



# READING ROCK STARS AUSTIN

TA Brown Elementary is excited to announce that our school has been selected as a recipient of the Reading Rock grant by the Texas Book Festival. A dynamic program of the Texas Book Festival, Reading Rock Stars brings books to life for young readers in which selected authors from across the country are invited to present their works to students in Title I public schools.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, we are happy to welcome two distinguished members of the literary community to share their love of literature and inspire our students. At the end of the presentations, each child receives an autographed copy of the book, and a set of books is also given to the school library.

The Texas Book Festival takes place annually in and around the Texas State Capitol in downtown Austin. If you are interested in seeing more authors and illustrators, visit the Texas Book Festival on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> for some free literary fun! The Festival is free and open to the public. Learn more by visiting [www.texasbookfestival.org](http://www.texasbookfestival.org).

## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>

400 Cooper Drive

### SCHEDULE

#### Juana Martinez - Neal Presenting in the Library

Pre K & Kinder

8:00 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.

First & Second Grades

9:00 am - 9:40 am

#### Chris Harris

#### Presenting in the Music Room

Third & Half of 4th

8:00 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.

Half of Fourth & Fifth Grades

9:00 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.



**JUANA MARTINEZ - NEAL** is a mixed media, traditional artist. *Alma and How She Got Her Name/Alma y cómo obtuse su nombre* is her debut picture book as an author/illustrator, will be published by Candlewick Press in April of 2018. Juana is also the illustrator of *La Madre Goose* (Putnam), *La Princesa and the Pea* (Putnam), and *Swashby and the Sea* (forthcoming Houghton Mifflin Harcourt). She was named to the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) Illustration Honor list in 2014. She lives in Scottsdale, Arizona with her family.



**CHRIS HARRIS** is a writer and executive producer for *How I Met Your Mother* and *The Great Indoors*, and a writer for *The Late Show with David Letterman*. His pieces have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Esquire*, *ESPN*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and on NPR. He was also the author of the anti-travel guide *Don't Go Europe!* He lives in Los Angeles.