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## CLASSROOM QUESTIONS – FEBRUARY 2023

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### Reading Comprehension

1. Poet and best-selling author Nikki Grimes says that everyone has a gift to share with the world and to always follow your heart. Discuss these ideas with students and ask them to describe in a few sentences something special about themselves that they would like to share with others now or when they grow up.
  
  2. Teen author Olivia Amiri writes about the Mona Lisa painting in a creative and thought-provoking way. Ask kids if they've ever been to a gallery or an art museum. Do they have a desire to take any art classes and learn to paint or draw? Have them write their answers and give reasons why they are or are not interested in art.
  
  3. Real stories about space travel and training are part of the fascinating book *How to Spacewalk*. This guide does a spacewalk with the first American woman to walk in space. Ask kids if they have an interest in being an astronaut or in any other aspects of space travel. Have them write a few sentences detailing the reasons for their answer.
  
  4. The message in the book *Dreamer's Journey* is to tell kids that they can be anything they want to be. Discuss this with students and ask them if they have an idea of what they want to be when they grow up. Have them write about their goals or ideas for what they'd like to accomplish.
  
  5. In the story *The Big Buna Bash*, Almaz tries to think of a way to use her family traditions to make friends. Discuss with students the idea that accepting new friends with different cultures is important and can bring us together. Ask students to write about a friend or someone they met who has different cultural traditions from them.
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## True or False

1. *A Special Little Girl* was written to tell all children who learn “differently” that they are seen, important, and loved. (True or False)
  2. In the story *Desert Friends*, the force of water sweeps away Rodney the Roadrunner. (True or False)
  3. *Magnificent Mocha Monty* is a story about “loving the skin you’re in” and accepting your uniqueness. (True or False)
  4. In *Night Lunch*, Badger is a street sweeper who longs for even a crumb of food from the food cart. (True or False)
  5. The author’s personal experiences shaped the setting and premise of the *Merci Suárez* trilogy. (True or False)
  6. In *Zara’s Rule for Record-Breaking Fun*, Naomi is in charge of all the games until Zara moves in across the street. (True or False)
  7. A book club is for enjoying books and is a way to delve deeper into the world of those who love books. (True or False)
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## Fill in the Blanks

1. *The Chocolate Clouds* was written and illustrated to engage young adults on choices about \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In *Do Baby Animals Suck Their Trunks?*, we learn that whale calves drink a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In *The Pear Affair*, Nell goes to Paris in search of Perrine Pear with the help of a bellboy named \_\_\_\_\_.
4. In *Smiley and Hugs Solves a Mystery*, Smiley and Hugs are looking for RileyDawg’s \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The little girl in *My Lala* makes her mark on the world using red \_\_\_\_\_ from her box of treasures.
6. The story *Milko* unfolds from the hills in Bolivia to the mountains of \_\_\_\_\_.
7. *Party Pooper*, the \_\_\_\_\_ book in the *Bad Apple* series, follows Bad Apple trying to spoil the fun at a birthday party.

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True/False: 1. True 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. True 6. False 7. True  
Fill in the Blanks: 1. eating 2. milk 3. Xavier 4. smile 5. dots 6. Ethiopia 7. third

## Answers

