



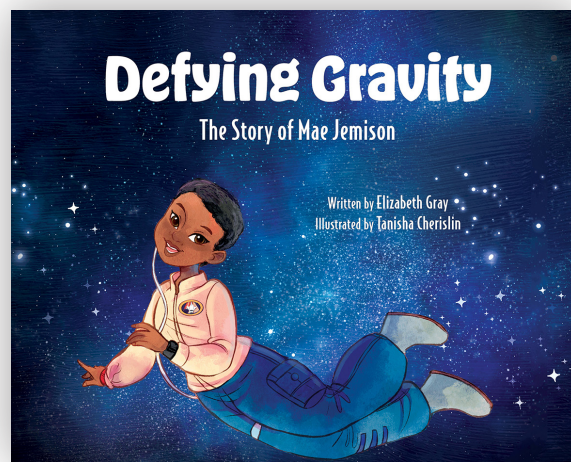
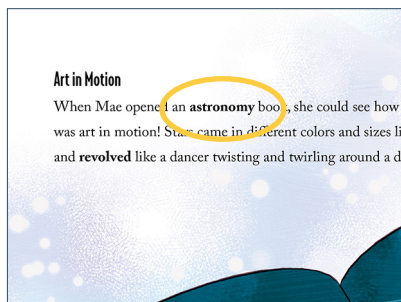
READING  
TOGETHER

# Defying Gravity: The Story of Mae Jemison

*Use these simple activities to have fun reading together!*

## Look for Bold Words

This book has many bold words and phrases that are important to the story. Show your child how to find the bold words. Then look for clues in the story to figure out what they mean. If the clues are hard to find, show your child the glossary on page 13. Play a seek and find game with the story, searching for bold words and trying to figure out what they mean!



## Observe the Night Sky

Mae enjoyed staring at the sky at night. On a clear night, take your child outside and look up into the sky. Talk about what you see, think, and feel. Talk to your child about how it would feel to go into space. Is your child interested in visiting space one day? When you go inside, ask your child to write a few sentences about what they saw in the sky, how it made them feel, and if they think they would like to go to space one day.

## Set Goals

Talk to your child about Mae's difficult journey in becoming an astronaut. Then, discuss something your child would like to do. This could be improving school work, getting better at a sport, or becoming a scientist like Mae. Ask your child what things they could do now that would help them achieve their goal. Help your child set small goals so that the big goal can be reached.

