



GORDON SCHOOL



Lower School Summer Reading List 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

This is a list of suggested books for your summer reading pleasure. We hope that you will discover some old favorites on the list as well as make the acquaintance of titles that you may not know.

The highlights of our library year included the Karla Harry Visiting Author residency of Pura Belpre and Americas award winner Monica Brown who presented her work to students in all three divisions. Ms. Brown read her children's classic *Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match* and illustrated its power as a book created from familial experience that can serve as a mirror for young readers. This book has been a foundational title in our classrooms since it was published and it was a privilege to see Ms. Brown also bring her work as an esteemed picture book biographer to our community. During Book Fair Monica Brown was joined by Kirkus Prize-winning Jerry Craft whose ground breaking graphic novel *New Kid* garnered Newbery, Coretta Scott King and New Kite awards in early 2020. Book Fair week also included a workshop by Deborah Freedman, Gordon grandparent and author of *Carl and the Meaning of Life*. Jazzmin Imani, illustrator, author and local Brown student, joined us for both Book Fair and a special online workshop with second graders during our recent online learning experience.

Our fourth graders worked together with their teachers and librarians from four schools in Rhode Island to retool Battle of the Books into a Virtual Battle, presented on May 28th and hosted by Dr. Noni Thomas López. The event marked the culmination of Gordon fourth graders' reading and documentation of over four hundred novels and works of non-fiction.

In the Gordon School Multicultural Picture Book Award unit, second graders read from a list of eighteen multicultural picture books throughout the year which were whittled down to thirteen nominees for their 2020 Gordon School Multicultural Picture Book Award. We are happy to announce that Kyle Lukoff's wonderful book, *When Aidan Became a Brother*, is the recipient of the 2020 GSMPBA.

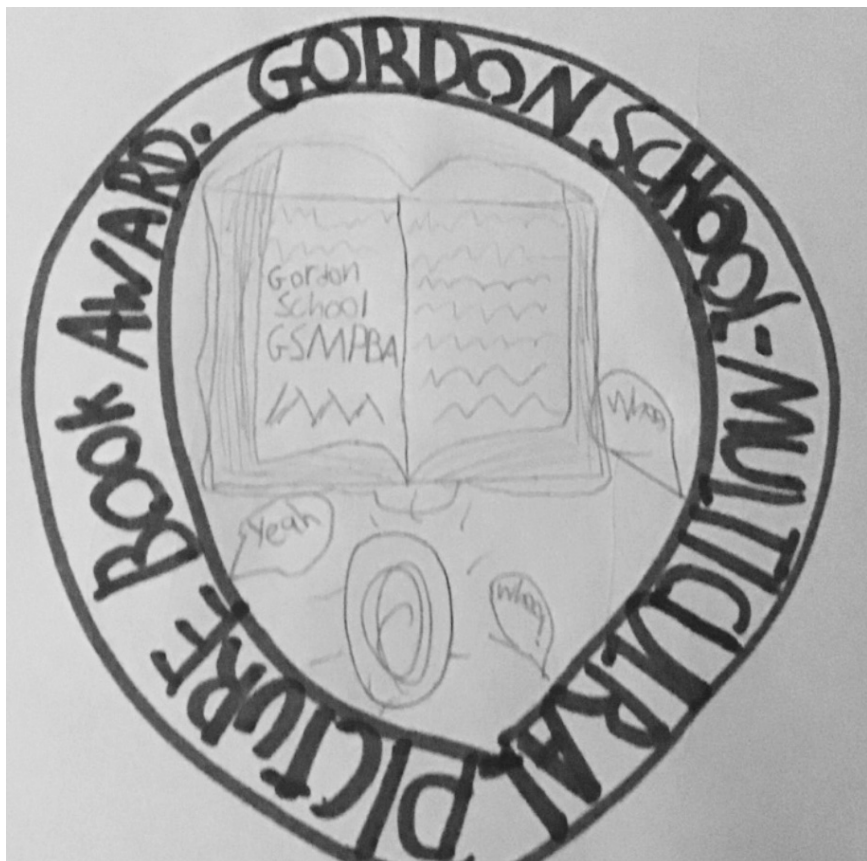
You will note the use of the asterisk in the booklet and this denotes novels that may offer some wonderful readaloud experiences. My suggestion for an immediate read aloud would be *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* which is the first book in a fabulous series by none other than our next Karla Harry Visiting Author Grace Lin! Selected annotations from a number of books by Ms. Lin are included in the booklet.

Have a splendid summer of reading. For your convenience, details on accessing our catalog of ebooks and audiobooks have also been included in this booklet. Please do reach out to me at fmartindale@gordonschool.org if you need help with this.

Best,

Frances Martindale, Gordon School Librarian





Required summer reading

Incoming first graders should share books with family members and read them a variety of picture books from the “I Can Read” or emergent reader books for at least fifteen minutes three times a week.

Incoming second graders should read for at least twenty minutes, three times a week in a book at their level, along with sharing books with their family.

Incoming third graders should read for at least twenty minutes, four times a week in a book at their level and share the reading with their family. They should aim to read at least two chapter books of their choosing and a picture book biography title from the list or from their home or online public library.

Rising fourth graders should read for at least thirty minutes ideally every day in a book at their level.

In addition to their recreational reading from the booklet all rising fourth graders should read or listen to these four Battle of the Books titles:

Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliott,
Me, Frida and the Secret of the Peacock Ring by Angela Cervantes,
Maya Lin An Architect of Light and Lines by Jeanne Harvey Walker,
Jasmine Toguchi Mochi Queen by Florence Debbie Mochiko

The full Battle Books list of thirty books will be officially announced in October of 2020.

