
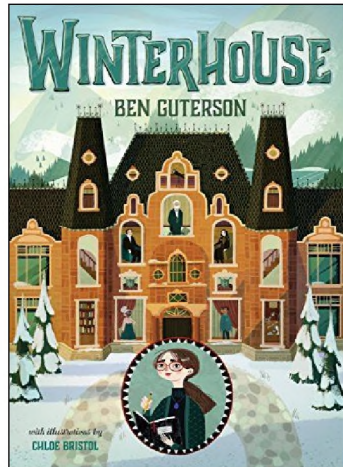


Reading Engagement in the Elementary Classroom

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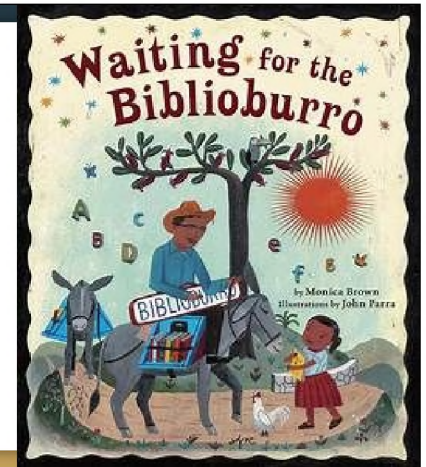
Books about Books
and Readers



Winterhouse by Ben Guterson

Great read-aloud for Christmastime. This book has word ladders, anagrams, and puzzles to solve that will keep kids playing word games, while loving the mystery involved in the story.

Waiting for the Biblioburro by Monica Brown



This is a great book to use to teach context clues. There are several Spanish words that students can work to determine the meaning of.



These two books are great for multiple purposes! One is fiction and the other is nonfiction, so comparing and contrasting is a great lesson. They both are also great for using context clues to determine the meaning of unknown words.



This is such a fun book because it shows how Little Libraries got started. Most kids have seen one somewhere. You can show the students pictures of real Little Libraries from @littlefreelibrary or Google them. I always like to have the kids go find one in their own neighborhood and get a book out of it. Have them take a picture and share the location with you, so other students can go check it out also.



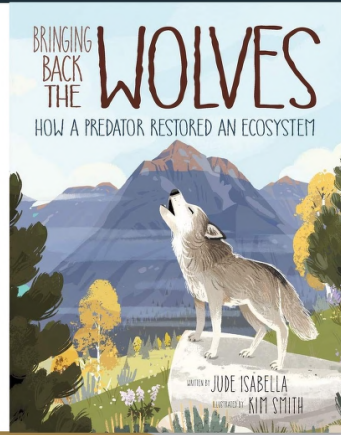
Pumpkin Fall Mysteries, The Case of the Missing Carrot Cake are Mystery Books where students find clues. Using these books launches discussions with students about how to find clues and look at them closely as you make decisions. Integrate this into close reading practices, using text evidence to answer questions, and making inferences as you look closely at text.



Bringing Back the Wolves

How a Predator Restored an Ecosystem

by Jude Isabella



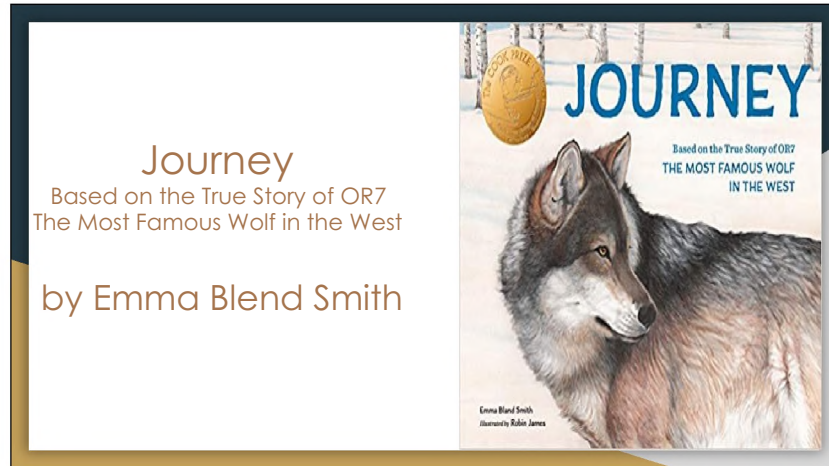
Bringing Back the Wolves is a book all about ecosystems and food chains. Supplement this book with A Wolf Called Wonder by Rosanne Parry. It is a fictional tale of wolves being reintroduced into an ecosystem.



