

August Lesson Ideas (Primary)

Literary highlights and extensions for the month of August

Book Ideas

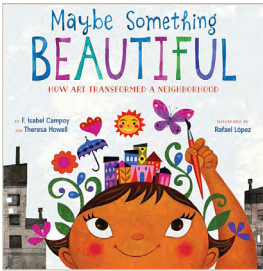


Hot Dog

by [Doug Salati](#)

Themes: Picture Book | Alliteration | Rhyming

- Spark excitement by inviting readers to complete a [jigsaw puzzle](#) book reveal.
- Invite students to draw how they cool down during the summer.
- Discuss the meaning of alliteration and have students tap their shoulders when they hear words that start with the /s/ sound while reading or watching the [complete book reading](#).
- Practice alliteration skills with [Alliteration Printables](#).



Maybe Something Beautiful

by [F. Isabel Campoy](#), [Theresa Howell](#), and [Rafael López](#)

Themes: Picture Book | Realistic Fiction | Art

- Introduce the book with the [book trailer](#), then prompt students to think about art in their neighborhood — What kinds of art do they see? How does this art make them feel?
- Read the story and encourage students to think about how art made this community feel.
- After reading, create a [cloth craft](#) to hang in the classroom, school or at home.
- Enjoy more ideas to transform your community into “something beautiful” with these [activities](#).

Author Study Ideas



Rafael López

- Introduce illustrator Rafael López by playing his [Audio Name Pronunciation](#).
- Learn how the pictures were made with this [Meet-the-Illustrator Recording](#) for *The Day You Begin* and discover an inside secret.
- Show the [complete book reading](#) of *The Day You Begin*, narrated by the author, Jacqueline Woodson.
- Use the share tool to create a shelf card for the [author](#), adding to book baskets, displays, or shelves to help young readers understand that books have authors and illustrators.