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Help Make the Community Better by Engaging in Reading

Do you want to read along with others in the Marietta community as a family? Marietta Community Reads is a program designed to have all young members of the community participating in shared reading. The Emily Lembeck Early Learning Center, along with eleven other childcare centers in Marietta, are focusing on the same books and themes for activities and learning each month. To help your child's "reading brain" they invite you to join in their journey through Literacy and Justice for All. In October, young students will answer the inquiry question: *How can my community work together to help everyone?*

As you read with your children think aloud, make predictions, and talk about new words. This will build their inferential thinking skills, vocabulary and increase reading comprehension skills. Engage in conversations with your children about what it means to work together as a community and how we can make many small achievements into larger successes. October's books are:

- [Milo Imagines the World](#) by Matt de la Pena
- [Stray Dog](#) by Marc Simont
- [Maybe Something Beautiful](#) by Isobel Campoy and Theresa Howell
- [Last Stop on Market Street](#) by Matt de la Pena
- [Thank You, Omu](#) by Oge Mora

Families are encouraged to visit the public library or to find the books at a local store. Switzer Branch has a display of books that focus on this month's theme. Finding activities in the Fall that can help your community can be a blessing for many. Here are some activities you can do as a family that focus on this month's theme.

- 1) Draw or paint pictures to pass on to your neighbors to make their day a little brighter.
- 2) Collect books you have outgrown and donate to a local nonprofit.
- 3) Bake cookies together or other goods to hand out to elderly neighbors.

As the local point of contact for the Get Georgia Reading Campaign, the Cobb Collaborative is pleased to increase awareness of this community-wide opportunity to develop strong readers.

If your business or organization is interested in learning more and promoting the Community Scope and Sequence by providing information and resources to families, please contact the Cobb Collaborative's Literacy Coordinator, Leslie Danford, at ldanford@cobbcollaborative.org.

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