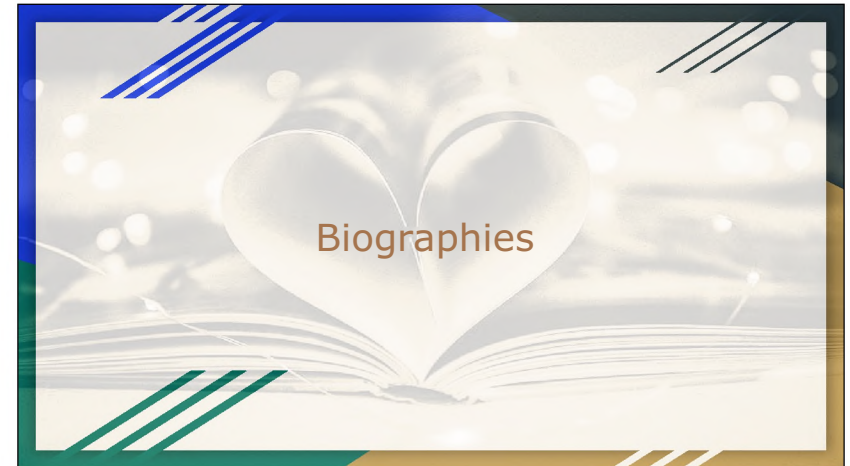
A Wolf Called Wander

by Rosanne Parry

Great read-aloud to accompany food chain and ecosystem lessons.



Journey is a true story of how a wolf traveled throughout the west. Accompany this book with A Wolf Called Wonder by Rosanne Parry and Bringing Back the Wolves by Jude Isabella. This book is also a type of animal biography. You can even plot his travels on a map.

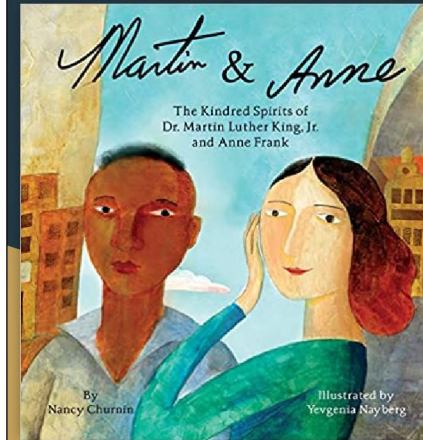


Amelia and Eleanor Go For A Ride

By Pam Munoz Ryan



This story would work well for Women's History Month to teach compare and contrast! These two women were strong, independent souls that were great friends.



Martin & Anne The Kindred Spirits of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Anne Frank

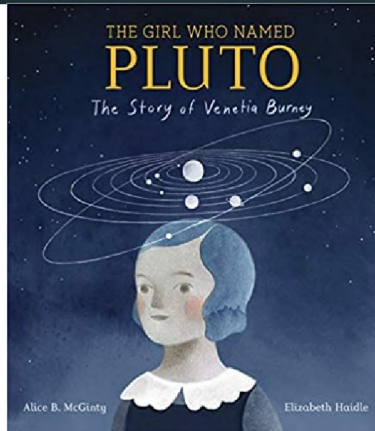
by Nancy Churnin

This book is great for compare and contrast! Most people have no idea how much these two individuals have in common.

The Girl Who Named Pluto

The Story of Venetia Burney

by Alice B. McGinty
Elizabeth Haidle



This is a biography that could be used for Women's History Month, or a space unit. Use the dialogue in the book to take your class on a "spacewalk" to create a model of the solar system.



Testing the Ice

A True Story About
Jackie Robinson

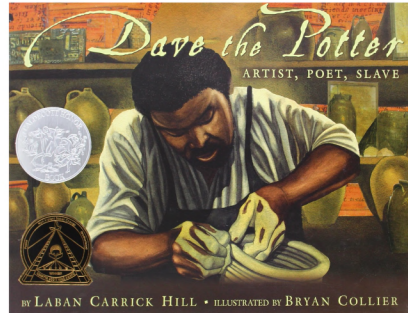
by Sharon Robinson

Another biography that would be great for Black History Month or to show strong character traits. Jackie Robinson overcame his fears to save the children.