For Spanish, all fourth graders should read from Raz-Kids

- 1) Download the free app Raz-kids, on a handheld device, or go to www.kidsa-z.com and login
- 2) Enter your teacher's username: Benitez2020
Password: gordon123
- 3) Find your name in the list
- 4) Start reading! Please be sure to read the level assigned to you and in Español

If you have any questions please email your teacher at abenitez@gordonschool.org

You should listen first, then read the books. This will help with pronunciation.

Emergent Reader Series

(Available in paperbacks in many instances)

Level One: Generally one line of text per page

Level Two: Generally one to two lines of text per page

Level Three: Generally three to four lines of text per page

National Geographic Level One Readers

Marsh, L. *Storms*

National Geographic Level Two Readers

Carney, E. *Animals in the City*

Carney, E. *Planets*

Schrieber, A. *Volcanoes*

Stewart, M. *Dolphins*

Drimmer, S.D. *Ancient Egypt*

National Geographic Level Three Readers

Davidson, R. *Squeak! 100 Fun Facts About Hamsters, Mice, Guinea Pigs and More*

Romero, L. *Animal Architects*

Penguin Young Readers Level Two

Bader, B. *Hedge, Hedgey, Hedgehogs*

Green Light Readers Level 2

Eaton, D. *My Wild Woolly*

Green Light Readers/Bilingual Stone Arc Readers

Anderson, P.P. *Joe quiere jugar*

Meister, C. *Moopy el monstruo subterraneo* (series)

Parks, C. *Farmers Market*

Suen, A. *La noche de terror un ciento sobre robot Robot y Rico*

Green Light Readers Level 3

Bechtold, L. *Buster the Very Shy Dog: More Adventures with Phoebe*

Step into Reading Level 1

Pierce, T. *Tae Kwon Do!*

Beginning Readers Spanish

Alcantara, R. *Los tres deseos*

Climent, P. *Poton el gato no quiere pato*

Ganges, M. *Pequeno coco*

Jacque, M. *Daniel tiene un casa* (series)

Roca, E. *Esto e mio!*

I Can Read Books Level 1

Anderson, D. *The Shark Report: Benny McGee and the Shark*

Garton, S. *Otter; Otter in Space* (series)

Hale, B. *Clark the Shark Lost and Found*

Heller, A. *After School Sports Club: Time for T-Ball* (series)

Kahn, V. *Cherry Blossom* (series)

Lin Hsu, A. *Splat the Cat* (series)

Lobel, A. *Frog and Toad are Friends* (series)

Lehrhaupt, A. *Chicken in Charge* (series)

Weeks, S. *Mac and Cheese and the Perfect Plan* (series)

I Can Read Books Green Light Readers Level 2

Bourne, B.B. *Everything Goes: Henry Goes Skating* (series)

Brown, J. *Flat Stanley* (series)

Dussling, J. *Long, Tall Lincoln*

Finnegan, D. *Guinness World Records Remarkable Robots*

Hapka, C. *The Trail Ride* (series)

Meister, C. *Moopy on the Beach* (series)

Silverman, E. *Let's Go Fishing*

Skolfield *Detective Dinosaur Undercover* (series)

Puffin Easy to Read Level 1

Adler, D. *Young Cam Jansen and the Speedy Car Mystery* (series)

Maitland, B. *The Bookstore Burglar* (series)

Marshall, E. & Marshall, J. *Fox All Week* (series)

Van Leuven, J. *Amanda Pig and Her Big Brother* (series)

Elephant and Piggie Like Reading series

Collier, B. & Willems, M. *It's Shoe Time!*

Mericle Harper, C. & Willems, M. *The Good for Nothing Button*

Higgins, R.T. *What About Worms!?*

Santat, D. *Harold and Hog Pretend for Real*

I Like to Read series

Peot, M. *Crow Made a Friend*

Rotner, S. *I Like the Farm*

Beginning Readers Bambu Spanish grades 2-4

Fernandez Garcia, C. *Un Hogar parra Dog*

Fernandez, Garcia, C. *No, y, No*

Lairla, S. *El camino mas corto*

Ramon, E. *S.O.S. Rata Rubinata*

Reese, E. *La cuadrilla “Manada de lobos” esta fuera de vista*

Roca, E. *Nos somos los 3 cerditos*

Ready to Read

Milgrim, D. *See, Pip, Flap*

Dive Into Reading series

Hooks, G. *The Garden*

Hooks, G. *Music Time*

Stone Arch Readers: Level 2

Hooks, G. *Pet Costume Party* (series)

Stone Arch Reader: Level 3

Meister, C. *Ora at the Monster Contest* (series)

Green Light Readers Level 3

Bechtold, L. *Buster the Very Shy Dog: More Adventures with Phoebe*

Magic Window Imprint ABDO books

McDonald, K. *Carlos and Carmen* (series)

Dive Into Reading series

Hooks, G. *Block Party*

Yoo, P. *The Perfect Gift*

Candlewick Sparks

Haas, J. *Bramble and Maggie Give and Take* (series)

O’Neill, C. *Annie and Simon: The Sneeze and Other Stories*

Penguin Young Readers Level 2

Adler, D. *Pass the Ball Mo!* (series)

Penguin Young Readers Level 3

Byars, B. *Ant Plays Bear*

Byars, B. *My Brother Ant*

Corduroy’s Garden

Corduroy’s Hike

Corduroy Makes A Cake

Corduroy Writes A Letter

Puffin Easy to Read Level 2: Ready to Read

Godwin, L. *Happy and Honey*

Howe, J. *Pinky and Rex* (series)

