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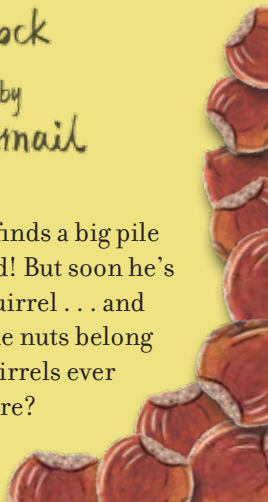
Use *Nuts!* in your classroom to teach about punctuation, visual cues, possessive pronouns, and sharing.

# Nuts!

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When a little squirrel finds a big pile of nuts, he's very excited! But soon he's joined by another squirrel . . . and this squirrel thinks the nuts belong to *her*. Will the squirrels ever learn to share?



- Explain the use of the period, exclamation point, and question mark. Then read the book aloud together, paying particular attention to the punctuation marks to determine how the words should be read.
- Note how the illustrations in *Nuts!* are visual clues that support understanding the story. Have students change a punctuation mark and then draw a picture that shows the different version of the story it creates.



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- Possessive pronouns are most of the text. As you read through the story together, ask students what each one means.
- Create a *Nuts!* reader's theater script and have students practice their fluency and expression. After acting out the story, discuss why sharing can be difficult and how to make it easier.



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