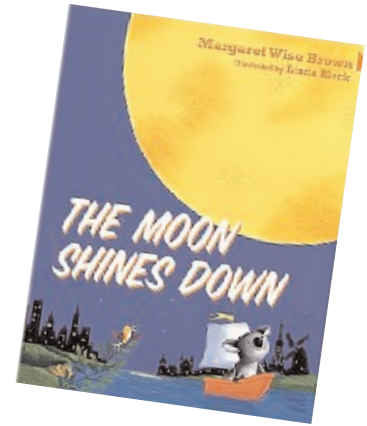


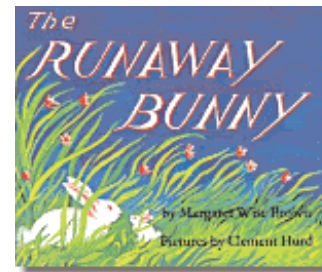
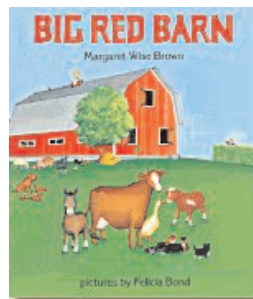
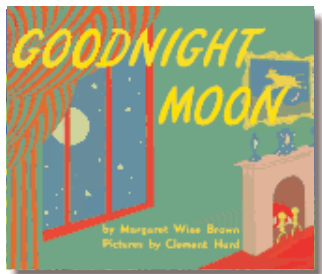
# Reading is Fun!



Dear Stars Club Family:

Today in “Reading is Fun” Club, our students listened to a newly released story by Margaret Wise Brown - the prolific children’s book author - called “The Moon Shines Down”. Journeying around the world, readers are shown how the moon shines down on children in every country, and even the fish in the sea. We chose this book to tie into North Beverly’s Reading Festival theme “Read Around the World”. The students discussed the story, travelling, children in countries around the world, had the opportunity to read additional stories with friends, look in the Library for maps and travel books, and created “international” paper dolls that will be displayed in the Media Center for the duration of the Festival.

Here are a few of Margaret Wise Brown’s most beloved & familiar children’s books:



Margaret Wise Brown wrote hundreds of books and stories during her life, but she is best known for “Goodnight Moon” and “Runaway Bunny.” Margaret loved animals. Most of her books have animals as characters in the story. She liked to write books that had a rhythm to them. Sometimes she would put a hard word into the story or poem. She thought this made children think harder when they are reading. She wrote all the time. There are many scraps of paper where she quickly wrote down a story idea or a poem. She said she dreamed stories and then had to write them down in the morning before she forgot them. She tried to write the way children wanted to hear a story, which often isn't the same way an adult would tell a story. She also taught illustrators to draw the way a child saw things. One time she gave two puppies to someone who was going to draw a book with that kind of dog. The illustrator painted many pictures one day and then fell asleep. When he woke up, the papers he painted on were bare. The puppies had licked all the paint off the paper!

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