Dave the Potter

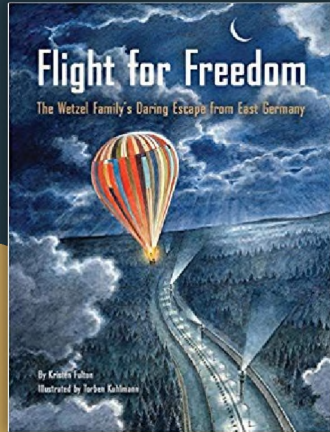
Artist, Poet, Slave

by Laban Carrick Hill



A biography about a slave that combined his artistic talent and poetry to create beautiful pots. This book could be used for Black History Month, and also lends itself well to art, writing, and poetry as well.



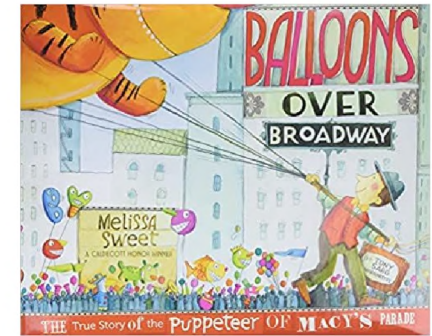


Flight for Freedom

The Wetzel Family's Daring
Escape from East Germany

by Kristen Fulton

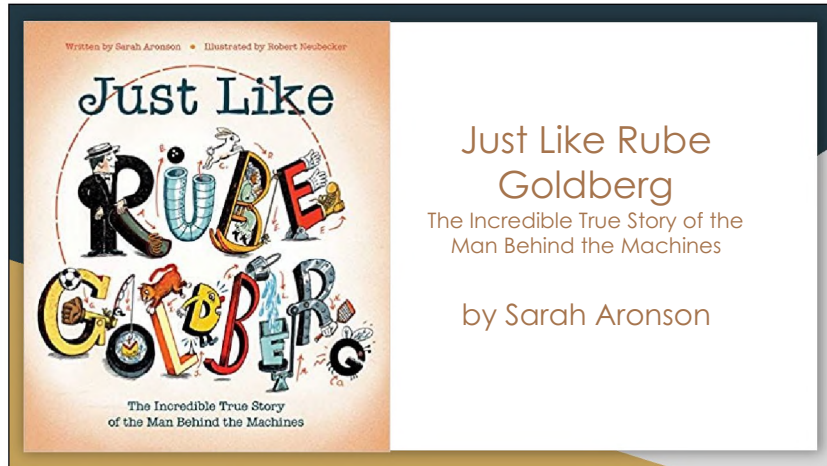
STEM Design Process. This book illustrates how a family takes the design process and uses it to create a hot air balloon that takes them from East to West Germany. Use this book at the start of any STEM (Engineering) Design Process activity.



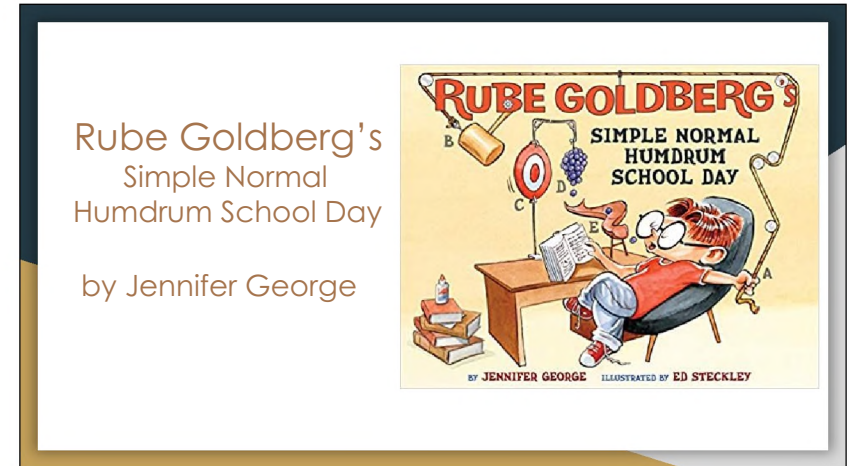
Balloons Over Broadway

by Melissa Sweet

<https://jillianstarrteaching.com/balloons-over-broadway/>
STEM and Holidays: This book is so fun to do in the couple of days before Thanksgiving. There is great vocabulary words throughout. After teaching the students about the history of the parade, show some video clips of past parades, and let the students make their own balloon. You can even have students vote on different categories of balloons like they do for the real parade.



