

Year 5

In Term 3, Year 5 is exploring the works of Jeannie Baker in the key learning areas of English and Geography. Jeannie is a talented author and illustrator of a number of wonderful picture books including *Where the Forest Meets the Sea*, *Mirror*, and *Window*. Many of Jeannie's picture books explore important topics such as the environment, changing landscapes and sustainability.



As a class, Year 5 viewed Jeannie Baker's *Window*. As the picture book without text, Jeannie uses mixed media to create detailed, meaningful illustrations to convey the narrative of the text. After viewing and discussing the different features of the book, Year 5 became authors, working together to develop text to accompany the illustrations. As a class, the students decided

on key aspects to include in the writing, such as tense, perspective, and a theme to ensure continuity of the book. After brainstorming some ideas, we worked in groups to develop text for different illustrations in the book. For the final page, all students were able to provide an idea for the accompanying text and then voted for the most descriptive, engaging piece of writing.



After each group had completed their text, we used the Book Creator app on the iPad to transform *Window* into an audio book! Click on the link below to view the final product.



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