

Maryvale Preparatory School
“One Book, One Maryvale”
Middle School Community Reading
Summer 2026

For summer reading, students will read the “One Book, One Maryvale” **community reading** selection as well as the book assigned to their grade level **prior to** the 2026-2027 school year. Assignments are due on the first day of school.

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

Assignment: For this book, explain one idea about each of the following literary elements in the story: a **character**, the **setting**, an important **plot event**, and an important **item or symbol**. Use a chart like this to keep track of your ideas:

Literary Element	Observation about the purpose of this element in the story <i>(2-3 sentences for each element)</i>
character	
setting	
plot event	
item or symbol	