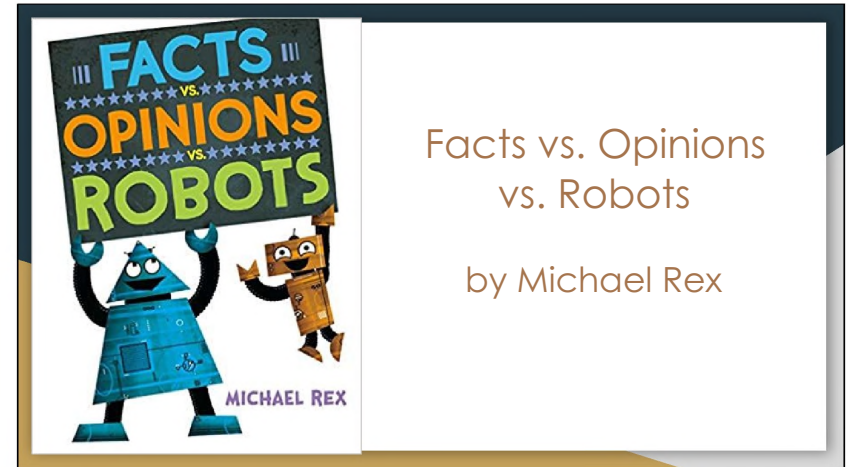
This book is a biography with incredibly detailed illustrations. Anything about Rube Goldberg is fantastic for STEM type challenges.



STEM: This book shows incredibly intricate ways of doing completely boring, normal-day things. The kids love the craziness of it, yet it is a great introduction to creativity and STEM building. This book would be great to use after teaching simple machines.



More fantastic books for a STEM activity that involves building with whatever random object the kids can find! Creativity abounds with these main characters.



Facts vs. Opinions
vs. Robots
by Michael Rex

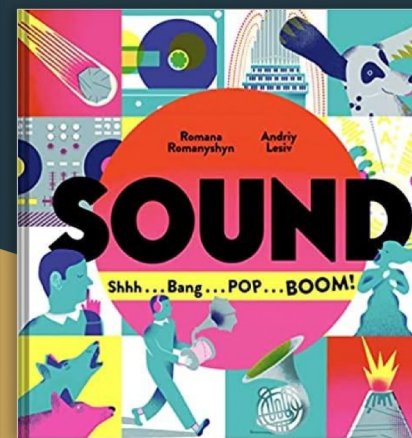
Use alongside a STEM unit on building robots to teach the difference between facts and opinions.

Maya and the Robot

by Eve L. Ewing



Maya and the Robot is a great read-aloud to accompany a robot unit. This book also lends itself to the design process as you follow the main character as she problem solves. It is also good for teaching character traits.



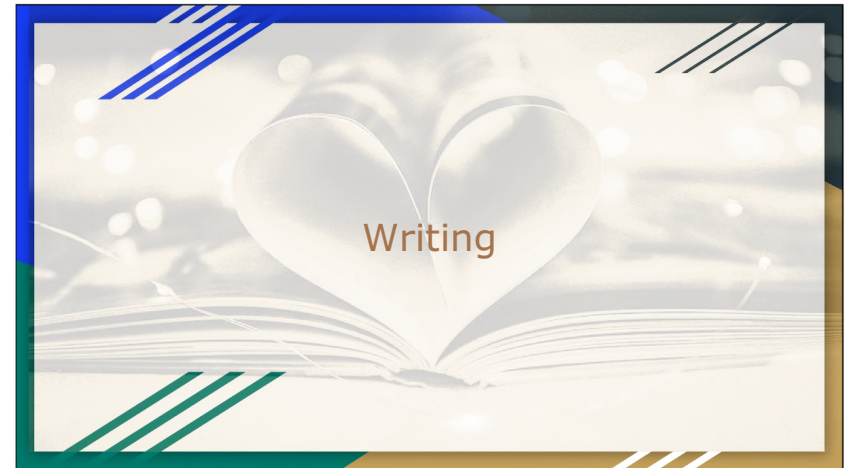
Sound Shh...Bang...Pop...Boom!

