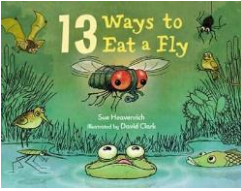
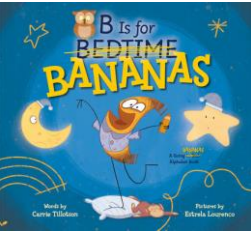
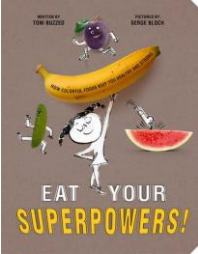
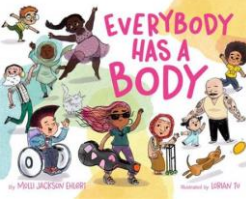
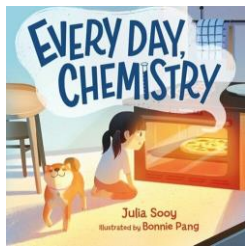


Maret Rising Kindergarten Summer Reading 2024

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.

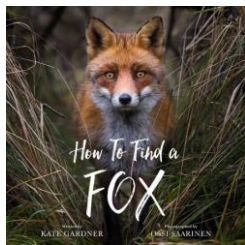
Starred* titles **ARE** available for checkout online from Maret as e-books or audiobooks through [Sora](#). Use your student's Maret email address and password to log in.

	<p><i>13 Ways to Eat a Fly</i> by Sue Heavenrich**</p> <p>Science meets subtraction in this fresh and funny STEM picture book with plenty of ewww factor to please young readers. A swarm of thirteen flies buzzes along, losing one member to each predator along the way. Whether the unfortunate insects are zapped or wrapped, liquefied or zombified, the science is real--and hilariously gross.</p>
	<p><i>B Is for Bananas</i> by Carrie Tillotson</p> <p>Guided by zany alphabet hijinks, wild banana flees bedtime.</p>
	<p><i>Eat Your Superpowers!: How Colorful Foods Keep You Healthy and Strong</i> by Toni Buzzeo**</p> <p>Twenty-five nutritious foods are organized by color, each introduced by a simple sentence, providing information about the health benefits of each.</p>
	<p><i>Everybody Has a Body</i> by Molli Jackson Ehlert**</p> <p>Examples of differences in appearances are linked by what they have in common: we all have bodies. Expressive drawings of bodies engaged in many activities.</p>



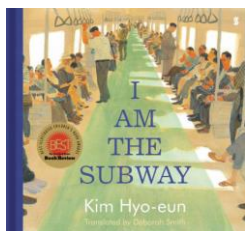
Every Day, Chemistry* by Julia Sooy*

Science is all around us in our daily lives. Specifically, chemistry! When your bread toasts, when your shampoo foams, when the playground slide rusts--those are all chemical reactions. In this book, a mother and daughter experience all these things and more as they go about their day, from when they wake up, to when they go to bed.



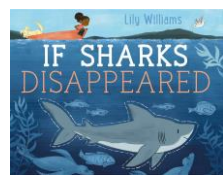
How to Find a Fox* by Kate Gardner*

Look for tracks. Listen for yips. Be as still as a pebble. Taking kids on an imaginary trek through different landscapes and seasons, *How to Find a Fox* celebrates one of our planet's most graceful and enchanting creatures: the red fox.



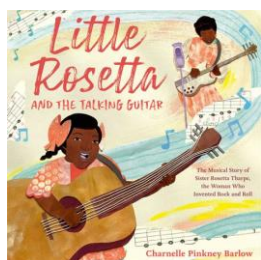
***I Am the Subway* by Kim Hyo-Eun**

Accompanied by the constant, rumbling ba-dum ba-dum of its passage through the city, the subway has stories to tell. Between sunrise and sunset, it welcomes and farewells people, and holds them – along with their joys, hopes, fears, and memories – in its embrace.