Howe, J. *Bunnicula* (series)

McNamara, M. *Summer Treasure*

Rylant, C. *Henry and Mudge* (series)

Sadar, A. *Hamster Homes: A Mystery Comes Knocking*

Suen, A. *Dino Hunt: A Robot and Rico story* (series)

Independent, DK, Hello or Stepping Stone Readers, Step into Readers

Adler, D. *Young Cam Jansen* (series)

Beecroft, S. *Star Wars Epic Battles* (series)

Depken, K. *Jurassic World Dinosaur Rescue*

DiPaola, T. and Lewis, J. *When Andy Met Sandy*

McMullan, K. *One Funny Day* (series)

Weiss, E. and Friedman, M. *The Stinky Giant*

Willems, M. *Elephant and Piggie: Let’s Go For a Drive* (series)

Illustrated early chapter book mystery from Peachtree readers

Hillestad Butler, D. *King and Kayla and the Case of Found Fred* (series)

This is not your typical picture book

Gordon School Multicultural Picture Book Award winners are selected and voted on by Gordon's second graders, and this year the children's selection criteria was determined as follows:

A multicultural book teaches you to see other's perspectives and experiences and be respectful of them

It makes you question injustices and stand up for those who don't have a voice or are not represented

It is about everyday experiences

It is about overcoming challenges and learning how to persevere

2020 Gordon School Multicultural Picture Book Award winner

When Aidan Became a Brother by Kyle Lukoff illustrated by Kaylani Juanita

2020 Gordon School Multicultural Picture Book Award Honor Book winners

When Art is Loved by Jazzmin Imani illustrated by the illustrator/author

Between Us and Abuela a Family Story from the Border by Mitali Perkins illustrated by Sara Palacios

Where are You From by Yamile Saied Mendez illustrated by Jaime Kim

Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry illustrated by Vashti Harrison

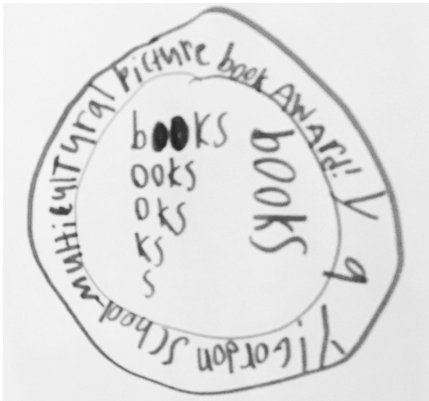


2020 Gordon School Multicultural Picture Book Award nominee reviews

Unless specified, all of the reviews are adapted from Booklist

Astro Girl by Ken Wilson-Max

Astrid, a young child who loves outer space, aspires to become an astronaut. Swinging her around and around, Papa says that she'll have to circle Earth in her spaceship. "I can do that," she giggles. Tossing her up and catching her, he wonders, can she get used to zero gravity? Yes! Science experiments? "No problem." Their conversation continues as Papa drives his daughter to the space center, where they welcome Mama back from her flight. Astrid tells her, "I want to be an astronaut, just like you." Wilson-Max, who grew up in Zimbabwe and studied design in London, offers a playful, conversational text and bold, vibrant acrylic paintings, which depict Astrid and her parents with brown skin and black hair. The illustrated back matter introduces five notable women astronauts from India, Russia, the U.K., and the U.S. (including Shannon Lucid and Mae Jemison), along with a few facts related to space travel. First published in England, this picture book offers an inclusive, worldwide vision of astronauts for all little children who dream of space travel.



Between Us and Abuela a Family Story from the Border by Mitali Perkins, illustrated by Sara Palacios

This touching contemporary story sensitively focuses on the U.S.–Mexican border and Mexico's cultural traditions in a heartwarming, informative, and hopeful way. Maria, Juan, and their mother are getting ready to visit Abuela on "La Posada Sin Frontera," a celebratory day on which families on either side of the border are permitted to visit at the fence. In the warmth of anticipation, Maria and Juan make presents for Abuela, whom they haven't seen for five years, but in their excitement, they forget that they can't exchange anything through the fence. Perkins gently voices some of the challenges families can experience when they are separated by a border: physical limitations, time limits, and surveillance exacerbate the already difficult distance between loved ones. Maria's inventive solution to that distance will make readers cheer, and Palacios' warm illustrations in saturated colors make the scenes vibrant with feeling and quietly fold in informative visual details about the border and the family's cultural traditions. Pair this honest yet optimistic story with Yuyi Morales' *Dreamers* (2018).

Layla's Happiness by Mariahadessa Ekere Tallie, illustrated by Ashleigh Corrin

Affirmations of black childhood abound, and whimsical wishes float like dandelion fluff. Seven-year-old Layla, wearing long, thick braids and a bright yellow dress, talks about what makes her happiest: dark purple plums, the full moon, and night's darkness, shedding positive light on what often gets portrayed negatively. Appropriately, Layla's name means "night beauty." Though clearly an urban dweller, Layla loves the outdoors. She climbs trees, hangs out near a stream to hear her dad's stories of his South Carolina childhood, and tends vegetables and feeds chickens in their community garden. She even brings the outdoors inside with a makeshift tent, in which her mom reads poetry aloud to her. This book's language clearly reveals the hand of a poet. Tallie's metaphorical language evokes imagery that encourages young readers to dream and look both within and around them to find their own sources of happiness. Layla marvels that "the sea reaches into her pocket to give me a sand dollar" and chooses the full moon as her favorite thing because "it sits in the sky like a wish flower's sister." Equally as imaginative as the lyrical text, Corrin's boldly colored, textured illustrations beautifully capture the buoyant spirit of Layla, a brown girl exuding confidence, comfortable in her own skin—indoors and out. Well-illustrated poetry of the best kind that will leave sunshine in its wake. (Kirkus Reviews)