by Romana Romanyshyn
and Andriy Lesiv

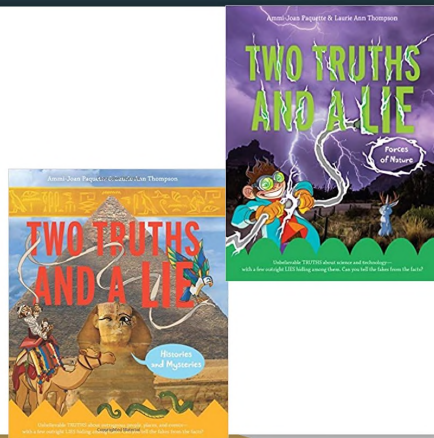
A great book to accompany a lesson on sound with visuals and a variety of sources that produce sound. This is perfect for science or a music class.



A pioneer in the world of female computer programming. This book would be great to use for a biography unit or Women's History Month.



Two Truths And A Lie



Another great book for writing and research. After reading this book, students can create their own book or slideshow where they research a topic and create two truths and a lie. Use your social studies or science topics as topics for this project. Integration!

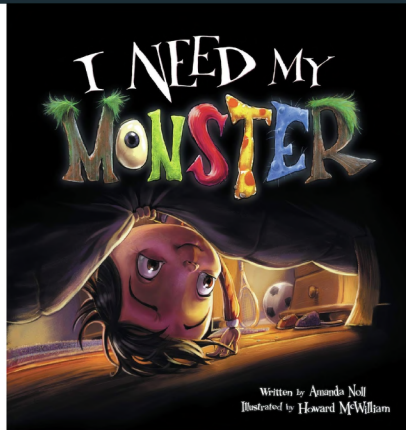
Flying Lessons & Other Stories



Flying Lesson and other stories is a selection of short stories that are great for short reads. Using this book, students can create short stories.

I Need My Monster

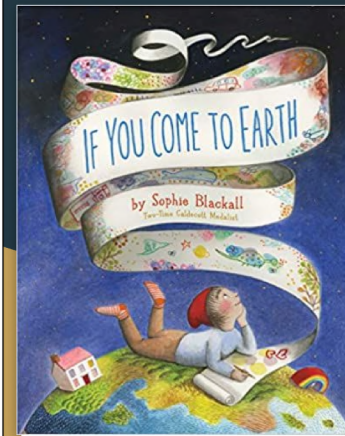
by Amanda Noll



This book is a fun and creative way to jump start descriptive writing. Students can make their own monsters using templates or their own imagination using inspiration from the book. Student can then write descriptive paragraphs to describe their monster.

If You Come To Earth

By Sophie Blackall



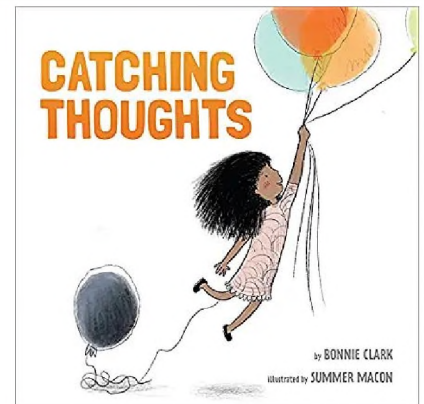
Great for a writing assignment! Students can create their own rules to know if "You come to earth." It would even work for a maps or geography unit, having the students imagine the giant earth all the way down to their own house.



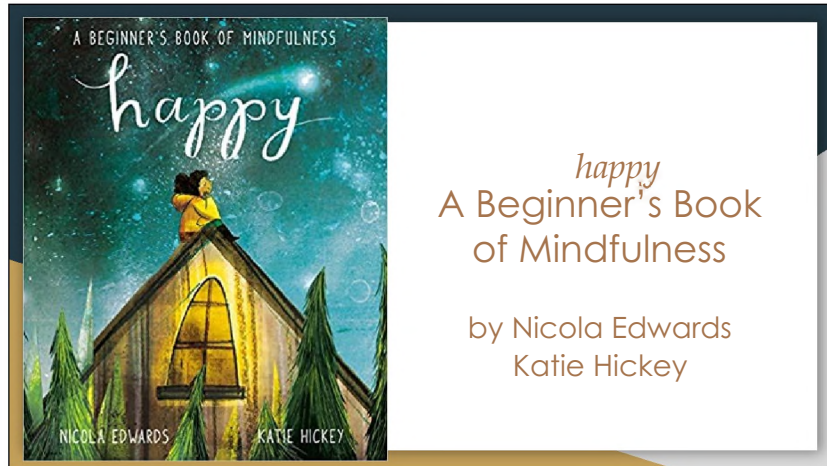
Social and Emotional Wellness and Mindfulness

