

# Skulls!

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**Synopsis:** This smart, skull-positive story cheerfully dispels any fears kids might have about their skeletons, flipping our view of skulls from a spooky symbol to a fascinating, cool, and crucial part of our bodies.

**Suggested Reading Date:** Anytime, but I would avoid Halloween so we don't add to the perception that skulls are creepy.

## **Activity Descriptions:**

- Pair with *Give Me Back My Bones* by Kim Norman and have students create skeletons.
- Bring in guests to do helmet fittings (fire department) and discuss the importance of protecting your head/brain/skull.
- Maker Space activity – using donated materials and/or materials from home, have students create a “helmet” for an egg that will withstand a drop from 2 feet/5 feet/10 feet/etc. Materials could include egg crates, boxes, tissue, paper towels, straws, rubber bands, popsicle sticks, etc.

## **Related Websites:**

- Maker Space Egg Drop Activity <https://www.sciencebuddies.org/teacher-resources/lesson-plans/egg-drop-engineering-design>
- Author Blair Thornburgh Website <http://www.blairthornburgh.com/skulls/>
- Illustrator Scott Campbell Website <https://www.scottc.com/story>

## **Text to Text Connections:**

*Give Me Back My Bones* by Kim Norman

*Dem Bones* by Bob Barner

*Parts* by Tedd Arnold

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