Big Boys Cry by Jonty Howley

Levi is crying because it's his first day at a new school. "Big boys don't cry," Papa tells him, but Levi's journey as he walks proves otherwise. First he sees a fisherman weeping, then a harpist, grandparents, new parents, rich men, poor men, army men, brainy men, and even baker men. "Big boys were crying everywhere!" And Levi finds school isn't so scary. He makes friends and walks home with a big smile on his face. The biggest surprise of all? Papa is crying when he returns, because he was worried about Levi. And those tissue boxes on the endpapers at the finish? All empty. The details on each box represent all the people Levi has seen on his seaside walk, an enticement to read the story again. British debut author-illustrator Howley uses digitally created full-bleed pages that highlight the bright pastels of the seashore. Children will have fun seeking out the spurting blue drops on each unique face, as they understand that it's OK to cry.

Amy Wu and The Perfect Bao by Kat Zhang

Everyone in the family can make perfect bao except for little Amy. When she tries, hers are always too small or too big, or they have too much filling or not enough. But today is the day she will succeed in making the perfect bao! This is an incredibly straightforward and simple, step-by-step picture book that lays out the full-day procedure of how to create, fill, pinch, and steam buns from the Chinese food tradition. If you stretch for it, you can locate a message of resilience and ingenuity and create a larger conversation, but either way, it's a factual representation of a Chinese family's cooking and bonding experience that will increase the diversity of any collection. Although she has an established career in YA and middle-grade literature, this is Zhang's first picture book, and Chua's illustrations are brightly colored and highly expressive. The back matter even includes Amy's family's recipe for bao dough and filling and cooking instructions for a household or classroom extension activity for tiny hands.

Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry illustrated by Vashti Harrison

In this endearing take on stories pertaining to promoting natural hairstyles for African American children, Cherry and Harrison create an unforgettable picture book about the bond between an African American father and his daughter. Readers will love the positive language used to describe kinks, coils, braids, twists, and Afro puffs as stylish and regal looks fit for royalty. The illustrations meld perfectly with the story as the illustrious depictions help explain the wonders of hair growth, shrinkage, moisturizing, and styling Black hair. It also features a young, hip dad with beautiful tattoos and his own hair styled in long dreads. The father and daughter's tender interactions are heartwarming to observe and will easily become a favorite among families. Written and illustrated in a style similar to Natasha Anastasia Tarpley's *I Love My Hair!* (1998), Cherry and Harrison's book provides an engaging and lovable story for younger audiences. Parents, children, caregivers, teachers, and librarians will find this story to be the right fit for their bookshelves.

The King of Kindergarten by Derrick Barnes illustrated by Vanessa Brantley Newton

The King of Kindergarten is king indeed in a picture book that affirms the right of brown and black boys everywhere to be cherished, nurtured, and celebrated by classmates and teachers as they proceed through their school day. Derrick Barnes, chronicler of *Ruby and the Booker Boys* and the identity-rich windows and mirrors of a neighborhood barber shop in *Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut*, produces an everyday tale that holds a mirror to our want as educators and parents to make certain that all schools are identity-safe for our children of color (and for all children.) We follow the King of Kindergarten from the moment he wakes up through a trip to school on the bus and his day in a racially diverse classroom. Vanessa Brantley Newton pictures it that way and in so doing delivers her signature colorful, heartening illustrations that offer a delightful and equitable classroom for all our students. We see you in this book, King of Kindergarten, in all your regal glory. (Frances Martindale)

The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad

illustrated by Aly Hatem

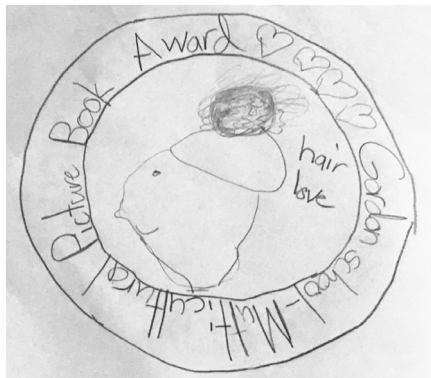
The first day of school is also the first day of hijab for little Faizah's sixth-grade sister, Asiya, who selects a beautiful shade of blue to wear. Faizah sees her sister as a princess, but not everyone shares her perspective. "What's that on your sister's head?" asks a classmate. At recess, someone shouts, "I'm going to pull that tablecloth off your head!" These moments teach Faizah to represent her culture with confidence: her whispered answers grow louder; she and her sister walk away from the bully. Muhammad and Ali's poetic prose has a reminiscent quality, with short sentences setting a thoughtful rhythm ("Mama holds out the pink. Mama loves pink. But Asiya shakes her head. I know why. Behind the counter is the brightest blue") that allows the flourishes to shine ("The color of the ocean, if you squint your eyes and pretend there's no line between the water and the sky"). Aly's ink-wash-and-pencil illustrations settle and soar along with the language, swapping seamlessly between the concrete setting and metaphoric reflections on Asiya's hijab, the scarf's blue tail flowing out into curls of ocean or sky. This story, as both window and mirror, inevitably educates, but more important, it encourages pride in and respect for hijab through a tale of two sisters, their bond strengthened by faith.