Catching Thoughts

by Bonnie Clark



Cut up small slips of paper. Have 1 class black balloon and let everyone put a bad or negative thought that they want to get rid of inside that black balloon. Then fill it with helium and "let it go" or pop it over a dumpster and discuss letting those negative thoughts go. They still exist in the world, but they do not have to be in your mind all the time! Then give the students some time to write positive thoughts on slips of paper and place them in their own brightly colored balloon so they can remember those are the ones to keep.



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A Beginner's Book
of Mindfulness

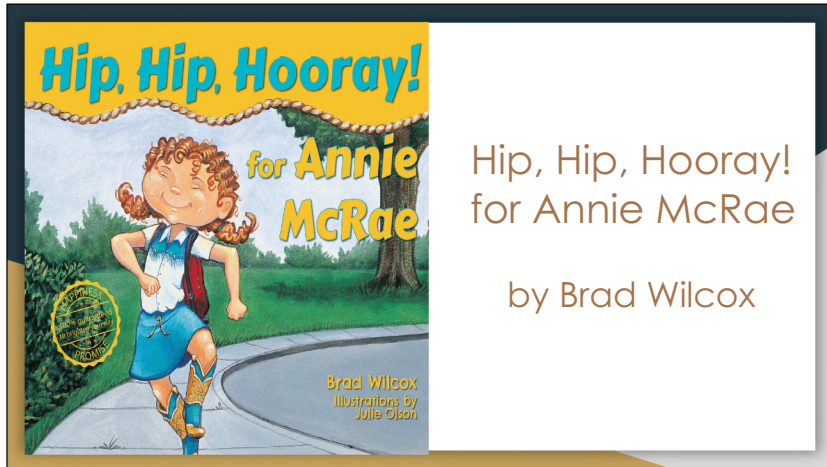
by Nicola Edwards
Katie Hickey

This book focuses on things to help someone feel happy! Let kids draw or write about all the things in their life that bring them peace and help them feel mindfulness.

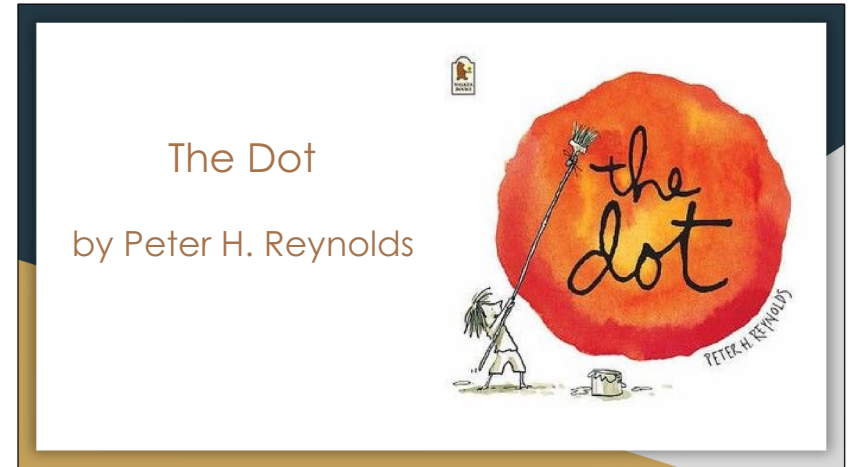


The Magical Yet
by Angela DiTerlizzi

This is such a great book to help kids see that it is ok to not be perfect at everything...YET.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MzD-eFN8mz8gVclPG35Avwrpco_YZvTc/view?usp=sharing



Hip, Hip, Hooray for Annie McRae by local author Brad Wilcox is a book that helps students realize that praise can come from within and does have to have external sources.



A book that encourages students to look at how what they can accomplish is enough and has worth. This book also lends itself to an art activity.



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