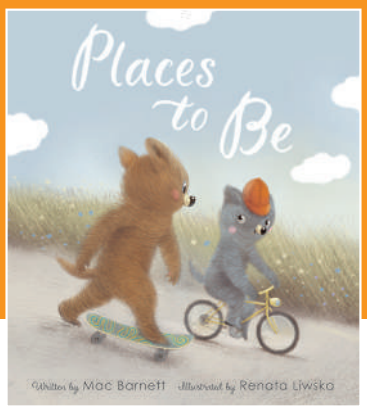

PLACES TO BE

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ABOUT THE BOOK

With an elegant simplicity, this picture book celebrates all our wide-ranging emotions–and the adventures that await us each day.

We have so many places to be!

Places to be loud

and lovely

and scared

and jubilant.

STORYTIME ACTIVITIES

• **PICTURE DICTIONARY:** As you read the book, make a list of new or unfamiliar words. After finishing the book, create a group picture dictionary. Each child should choose a word from the list to include in the dictionary, then write it down and draw an illustration to match. Older children can also write a brief definition next to the word.

• **FUN WITH FRIENDS:** Discuss the activities these friends share. Ask children what they enjoy doing with their friends. Children can write about and/or illustrate their ideas, or they can complete the downloadable word search, which includes many activities.

• **PICTURE CLUES:** As you read the story, pause to discuss what is happening in the pictures. This book provides many opportunities for children to engage with the illustrations. As you read the story, pause to discuss what is happening with the characters in each image.

• **PEOPLE TO SEE, PLACES TO GO:** Have children turn-and-talk with a partner to answer the following questions: Where are your favorite places to go? Why? With whom do you like to go there? How do you feel when you are there?

• **HOW ARE YOU FEELING?:** Discuss how the characters feel throughout the story and record a list of their feelings on a chart. Have children choose a feeling from the list and think of a time they felt this way. In small groups, have children act out a scenario that conveys this feeling, while the other children in the group try to guess the emotion.

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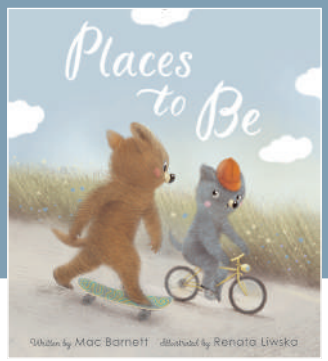

PICTURE DICTIONARY

In *Places to Be*, the characters experience different feelings during their adventures. Write down words that describe what they're feeling and then draw a picture of what each word means.

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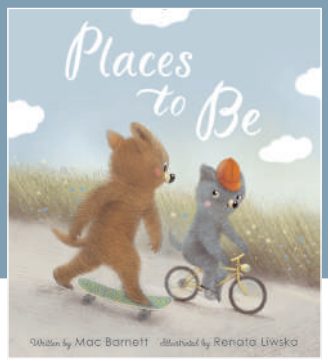

FUN WITH FRIENDS

There are so many places to be–and fun things to do!
Find some fun activities in this word search!

WORD SEARCH

skateboard	reading	playground	~~sleeping~~
bicycle	seesaw	fishing	camping
soccer	swimming	eating	singing

B V P F W A S E E S L I D E Z
H G N I D A E R X L W R W L U
S L W D N U O R G Y A L P C E
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