	Activities and Engaging Readers Guide
	Book Title: The Sound of Silence by Katrina Goldsaito
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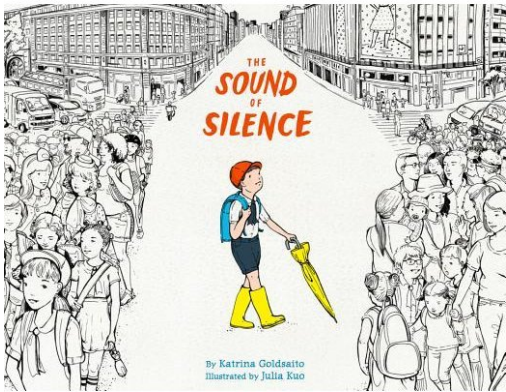
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by Katrina Goldsaito
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Engaging Readers:

Head outside and have students spend 5-10 minutes with eyes closed, listening carefully to the sounds around them. What did they hear? Ask students to make a list that describes the sounds or names the things they heard. Talk as a group about what kids heard. Did they hear some sounds simultaneously? Could they hear distinctive sounds? Were there any sounds that they couldn't identify? Was there ever a moment when they heard no sounds at all? Have students use precise language to write a descriptive passage or poem about a favorite sound and why they love to hear it.

Community Connection:

Strike up the band for NEA's Read Across America! Help students explore the diversity and creativity of different musical traditions by inviting guest musicians to talk with your students and demonstrate their instruments, instrument care, and practice routines. Then provide students with a wide selection of percussion instruments—drums, chimes, bells, sticks, blocks, rattles—and let them experiment with their sounds. Have students work in small groups with your guests to choose a book and create a rhythmic accompaniment that they perform while the book is read aloud.



Ready Resources:

Discover ways to integrate music into your literacy toolkit with resources from **Reading Rockets**. You'll find recommendations for books about music and musicians, hands-on activities to extend the learning, and tips on using music to help kids with LD boost their language skills. At Reading Rockets you'll also find a wealth of information and resources on how young kids learn to read, why so many struggle, and how caring adults can help.



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