The Many Colors of Harpreet Singh by Supriya Kelkar illustrated by Allea Marley

A young boy copes with change through self-expression in this wonderful picture book. Harpreet wears different colored patkas, a common head covering worn by young Sikh boys, to highlight how he feels each day. From celebratory to unsure, the colors allow him to nonverbally communicate his state of mind in an effective way. When it is time to move across the country, away from the sunny beaches he loves to a snowier climate, his anxiety is demonstrated this way as well. From nervousness to shyness, the color of his patka signals his unhappiness about the change, until chance helps him make a new friend with a special “hat” of her own. The fantastic illustrations perfectly complement the storytelling, and the ending is sure to make young readers smile. The note at the end from a Sikh scholar helps explain the religion and the significance of the turbans practitioners wear. This tale of acceptance and growth is a definitive purchase for children’s collections, and will be shared for years to come.

Where are You From? by Yamilé Saied Méndez illustrated by Jaime Kim

Tired of being asked where she’s from, a little girl brings the question to her abuelo. His smiling response is that she comes “from the Pampas, the open, free land...from hurricanes and dark storms... from this land where our ancestors built a home for all, even when they were in chains because of the color of their skin.” Abuelo takes the girl on an imaginative journey through their history and culture, but this doesn’t satisfy her, so she repeats the question. Abuelo’s second response is more personal, connecting her with the people she loves. Kim utilizes a warm color palette to suffuse the narrative with beautifully sentimental shades of ochre and gold. This touching book addresses a ubiquitous question for children of color, and in the end, the closeness between the girl and Abuelo shows that no matter the questions, she knows exactly where she’s from.



When Aidan Became a Brother by Kyle Lukoff illustrated by Kaylani Juanita

A transgender boy anticipates his new job as a big brother by helping his parents prepare for his baby sibling’s arrival. Aidan “felt trapped” in his old name, clothes, and room before he told his parents “what he knew about himself.” Some girls never wore dresses, “but Aidan didn’t feel like any kind of girl” because he was “another kind of boy.” With his parents’ support, he embraces his identity and takes on a new, important role, becoming a big brother. More than anything, he wants the baby to feel loved and understood. This picture book sets a new standard of excellence in transgender representation by centering the feelings of Aidan, a biracial (Black and South Asian) transgender boy. Juanita’s (*Ta-Da!*, 2018) digital illustrations have the look of ink and watercolor, and they bring the love in Aidan’s family to life. Bright, mixed patterns in Aidan’s clothes capture the vibrancy of his personality and his excitement to welcome a baby into the family. Lukoff (*A Storytelling of Ravens*, 2018) breaks away from binary language and stereotypical gender roles, highlighting within the text and in an author’s note that there is more than one way to be a person of any gender. The hopeful message at the end emphasizes love and the importance of staying open to learning. Joyful and affirming, Aidan’s story is the first of its kind among books for welcoming a new baby. (Kirkus reviews)

When Art is Loved by Jazzmin Imani illustrated by the author

In her powerful debut picture book about African American representation in art and museums illustrator and author Jazzmin Imani (2019 Gordon Book Fair) creates vibrant digital imagery to imagine young girl on a visit to the DC art museums. This is a regular trip and one that showcases a child’s passion for art and her connection with the work of individual African American artists. The magical realism within *When Art is Loved* had students talking. Jazzmin Imani was also part of the 2020 Virtual GSMPBA when she came and presented the genesis of her picture book to second graders during which they asked all sorts of questions about her process and got to see a time lapse video of how Ms. Imani creates a picture using her imagination, skills and today’s state of the art tools.

Wonderful World of the Picture Book

Asher, S. *Chicken Story Time*
Barnett, M. *Square*
Birdsong, B. *I Will Be Fierce*
Brantley-Newton, V. *Just Like Me*
Bram, E. *Rufus the Writer*
Brown, D. *The Truly Brave Princesses*
Cherry, M.A. *Hair Love*
Cole, H. *Nesting*
Copeland, M. *Bunheads* (Misty Copeland author of *Firebird*)
Eggers, D. *Abner and Ian Get Right Side Up*
Fox, J. *Friday Night Wrestlefest*
Freedman, D. *Carl and the Meeting of Life*
Gonzales, D. *Girls With Guts! The Road to Breaking Barriers and Bashing Records*
Guidone, T. *Drum City*
Harshman, M. *One Big Family*
Hubbard, L. *The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read*
Kraulis, J. *An Armadillo in New York*
Lanthier, J. *Hurry Up, Henry*
Love, J. *Julián is a Mermaid*
Lee, M. *What Kind of a Car Does T. Rex Drive?*
Meng, C. *World Pizza*
Messner, K. *Rolling Thunder*
Middleton Elya, S. *The Princess and the Pea*
Miyakoshi, A. *The Way Home in the Night*
Menchin, S. *Goodnight, Selfie*
Mora, O. *Saturday*
Morris, R.T. *Bear Came Along*
Munsch, R. *From Faraway*
Na'ima, R. *Ramadan Moon*
Oxenbery, H. *The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig*
Pumphrey, J & J. *Pumphrey The Old Truck*
Quintero, I. *My Papi Has a Motorcycle*
Sonenshine, R. *The Nest that Wren Built*
Spires, A. *The Most Magnificent Thing*
Stone, T. *Knot Cannot*
Summner Johnson, J. *Help Wanted Must Love Books*
Thompson, J. *Faraway Fox*
Tamakai, J. *They Say Blue*

Underwood, D. *Part-Time Mermaid*
Wahl, P. *Sonya's Chickens*
Watts, J. *A Piece of Home*
Wood, A. *Spot the Mistake: Lands of Long Ago*
Woodward *Sheffield Brick By Brick*

