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A grandfather's memories of brilliant night skies inspire a little girl to take action in a tale for budding community organizers and star lovers alike.

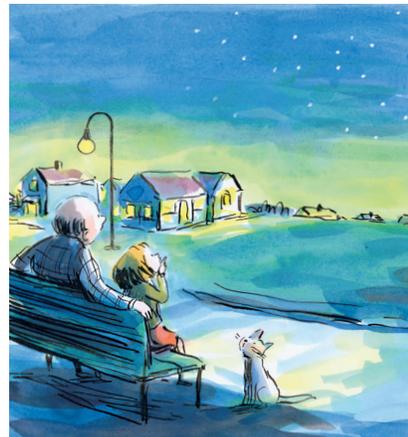
Use *The Stars Just Up the Street* in your classroom to talk about pollution and taking action to make change.

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- ☆ How many stars your students see at night depends on where they live, in urban, suburban, or rural areas. Ask students where they would expect to see the most and the fewest stars, and discuss why.
- ☆ Ask students to name types of pollution, such as litter pollution, air pollution, water pollution, and light pollution.
- ☆ International Dark Sky Week was started in 2003 by a high school student and is now an international event. Have students research Dark Sky Week. For resources and further information, check out [www.darksky.org](http://www.darksky.org).
- ☆ Mabel was inspired by her grandfather's story to take action and become involved with her community. Ask students how they can become involved in their community or school to make positive changes.

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