This story is about a little girl who runs to a trusted neighbor Miss Tillie for some help with her hair. Mackenzie gets teased at school about her hair being a mess and she wants to fix it. Miss Tillie gently helps Mackenzie with her hair and shares some wisdom too.

Check out these pictures that of people from around the world with glorious hair!

There is a lot to learn about how to take care of your hair in this book, and, there's a lot more to the story than hair! What messages do you hear in what Miss Tillie tells Mackenzie? Is there a special person like Miss Tillie in your life who helps you learn? Try writing a story about that person!

Part of the story takes place in Miss Tillie's garden. What images come to your mind when you imagine a magical garden?
The writer and illustrator of *My Hair is a Garden*, Cozbi A. Cabrera, asks us to use all our senses as we read this book. There are parts of the story where we learn what things looked, smelled, sounded, felt and even tasted like to Mackenzie. Is there a special place you like to spend time? Write a story and add details that help people who read your story to use their senses.

Look at these pictures of plants you might find in Miss Tillie’s garden. What shapes and colors do you see? Try drawing and painting them. For inspiration, look at Cozbi A. Cabrera’s illustrations. Notice how some of her illustrations are crisp and detailed while others are more blurry and indistinct.