A Box of Delights / Nonfiction / STEAM resources

Aronson, S. *Just Like Rube Goldberg The Incredibly True Story of the Man Behind the Machines*
Beaty, A. *Ada Twist's Big Project Book For Stellar Scientists*
Beaty, A. *Iggy Peck's Big Project Book for Amazing Architects*
D.K. *Children's Book of Mythical Creatures and Magical Monsters*
Doudna, K. *Super Simple Twig Projects: Fun and Easy Crafts Inspired by Nature*
Goldstone, L. *Higher, Steeper, Faster: The Daredevils Who Conquered the Skies*
George, A. *Origami Dinosaurs*
Heinecke Lee, L. *Kitchen Science Lab for Kids*
Kershaw, S. & Topping, V. *Mythologica: An encyclopedia of gods, monsters, and mortals from Ancient Greece*
Martin, S.W. *The Trouble with Time Travel*
Mercer, B. *Junk Drawer Engineering: Construction Challenges That Don't Cost a Thing.*
Singh, K. *Ara the Star Engineer*
Stabler, D. *Kid Athletes*
Mulder, M. *Home Sweet Neighborhood Transforming City Blocks One at a Time*



Poetry

Donald, R.L. *Deep in the Desert*
Gifford, P. *The Great Big Green*
Grahame, K. *Duck's Ditty*
Hood, S. *Shaking Things Up: 14 Young Women Who Changed The World*
Hopkins, L. *Jumping Off the Library Shelves*
Lewis, J.P. *If You Were a Chocolate Mustache*
Lewis, J.P. *National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry: More than 200 Poems that Float, Zoom and Bloom!*
Lin, Grace & Ranida McKneally *Our Food A Healthy Serving of Science and Poems*
Medina, T. *Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Black Boy*
Robillard, E. *A Portrait in Poems: The Storied Life of Gertrude Stein & Alice B. Tolkas*
Rosen, M.J. *The Cuckoo's Haiku and other Birding Poems*
Ruddell, D. *The Popcorn Astronauts and Other Biteable Rhymes*
Tuttle, S.G. *Hidden City: Poems of Urban Wildlife*
Yolen, J. & Kai Dotlich, R. *Grumbles From the Forest: Fairy Tale Voices with a Twist*
Zolotow, C. *Changes: A Child's First Poetry Collection*

Stories that Rhyme

Taback, S. *There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*
Taback, S. *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat*
White, S. *Green on Green*

Bilingual Picture Books

Argueta, J. *Somo*
Brown, M. *Marisol McDonald and the Monster: Marisol McDonald y el monstruo*
Delacre, L. *Olinguito, de La A a la Z! / Olinguito. From A to Z!*
Durango, J. *La casa de algun dia/The One Day House*
Haughton, C. *No tengas miedo, Cangrejita / Don't Worry Little Crab*
Lacamara, L. *Dalia's Wondrous Hair / El cabello maravilloso de Dalia*
Liniers *El Globo Grande y Mojado*
Lujan, J. *Gallo / Rooster*
Manrique, M.E. *La caimana / The Caiman*
Lujan, J. *Accident celeste / Sky Blue Accident*

Bilingual Intermediate

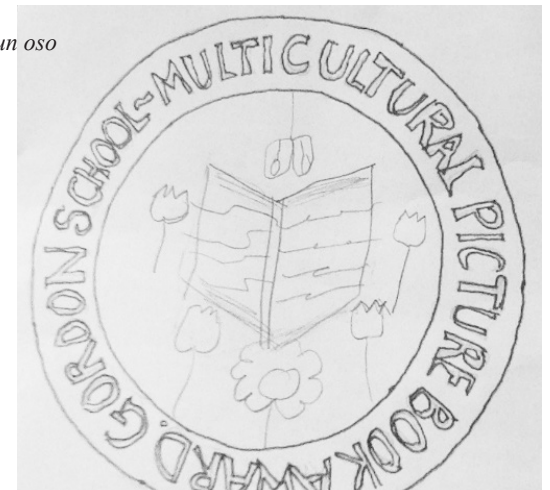
Hanlon, A. *Dori esta en las nubes*
Le Guin, U. *Catwings: Las aventuras de los gatos alados / Catwings Adventures of the Winged Cats*
Zemke, D. *Mi vida en dibujos (series)*

Monolingual Picture Books in Spanish

Andrae, G. *Te Quiero, Mama*
Brown, D. *Las Princesas Mas Valientes*
Beaty, A. *Ada Magnifica Cientifica*
Cofer, O. *La Poeta del piso de arriba*
Crow, K. & Idel, M. *Zombilina*
Cuvellier, V. *Emilio (series)*
Daly, N. *Sorpresa! Sorpres!*
Dios, O. *Monstruo Rosa*
Faria, R. *Arepita De Manteca*
Gomes, R. *El Dia Que Saida Llego*
Gormley, G. & Lenton S. *Los Cuentos de Hadas, Laura y La Bruja Tramposa*
Guilbert M. & Duchense, S. *Diario de a Bordo de Un Cazador de Dinosaurios*
Herrera, J. F. *Imagina*
Jenkins, S. *Nunca Sonrias A Un Mono*
Horacek, P. *El rayon que se comio la Luna*
Morales, Y. *Rudas: Nino's Horrendous Hermanitas*
Quintero, I. *Mi Papi tiene una moto*
Spiegelman, N & Sanchez, Sergio Garcia *Peridos en NYC*
Willems, M. *El Conejito Knuffle*
Valverde, M. *El Mundo de Rita (series)*
Valverde, M. *Antologica de cuentos con musica*

