

Can't-Wait-to-Read-Book

I have three,
I-can't-wait-to-read-chapters,
in my
I-can't-wait-to-read-book,
and I'm heading out for recess . . .

with a flashlight!

First

I love to track
through fresh snow
and leave a path
that says,

"I was here first!"



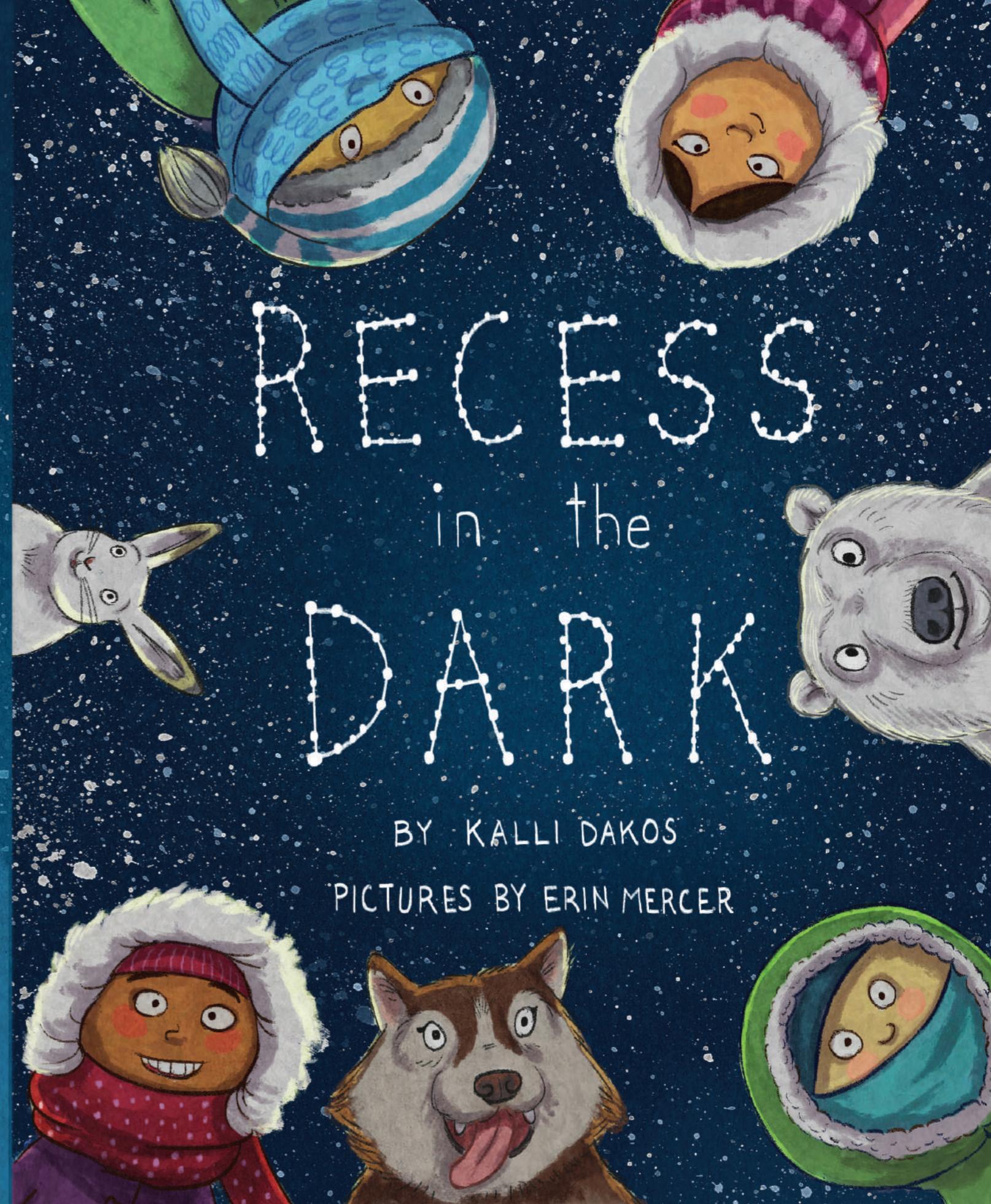
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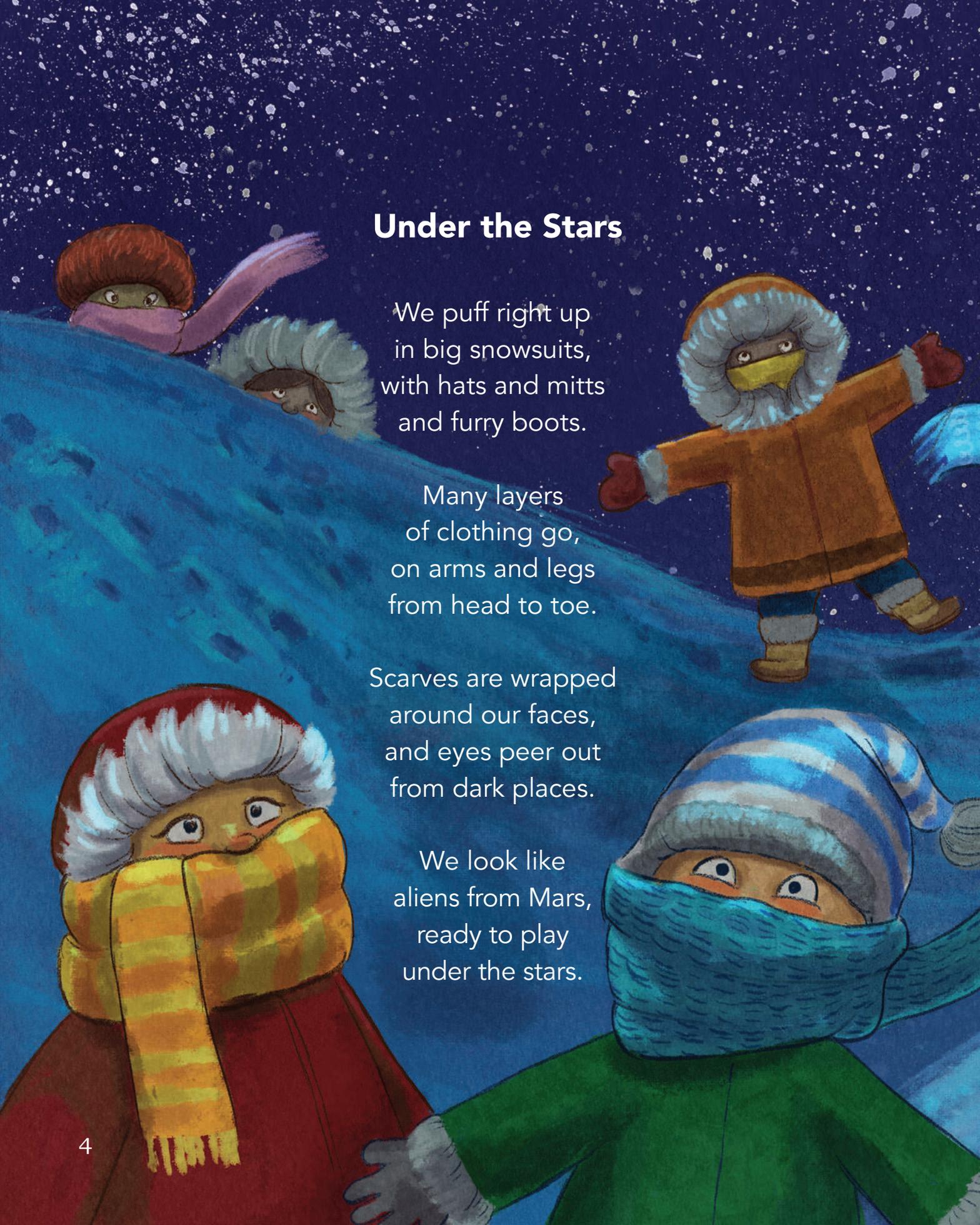
RECESS

