

TIME *for* KIDS



STORM WATCH

A new *Sesame Street* special helps families talk about extreme weather.



Elmo and his dad hand out food and water to their neighbors in *Storm on Sesame Street*.



Rocio Galarza is the U.S. vice president of educational programs for Sesame Workshop.

PREPARE TOGETHER

Heatwaves. Hurricanes. Floods. These are examples of extreme weather. People are more likely than ever to experience these. Extreme weather can be scary. Being prepared for it can help. *Sesame Street* is playing a part. It has a new special on Netflix. It is called *Storm on Sesame Street*. It teaches families how to get ready for a storm.

Weathering the Storm

In *Storm on Sesame Street*, a big storm is on its way. Elmo and his friends work together to prepare. They learn which supplies are important to have. They learn how to have **courage** when things feel

scary. After the storm, people in the community come together. They fix Sesame Street.

Rocio Galarza works for Sesame Workshop. She was part of the team that created the special. She hopes it will **motivate** families to prepare for extreme weather. Galarza spoke with TFK Kid Reporter Bevy Lustig. Extreme weather events “can be very hard,” Galarza says. “But there are also beautiful moments in coming together as a community and helping one another.”

—By Candace Dipsey

Power Words

courage noun: strength when facing fear

motivate verb: to inspire

MEET OUR KID REPORTERS

TIME for Kids has a new Kid Reporter crew! Read about the 2026–2027 team of TFK Kid Reporters. Look for their articles in the magazine and online this school year.



ROSALIE BARHAM, 9
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Rosalie likes to spend her free time tinkering with engineering projects.



SHAIYAR DHILLON, 12
Jersey City, New Jersey

Hollywood, here he comes: Shaiyar is an artist and a future animator.



IAN JUNG, 11
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Ian is a big baseball fan. He hopes to become a sports commentator.



BEVY LUSTIG, 10
Skokie, Illinois

When she is not busy reporting, Bevy is a competitive gymnast.



HARLEM PHIPPS, 11
Orlando, Florida

Harlem started interviewing people in her community when she was 8.



LEONARDO POPOVIC, 11
Glendale, California

Leonardo likes traveling and playing games, especially Minecraft.



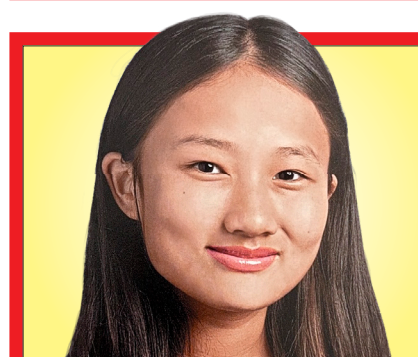
ADAM SADI, 9
San Jose, California

Adam is a self-described foodie. He loves to cook (and taste) new recipes.



TILDA DESAI SIEGAL, 10
New York, New York

Tilda loves performing. She led her school musical and wrote a play.



MOLLY ZHANG, 13
Oak Ridge, North Carolina

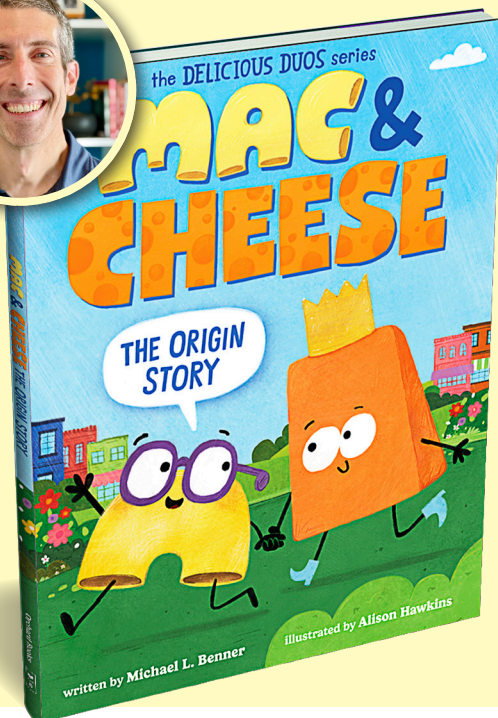
Molly has a way with words. She writes poetry, songs, and stories.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL BOOKS

A new school year brings new classmates and friends. Two new books teach important lessons about friendship.

—By Candace Dipsey



MEET YOUR MATCH

Mac is the main character in *Mac & Cheese: The Origin Story*. It was written by **MICHAEL L. BENNER**. Mac lives in Pastaland. But he does not fit in. He goes on a journey to find a best friend. There are silly and heartfelt moments along the way.

There are times when Mac tries to change himself. Benner says readers should not do that. “The most important thing is to always be yourself,” he told TIME for Kids.

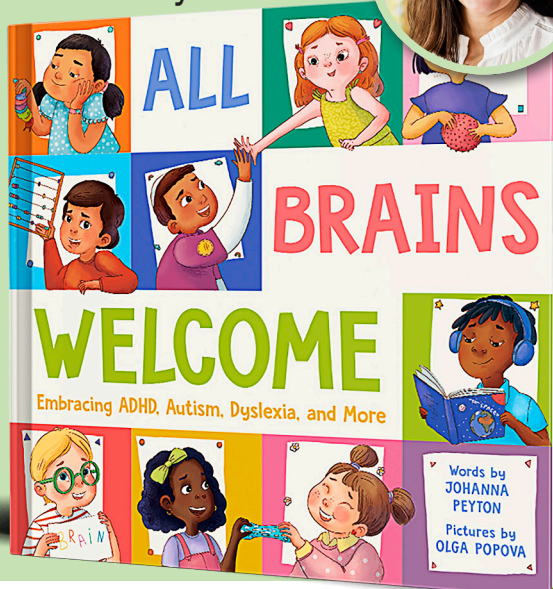
Benner hopes readers never give up on making new friends: “You never know where you will find your BFF!”

HEADSHOT COURTESY MICHAEL L. BENNER

CELEBRATING BRAINS

All brains are different. **JOHANNA PEYTON** introduces many kinds of brains in *All Brains Welcome*. In the book, Ms. Shepard hosts a brain party. Readers meet kids with different types of brains. One has autism. Another has dyslexia.

Peyton hopes the book will help readers understand other people. Brains all have different strengths. “We are all stronger together because of our differences,” Peyton told TIME for Kids. Sometimes, the differences are hard to understand. It is okay for kids to ask questions. It makes a space “where everyone feels free to be who they are.”



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