Monolingual Intermediate Books in Spanish

Perret, D. *Bjorn y el ancho mundo*
Perret, D. *Bjorn: seis historias de un oso*



Fiction for Older Readers

Applegate, K. *The One and Only Bob* (series)*

Barrows, A. *Magic in the Mix* (series)

Birdsall, J. *The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits...* (series)*

Birney, B.G. *The World According to Humphrey* (series)*

Blakemore Frazer, M. *The Story Web*

Bradley, Brubaker, K. *The War That Saved My Life* *

Bradley, Brubaker, K. *The War I Finally Won* (series)

Brown, J. *Star Wars Jedi Academy* (series)

Brown, P. *The Wild Robot Escapes* (series)*

Busby, C. *The Nine Lives of Jacob Tibbs*

Cervantes, A. *Me, Frida and the Secret of the Peacock Ring**

Chokshi, R. *Aru Shah and the End of Time*

Clarke, E.J. *Oakwing A Fairy's Tale*

Collins, S. *Gregor the Overlander* (series)

Creech, S. *Saving Winslow**

Crowell, C. *The Wizards of Once Twice Magic* (series)

Davies, N. *Manatee Rescue* (series)

DiCamillo, K. *Tale of Desperaux**

Durst, S.B. *Spark*

Egan, K. & Magician Mike Lane, *The Disappearing Magician* (series)

Erdrich, L. *Makoons* (series)

Fagan, C. *The Hollow Under the Tree*

Frazier, S.T. *Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything* (series)*

George Day, J. *Dragon Slippers* (series)

George, J. Craighead, *My Side of the Mountain**

Gibbs, S. *Belly Up*

Giff, Reilly P. *Genevieve's War*

Grabstein, C. *Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics* (series)*

Gratz, A. *Ban This Book**

Green, T. *Left Out* (series)

Hannigan, K. *The Detective's Assistant*

Hannigan, K. *Cupcake Cousins* (series)

Harper, J. *Uh-Oh, Cleo* (series)

Hect, T. *The Nocturnal Book I. The Mysterious Abductions*

Holt, K.A. *Gnome-A-Geddon*

Hunter, E. *The Warriors* (series)

Jacques, B. *Redwall* (series)

Konigsburg, E.L. *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankenweiler*

Klise, K. *Over My Dead Body* (series)

Kurtis, J. *Anna was Here*

Lieb, J. *Ratscalibur**

Lin, G. *When the Sea Turned to Silver* (series)*

Lloyd, N. *The Problem Children*

Lord, C. *A Handful of Stars*

Lunn, J. *The Root Cellar*

Luper, E. *The Wizard's War*

Maas, W. and Stead, R. *Bob*

Maas, M. & Michael Brawler *Space Taxi: Archie Takes Flight*

Mair, S. J. *The Great Race to Sycamore Street*

Machado, A.M. *Me in the Middle*

Marsh, K. *The Door By the Suitcase*

Martin, Martin, E. *Snow and Rose*

Mazer, A. & Potter, E. *Spilling Ink*

Martin, A. *Rain Reign*

McKay, H. *Binny For Short*

Meloy, M. *The Apothecary*

Messner, K. *Ranger in Time* (series)

McDonald, M. *Judy Moody* (series)

Mills, C. *Vera Vance: Comics Star After-School Superstars*

McAnulty, S. *The Miscalculations of a Lightning Girl**

Murphy, J. *The Worst Witch and the Wishing Star* (series)

Mull, B. *Sky Raiders* (Book 1 of Five Kingdoms)

Mlynowski, S. *Dragon Overnight Upside Down Magic* (series)*

Nash, S. *Shrunkn Treasures Literary Classics Short and Sweet*

O'Brien Sibley, A. *In the Shadow of the Sun*

Pakkala, C. *Last-But-Not-Least Lola and the Wild Chicken* (series)

Patterson, J. *Word of Mouse*

Pennypacker, S. *Pax*

Pflugfelder, B. *Nick and Tesla's Super Secret Gadget Battle: A Mystery Spy Camera You Can Build Yourself...* (series)

Priebe, G. *The Misadventures of Henry Whiskers*

Pullman, P. *The Golden Compass* (series)

Ransome Cline, L. *Finding Langston*

Reiche, D. I, *Freddy* (series)

Resnick, J. *Raffie on the Run*

Riley, J. *Story Thieves* (series)

Riley, J. *Half Upon A Time*

Ringwald, W. *The Secret Box*

Rundell, C. *Rooftoppers* (series)
 Starling Lyons, K. *Jada Jones* (series)*
 Seidler, T. *Firstborn*
 Soontornvat, C. *The Changelings*
 Spalding, E. *Lookout for the Fitzgerald-Trouts* (series)
 Spencer, O. *Randi Rhodes Ninja Detective: The Case of the Time Capsule Bandits*
 Starr, D. *Golden Game*
 Sternberg, J. *The Top-Secret Diary of Celie Valentine/Secrets Out* (series)
 Stokes, J.W. *Addison Cooke and the Treasure of the Incas*
 Strange, *Our Castle By the Sea*
 Tan, S. *Cilla Lee-Jenkins Future Author Extraordinaire*
 Tarpley, N. *The Harlem Charade**
 Tarshis, L. *I Survived* (series)
 Truett-Strain, T. *Explorer Academy* (series)
 Stewart, T.L. *The Mysterious Benedict Society Riddle of Ages* (series)*
 Sutherland, T. *The Menagerie: Dragon on Trial*
 Vernon, U. *Castle Hangnail*
 Warner, S. *Ellray Jakes Stands Tall* (series)*
 Wood, M. *The Incurable Children of Ashton Place* (series)*
 Wolk, L. *Beyond the Bright Sea*
 Williams Garcia, R. *Clayton Bird Goes Underground**