in the

DARK

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A whimsical illustration of children in winter clothing under a starry night sky. In the foreground, a child in a red coat and yellow and orange striped scarf looks to the right. To their right, a child in a green coat and blue and white striped hat looks forward. In the background, a child in a brown coat and white fur hat stands with arms outstretched. On the left, two more children are visible: one with a red hat and pink scarf, and another with a white fur hat. The sky is dark blue with white stars and snowflakes falling. The ground is a light blue, textured surface.

Under the Stars

We puff right up
in big snowsuits,
with hats and mitts
and furry boots.

Many layers
of clothing go,
on arms and legs
from head to toe.

Scarves are wrapped
around our faces,
and eyes peer out
from dark places.

We look like
aliens from Mars,
ready to play
under the stars.



In order to stay warm in the cold and dark, children wear many layers of clothing – snowsuits, windpants, sweaters, jackets, parkas, heavy mittens, hats, hoods, scarves, boots, mukluks, etc. A parka is a northern coat that is trimmed in fur, and mukluks are warm, soft boots. The children wear scarves and hats that cover up their entire faces except for their eyes.

Recess in the Dark – Poems from the Far North

Discussion Questions

1. What do you know about the Canadian North?
2. What Canadian provinces or territories are part of that region? Circle them on the map below.
3. What animals live in the Arctic Circle? What people live there? What can we learn from them?
4. How do we have day and night? What happens to the day and night in the Arctic Circle?
5. What are the Northern Lights? How do they happen?
6. What is the weather like in Northern Canada? Is it the same all year? How do people stay warm?



7. What is a poem? How is it different from a story? *New vocabulary word: prose.*
8. What are the components of a poem? What are rhymes, rhythm, syllables, verses, and stanzas?
9. Are there different types of poems? What are they?
10. Try writing a poem!