let Freedom Sing" an excellent entry point to stories highlighting historical figures from the African American community, including Rosa Parks, Ruby Bridges and Martin Luther King Jr. Their tales of influence are interwoven with a variety of songs and rousing hymns like "This Little Light of Mine."



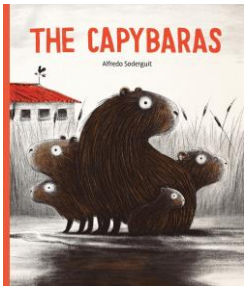
Zap! Clap! Boom!: The Story of a Thunderstorm* by Laura Purdie Salas*

A beautiful summer day is interrupted when a sudden thunderstorm sends three children scurrying for home.



The Big Bath House* by Kyo Maclear*

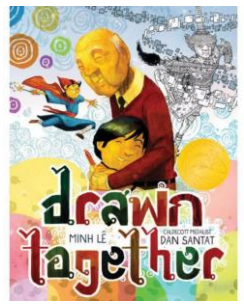
In this celebration of Japanese culture and family and naked bodies of all shapes and sizes, join a little girl—along with her aunts and grandmother—at a traditional bath house. Once there, the rituals leading up to the baths begin: hair washing, back scrubbing, and, finally, the wood barrel drumroll. Until, at last, it's time, and they ease their bodies—their creased bodies, newly sprouting bodies, saggy, jiggly bodies—into the bath. *Ahhhhhh!*



The Capybaras* by Alfredo Soderguit*

Hens and their chicks are living safe and secure in their coop, or at least it seems that way. They are happy with life as it is, and each hen knows her job. They do not even notice when one of them is carried off sometimes.

Until the day the capybaras appear. To the hens, they are too hairy, too wet, and too big. They don't even follow the rules! But it's hunting season, and the capybaras need refuge.



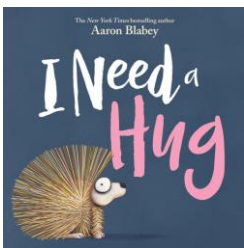
Drawn Together* by Minh Le*

When a young boy visits his grandfather, their lack of a common language leads to confusion, frustration, and silence. But as they sit down to draw together, something magical happens—with a shared love of art and storytelling, the two form a bond that goes beyond words.



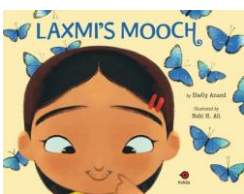
Grandma's Records* by Eric Velasquez*

Every summer, Eric goes to live with his grandmother in El Barrio (Spanish Harlem) while his parents work. Through the long hot days, Grandma fills her apartment with the blaring horns and conga drums of Bomba y Plena, salsa, and merengue—the music she grew up with in Puerto Rico—sharing her memories and passions with Eric.



I Need a Hug* by Aaron Blabey*

In *I Need a Hug*, a tiny porcupine just wants a cuddle. All of the other animals turn him away because of his prickly spikes. But finally, the porcupine meets an animal who is happy to hug -- a snake! Rich with author-illustrator Aaron Blabey's signature rhyming text and unforgettably splendid illustrations, *I Need a Hug* is a sweet story about friendship and learning not to judge a book by its cover.



Laxmi's Mooch* by Shelly Anand*

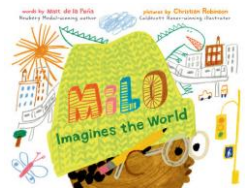
Laxmi never paid much attention to the tiny hairs above her lip. But one day while playing farm animals at recess, her friends point out that her whiskers would make her the perfect cat. She starts to notice body hair all over—on her arms, legs, and even between her eyebrows.

With her parents' help, Laxmi learns that hair isn't just for heads, but that it grows everywhere, regardless of gender.



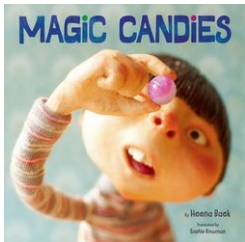
The Midnight Fair by Gideon Sterer

Far from the city, but not quite the countryside, lies a fairground. When night comes and the fair is empty, something unexpected happens. Wild animals emerge from the forest, a brave raccoon pulls a lever, and the roller coasters and rides explode back into bright, neon life. It's time for the woodland creatures to head to the fair!



