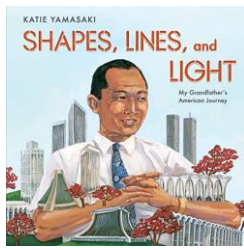


Maret Rising Second Grade Summer Reading 2024

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.

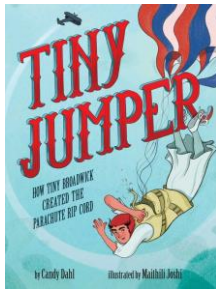
Starred** titles **ARE** available for checkout online from Maret as e-books or audiobooks through [Sora](#). Use your student's Maret email address and password to log in.

	<p><i>Girl Running: Bobbi Gibb and the Boston Marathon</i> by Annette Bay Pimentel</p> <p>Because Bobbi Gibb is a girl, she's not allowed to run on her school's track team. But after school, no one can stop her, and she is free to run endless miles to her heart's content. She is told no yet again when she tries to enter the Boston Marathon in 1966, because the officials claim that it's a man's race and that women are just not capable of running such a long distance. So, what does Bobbi do? She bravely sets out to prove the naysayers wrong and show the world just what a girl can do.</p>
	<p><i>Josephine and Her Dishwashing Machine: Josephine Cochrane's Bright Invention Makes a Splash</i> by Kate Hannigan**</p> <p>In 1893, despite facing gender discrimination, a woman determined to alleviate the drudgery of a household chore won recognition for her invention.</p>
	<p><i>Masked Hero: How Wu Lien-teh Invented the Mask That Ended an Epidemic</i> by Dr. Shan Woo Liu and Kaili Liu Gormley</p> <p>Discrimination under British rule did not stop the dedicated Chinese Malaysian doctor who introduced face masks to combat a 1910 plague, a protocol still recommended today.</p>



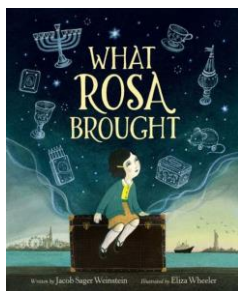
Shapes, Lines, and Light: My Grandfather's American Journey* by Katie Yamasaki*

Minoru Yamasaki described the feeling he sought to create in his buildings as “serenity, surprise, and delight.” Here, Katie Yamasaki charts his life and work: his childhood in Seattle’s Japanese immigrant community, paying his way through college working in Alaska’s notorious salmon canneries, his success in architectural school, and the transformative structures he imagined and built.



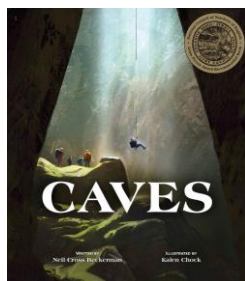
Tiny Jumper: How Tiny Broadwick Created the Parachute Rip Cord* by Candy Dahl*

A little-known heroine leapt from hot air balloons and airplanes to try to make parachutes safe for all.



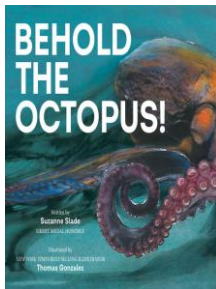
***What Rosa Brought* by Jacob Sager Weinstein**

What will Rosa take with her when her family has to leave their home? A true story of one child’s experience of the Holocaust.



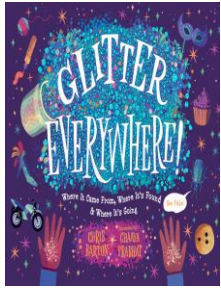
Caves* by Nell Cross Beckerman*

In the shade of the woods is a hill with a hole. Beacons black. Goosebump chills. Excitement and fear battle. What will win? You want to go in... do you dare? Using evocative storytelling, Nell Cross Beckerman urges children to explore one of nature’s most curious ecosystems.



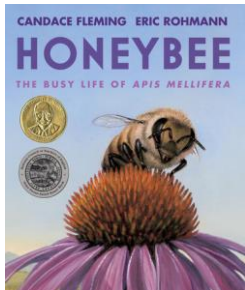
Behold the Octopus!* by Suzanne Slade*

What animal species has no bones and eight arms, lives in the ocean, varies in size from one inch to 30 feet, and can change color?



Glitter Everywhere!: Where It Came From, Where It's Found & Where It's Going* by Chris Barton*

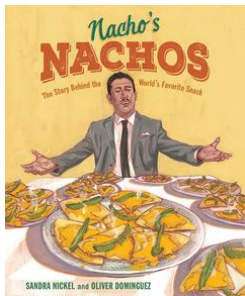
Explore the art, science, history, and negative social and environmental impact of these sparkling specks.



Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera* by Candace Fleming*

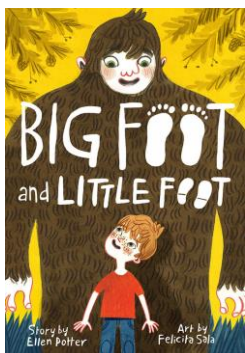
A tiny honeybee emerges through the wax cap of her cell. Driven to protect and take care of her hive, she cleans the nursery and feeds the larvae and the queen. But is she strong enough to fly? Not yet!

Apis builds wax comb to store honey, and transfers pollen from other bees into the storage. She defends the hive from invaders. And finally, she begins her new life as an adventurer.



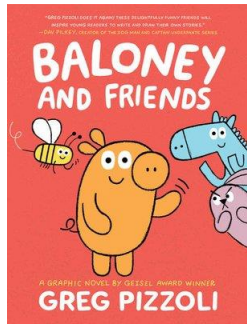
Nacho's Nachos: The Story Behind the World's Favorite Snack* by Sandra Nickel*

When a regular customer walked into his restaurant with three friends wanting a snack -something new, something different - Nacho rushed to the kitchen and improvised with what was on hand: corn tortillas, cheddar cheese, and jalapeño peppers. In that moment, Nacho's Special, the dish that later became known simply as "nachos," was born!