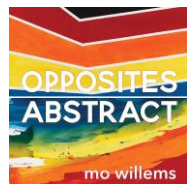
If Sharks Disappeared* by Lily Williams

Even though sharks can be scary, we need them to keep the oceans healthy. Unfortunately, due to overfishing, many shark species are in danger of extinction, and that can cause big problems in the oceans and even on land. What would happen if this continued, and sharks disappeared completely?





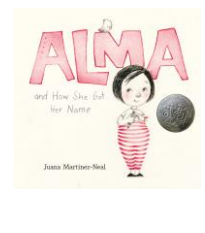
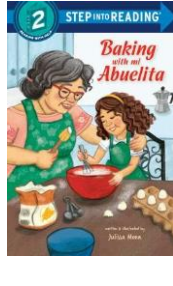
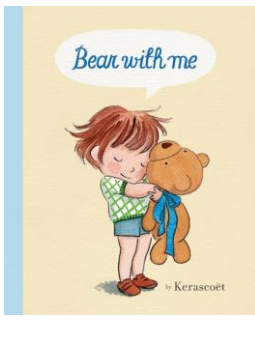

Little Rosetta and the Talking Guitar: The Musical Story of Sister Rosetta Tharpe, the Woman Who Invented Rock and Roll* by Charnelle Pinkney Barlow*

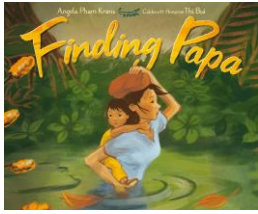
A young African American phenom created an entirely new musical genre, for which she did not initially get any credit.



***Opposites Abstract* by Mo Willems**

Is this dark? Is this light? Is this soft? Is this hard? Using colors, shapes, lines and textures, Willems invites readers to explore abstract concepts through eye-popping, emotive, and highly accessible artwork.

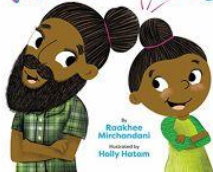
	<p><i>Our Skin</i> by Megan Madison and Jessica Ralli* Based on the research that race, gender, consent, and body positivity should be discussed with toddlers on up, this read-aloud board book series offers adults the opportunity to begin important conversations with young children in an informed, safe, and supported way.</p>
	<p><i>The Over and Under</i> series by Kate Messner* Discover the wonder that lies hidden among the roots, above the waters, and under the surface of different environments.</p>
	<p><i>Alma and How She Got Her Name</i> by Juana Martinez-Neal* If you ask her, Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela has too many names: six! How did such a small person wind up with such a large name? Alma turns to Daddy for an answer. As she hears the story of her name, Alma starts to think it might be a perfect fit after all — and realizes that <i>she</i> will one day have her own story to tell.</p>
	<p><i>Baking With Mi Abuelita (Step into Reading series)</i> by Julissa Mora** Making a surprise birthday cake for Papi is such fun, especially when Grandma lets you help.</p>
	<p><i>Bear with Me</i> by Kerascoët** A toddler copes when they have to leave a well-loved stuffed bear home on the first day of school. Ink and watercolor illustrations convey the nearly wordless story splendidly.</p>
	<p><i>The Brand-New, Never-Used, Perfect Crayons</i> by Leanne Hatch** Violet is thrilled with her brand-new box of crayons. Then her younger sister draws a picture for her, ruining their perfect points.</p>



***Finding Papa* by Angela Pham Krans**

Years after Mai’s father leaves Vietnam for a better life in America, she and her mother make the dangerous journey to join him.

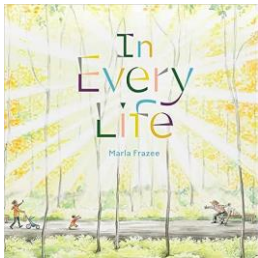
HAIR TWINS



***Hair Twins* by Raakhee Mirchandani**

Every morning Papa combs through his daughter's waves like he does his own—parting it down the middle, using coconut oil to get all the tangles out.

Some days he braids her hair in two twists down the side of her face. Other days he weaves it into one long braid hanging down her back, just like a unicorn tail.



