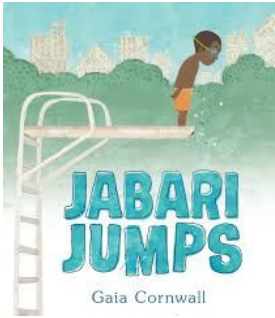




COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY LEARNING ACTIVITIES



<b>ODE Library Guideline</b>	<p><b>Grade Band: K-2</b> <b>Guideline: Information Literacy</b> <b>Organizer: Library Organization</b> <b>Benchmark 5:</b> Read and listen to stories for schoolwork and personal enjoyment.</p>
<b>Title</b>	<p><b>Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall</b> Synopsis: Working up the courage to take a big, important leap is hard, but Jabari is almost absolutely ready to make a giant splash.</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Themes: facing fears, bravery, family</li></ul>
<b>Resources and Materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read this book in May - discuss summertime activities and Father's Day or read with a unit on courage.</li><li>• <a href="#">Story Mapping: Beginning, Middle, and End Worksheet</a></li><li>• Make 'soothing sand' to use when feeling worried or scared - see recipe below.</li></ul>
<b>Lesson</b>	<p><b>Read aloud pre-reading:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Show the book, read the title, author/illustrator. Gaia Cornwall did both jobs, she wrote the book and illustrated the book so she is the author and the illustrator.</li><li>• Ask students what the <b>setting</b> of the story is based upon the cover illustration. They should mention the diving board means the story setting is a swimming pool and the buildings in the background mean the setting is in a city.</li></ul>

- This must be Jabari - point to child on diving board. How do you think Jabari feels here?
- Do you go to the swimming pool in the summer? Do you use the diving board?

**Read and discuss story:**

Discussion questions:

1. What do you think Jabari felt when he and his family arrived at the swimming pool?
2. What kinds of surprises do you like?
3. Have you ever jumped off a diving board? How did you feel at first?
4. How does Jabari's dad encourage him to jump off the diving board?
5. What does Jabari see when he stands at the edge of the diving board?
6. What do you think he feels before he jumps?

Pass out and discuss the attached story mapping worksheet. Students retell beginning, middle and end of story.

**Lesson extensions ideas:**

- Use Destiny catalog to look up other books in your library on bravery. Use keywords bravery and courage to conduct your search
- Make a class "I Am Brave" book with each child making a page of the book. Compile and share class book.
- Make 'soothing sand' (kinetic sand) and use it whenever you feel worried, anxious or scared to try something new for the first time. Recipe here: <https://celebratepicturebooks.com/tag/jabari-jumps/>

Supplies:

1 cup of play sand

½ tablespoon cornstarch

1 teaspoon dish soap

About ¾ cup of Water or as needed

Bin or larger bowl

Small bowl

Directions : The amount of water you use will depend on the consistency of the sand. In a bin or bowl, combine the sand and cornstarch and mix well. In the small bowl combine the dish soap and water and stir until the water is bubbly. Slowly pour some of the water/dish soap mixture into the sand/cornstarch mixture and mix well. Continue mixing, adding a little water at a time until the desired consistency is reached.