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Dear Miss Redmond,

We just finished reading Stellaluna by Janelle Canon. It is the story of a mother bat who is flying with her baby, Stellaluna, when they are attacked by an owl. Stellaluna falls into a birds’ next, and the mother bird cares for her. Mother Bird teaches Stellaluna to behave “like a good bird should”, eating bugs, sleeping at night, and not hanging upside down. In the end, Stellaluna and her mother are reunited and Stellaluna regains her bat ways. She continues to be friends with the birds.

Will can relate to Stellaluna because once, he got separated from his family at Disney World, like Stellaluna got separated from her mother. He felt scared and anxious. Then when he was reunited with his family, he was happy and relieved, much like Stellaluna was when she found her mother and bat family.

Stellaluna reminds Kaden of Silverwing by Kenneth Oppel. Both of the main characters are bats, and they both lose their families. Stellaluna and Shade are very afraid when left on their own. Both Stellaluna and Shade rely on the kindness of strangers to survive.

In the world today, there are many babies born who don’t have parents to look after them. Children are often adopted by other families (who are complete strangers), just like the bird family adopted Stellaluna.

In conclusion, we think Janelle Cannon wrote this book to remind us that it is our responsibility to look after each other, even if we seem different.

Sincerely,

Your wonderful class