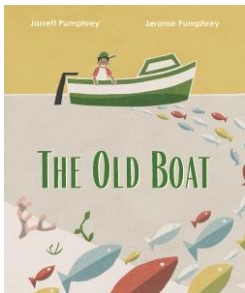
Milo Imagines the World by Matt de la Peña**

Milo is on a long subway ride with his older sister. To pass the time, he studies the faces around him and makes pictures of their lives. When the boy in the suit gets off at the same stop as Milo—walking the same path, going to the exact same place—Milo realizes that you cannot really know anyone just by looking at them.



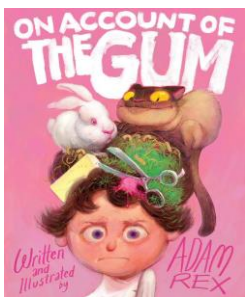
Magic Candies by Heena Baek**

Tong Tong could never have imagined what everyone around him was thinking. But when he gets hold of some magic candies, suddenly there are voices everywhere. He can hear how his couch feels, what upsets his dog, that his demanding dad loves him. He even gets to catch up with his dead grandmother. It turns out, these voices in Tong Tong's life have A LOT to say! Is Tong Tong ready to hear it?



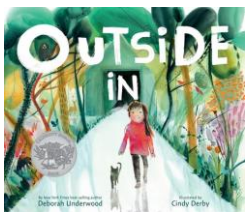
The Old Boat by Jarrett Pumphrey**

Off a small island, a boy and his grandmother set sail in their beloved fishing boat. They ride the waves, dreaming, catching fish, and seeing the wonders of the ocean. But soon the boy is sailing the boat himself, venturing further from shore as the waters grow dirty and polluted. When a storm washes him ashore and wrecks the old boat, he sees home in a new light.



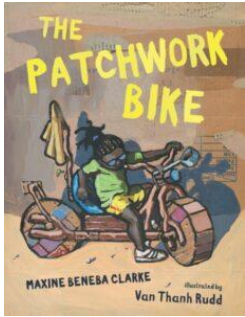
On Account of the Gum by Adam Rex**

So, you got bubblegum in your hair—and before you know it, a pair of scissors, some butter, your rabbit, and the cat are also stuck up there. And to make matters worse, it's picture day!



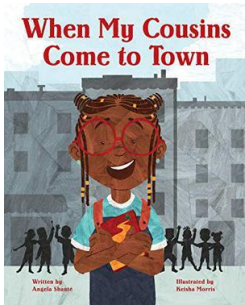
Outside In by Deborah Underwood**

Outside is waiting, the most patient playmate of all. The most generous friend. The most miraculous inventor. This thought-provoking picture book poetically underscores our powerful and enduring connection with nature, not so easily obscured by lives spent indoors.



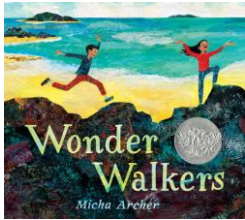
The Patchwork Bike* by Maxine Beneba Clarke*

When you live in a village at the edge of the no-go desert, you need to make your own fun. That's when you and your brothers get inventive and build a bike from scratch, using everyday items like an old milk pot (maybe Mum is still using it, maybe not) and a used flour sack. You can even make a license plate from bark if you want. The end result is a spectacular bike, perfect for whooping and laughing as you bumpetty bump over sand hills, past your fed-up mum and right through your mud-for-walls home.



When My Cousins Come to Town* by Angela Shanté*

Every summer a young girl eagerly waits for her cousins to visit and celebrate her birthday. All her cousins are unique in their own ways and have earned cool nicknames for themselves... except for the girl. But this year things are going to be different. This year before summer ends, she's determined to earn her own nickname!



Wonder Walkers* by Micha Archer*

When two curious kids embark on a "wonder walk," they let their imaginations soar as they look at the world in a whole new light. They have thought-provoking questions for everything they see: *Is the sun the world's light bulb? Is dirt the world's skin? Are rivers the earth's veins? Is the wind the world breathing? I wonder . . .* Young readers will wonder too, as they ponder these gorgeous pages and make all kinds of new connections. What a wonderful world indeed!