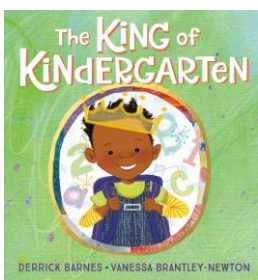
In Every Life* by Marla Frazee*

Inspired by a “call-and-response version of a Jewish baby-naming blessing,” this invitation to myriad reasons for gratitude is tenderly illustrated with wordless vignettes of the lives people live.



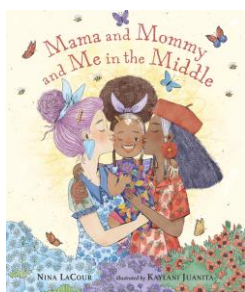
***Look What We Can Do!* By Brittany Adkins and Kristen Bell**

"Look What We Can Do!" is a light-hearted tale of Nolan, a little boy, and Teddy, his best friend, as they cruise around on Nolan's new power wheelchair. These two adventurers find joy and humor in the world around them, despite the new obstacles they face.

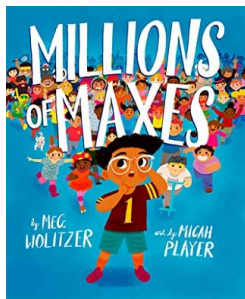


The King of Kindergarten* by Derrick Barnes

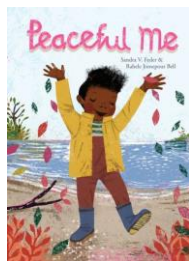
Starting kindergarten is a big milestone--and the hero of this story is ready to make his mark! He's dressed himself, eaten a pile of pancakes, and cannot wait to be part of a whole new kingdom of kids. The day will be jam-packed, but he's up to the challenge, taking new experiences in stride with his infectious enthusiasm! And afterward, he can't wait to tell his proud parents all about his achievements--and then wake up to start another day.



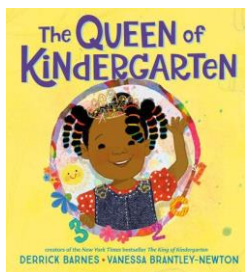
Mama and Mommy and Me in the Middle* by Nina LaCour*
For one little girl, there is no place she would rather be than sitting between Mama and Mommy. So, when Mommy goes away on a work trip, it's tricky to find a good place at the table. As the days go by, Mama brings her to the library, they watch movies, and all of them talk on the phone, but she still misses Mommy.



Millions of Maxes* by Meg Wolitzer
Max's room has his name all over it—on his blanket and night light and wall. His parents call him The One and Only Max. And so, he is in for a big surprise at the playground one day, when he hears "Max, time to go home!" and two *other* kids come running. He's not the one and only after all! How many Maxes are in the world?!



Peaceful Me* by Sandra V. Feder*
A young child shares many strategies for staying calm in a variety of situations.



The Queen of Kindergarten* by Derrick Barnes
MJ is more than ready for her first day of kindergarten! With her hair freshly braided and her mom's special tiara on her head, she knows she's going to rock kindergarten. But the tiara isn't just for show—it also reminds her of all the good things she brings to the classroom, stuff like her kindness, friendliness, and impressive soccer skills, too!

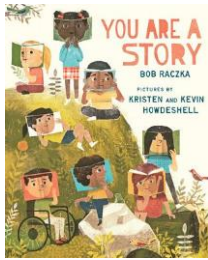


Soon, Your Hands* by Jonathan Stutzman*
Three diverse families, all neighbors, savor time with their young children even as they foresee them growing less dependent.



Sparkle Boy* by Leslea Newman

Young Casey loves sparkly things, just like his older sister, who does not approve until an encounter with teasing bullies helps her learn to accept and respect Casey for who he is.



You Are a Story* by Bob Raczka*

“Tell your story to others. Then listen to theirs.” An empowering and moving exploration of identity from many perspectives.