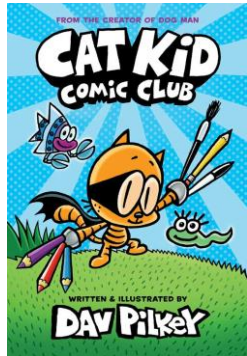
Big Foot and Little Foot series* by Ellen Potter*

Hugo is a young Sasquatch who longs for adventure. Boone is a young boy who longs to see a Sasquatch. When their worlds collide, they become the unlikeliest pair of best friends.



Baloney and Friends series by Greg Pizzoli**

In this graphic novel perfect for rising readers, Baloney and friends step into the spotlight and embody all the charm of childhood in three short tales and three mini-comics that invite readers to join the fun! Giggle with Baloney as he performs some questionable magic, give him a boost when a case of the blues gets him down, cheer him on as he braves the swimming pool, and at the end, learn to draw all the characters with clear step-by-step instructions!



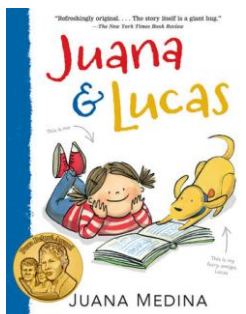
Cat Kid Comic Club series by Dav Pilkey**

Naomi, Melvin, Pedro, and Poppy are just a few of the twenty-one rambunctious, funny, and talented baby frogs who share their stories in the Cat Kid Comic Club. Can Li'l Petey, Molly, and Flippy help the students express themselves through comics? The adventures in class and on paper unwind with mishaps and hilarity as the creative baby frogs experience the mistakes and progress that come with practice and persistence.



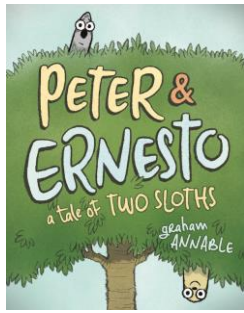
Jasmine Toguchi series by Debbi Michiko Florence**

Jasmine Toguchi is a spunky, eight-year-old Japanese American heroine unafraid to try new things while learning life lessons about family, friendship, and sisterhood along the way.



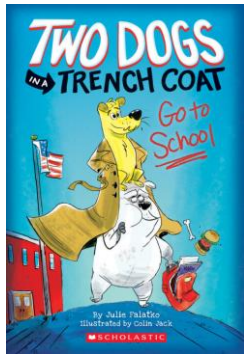
Juana and Lucas series by Juana Medina

Juana loves many things — drawing, eating Brussels sprouts, living in Bogotá, Colombia, and especially her dog, Lucas, the best amigo ever. She does not love wearing her itchy school uniform, solving math problems, or going to dance class. And she especially does not love learning the English. Why is it so important to learn a language that makes so little sense? But when Juana's abuelos tell her about a special trip they are planning—one that Juana will need to speak English to go on—Juana begins to wonder whether learning the English might be a beneficial use of her time after all.



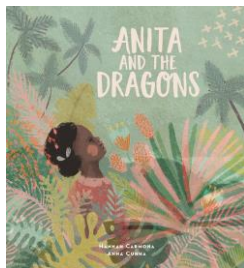
Peter and Ernesto series by Graham Annable**

Peter and Ernesto are sloths who are the very best of friends. But Peter is a homebody and Ernesto is an explorer, leading both on a series of adventures where they learn to appreciate the value of traveling and in having a place to call home.



Two Dogs in a Trench Coat series by Julie Falatko**

Sassy and Waldo are good dogs. They spend the day keeping their house safe. Has a squirrel ever gotten inside? No! But every day their boy, Stewart, comes home from this terrible place called school smelling like anxiety and loose-leaf paper. Sassy and Waldo decide to save Stewart. But they don't let dogs into school. So, Sassy and Waldo decide to get creative. They put on an old trench coat, and now everyone at Bea Arthur Elementary thinks they are a new student named Salty from Liver, Ohio.



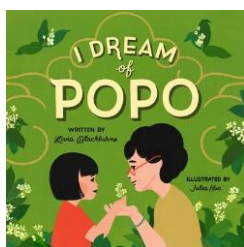
Anita and the Dragons by Hannah Carmona**

Anita watches the dragons high above her as she hops from one cement roof to another in her village in the Dominican Republic. But being the valiant princess she is, she never lets them scare her. Then one day, Anita must face her fears to begin a new life in a new country. Will she be brave enough to enter the belly of the beast and take flight to new adventures?



Big by Vashti Harrison**

Written and illustrated by award-winning creator Vashti Harrison traces a child's journey to self-love and shows the power of words to both hurt and heal. With spare text and exquisite illustrations, this emotional exploration of being big in a world that prizes small is a tender portrayal of how you can stand out and feel invisible at the same time.



I Dream of Popo by Livia Blackburne**

When a young girl and her family emigrate from Taiwan to America, she leaves behind her beloved popo, her grandmother. She misses her popo every day, but even if their visits are fleeting, their love is ever true and strong.



***The Night Walk* by Marie Dorléans**

Mama opened our bedroom door. "Wake up, you two," she whispered. "Let's go, so we get there on time."

Excited, the sleepy family step outside into a beautiful summer night. The world is quiet and shadowy, filled with fresh smells and amazing sights. Is this what they miss when they are asleep? Together, they walk out of their sleeping village. What will they find in the dark landscape?