Maker Space Connections

Adolph, J. *Mason Jar Science : 40 Slimy, Squishy Super-Cool Experiments*
 Aronson, S. *Just Lie Rube Goldberg: The Incredible True Story of the Man Behind the Machines*
 Bernhardt, C. *Engineer It! Skyscraper*
 Butterfield, M. *How Animals Build*
 Derting & Johannes, S.R. *Cece Loves Science*
 Funk, J. *How to Code a Sandcastle*
 Lloyd Wagner, M. *Fort-Building Time*
 Sanchez, C. *DIY Box Creations fun and Creative Projects to Make Out of Really Big Boxes*
 Yoder, E & Yoder, N. *One Minute Mysteries, Short Mysteries You Solve with Math / Misterios de un minute: iMisterios cortos que resuelves con matematicas!*

First Chapter Books

Arnold, E.K. *Bat and the Waiting Game* (series)*
 Alter *Sprout Street Neighbors: Five Stories*
 Beaty, A. *Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants* (The Questioners series)
 Beaty, A. *Iggy Peck and the Mysterious Mansion*
 Atunike, L. *Anna Hibiscus* (series)*
 Barrows, A. *Ivy and Bean* (series)
 Brown, M. *Lola Levine and the Vacation Dream* (series)*
 Cattalanotto, P. *More of Monkey and Robot* (series)
 Christopher, M. *The Extreme Team* (series)
 DePaola, T. *Andy and Sandy and the Big Talent Show*
 Elliott, R. *Owl Diaries* (series)
 English, K. *Nikki and The Newsy News Newsletter* (series)
 English, K. *Skateboard* (series)
 English, K. *Carver Chronicles: The New Kid* (series)*
 Goldberg, W. *Sugar Plum Ballerinas* (series)
 Haas, J. *Bramble and Maggie Give and Take* (series)
 Hale, S. & Hale, D. *The Princess in Black Takes A Vacation* (series)
 Hamburg, J. *Hazy Bloom and the Pet Project*
 Harper, C.M. *Mae and June and the Wonder Wheel*
 Hanlon, A. *Dory Fantasmagory Head in the Clouds* (series)*
 Hepperman, C. and Koertge, R. *Backyard Witch Sadie's Story*
 Hughes, S. *Digby O'Day and the Great Diamond Robbery* (series)
 Hurwitz, J. *Mighty Monty* (series)
 Kelly, J. *Calphurnia Tate Girl Vet: A Prickly Problem* (series)
 Kirby, S. *Captain Awesome to the Rescue* (series)
 Kessler, L. *Emily Windsnap Two Magical Mermaid Tales* (series)
 Kraegel, K. *Wild Honey From the Moon*
 Kulper, A. *Polly Diamond and the Magic Book*
 Lester, A. *The Circus Horse* (series)
 Lin, G. *The Year of the Rat* (series)
 Look, L. *Ruby Lu, Empress of Everything* (series)
 Marsden, C. *The Quail Club* (series)
 McDonald, M. *Judy Moody and Friends* (series)
 McDonald, M. *Judy Moody Mood Martian* (series)
 McKay, H. *Lulu and the Hamster in the Night* (series)
 Michicko, F.D. *Apple and Annie the Hamster Duo* (series)*
 Michiko, F.D. *Jasmine Toguchi Mochi Queen* (series)*
 Miedoso, A. *Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol*
 Montgomery, L.B. *The Milo and Jazz Mysteries* (series)

Napoli, D.J. *Sly the Sleuth* (series)
 Norris, A. *I Don't Believe It, Archie!*
 Nilsson, U. *Detective Gordon: The First Case*
 Osborne, M.P. *The Magic Tree House* (series)
 Ostow, M. *Louise Trapeze is Totally 100% Fearless*
 Perret, D. *A Bear Named Bjorn**
 Potter, E. *Piper Green and the Fairy Tree* (series)
 Pennypacker, S. *The Talented Clementine* (series)
 Peters, H. *A Piglet Called Truffle: Jasmine Green Rescues* (series)
 Quinn, J. *The Kingdom of Wrenly* (series)
 Roy, R. *A to Z Mysteries* (series)
 Schlitz, L.A. *Princess Cora and the Crocodile*
 Shields, G. *Amber's First Clue* (series)
 Silverman, E. *Cowgirl Kate* (series)
 Smith, A. T. *Mr. Penguin and The Lost Treasure* (series)
 Smith, A.T. *Claude at the Beach* (series)*
 Snyder, L. *Charlie and Mouse Outdoors* (series)
 Sobol, D. J. *Encyclopedia Brown* (series)
 Starling Lyons, K. *Jada Jones* (series)
 Tashjian, J. *Marty Fryre* (series)
 Michiko Florence, D. *Jasmine Toguchi Mochi Queen* (series)
 Todd-Stanton, J. *Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx*
 Thompson, M. *Keena Ford and the Secret Journal Mix Up* (series)
 Viorst, J. *Lulu Walks the Dogs* (series)
 Voake, S. *Hooey Higgins and the Shark*
 Voake, S. *Daisy Dawson is on Her Way* (series)
 Urban, Linda *Weekends with Max and his Dad* (series)
 Vernon, U. *Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invincible* (series)
 Wallis, Q. & Ohlin, N. *Shai and Emmie Star in Break an Egg!* (series)
 West, T. *Rise of the Earth Dragon* (series)
 Widmark, M. *The Whodunit Detective Agency* (series)

Spanish Titles

Nikola-Lisi, *La Alegria de ser tu y yo*
 Soto, G. *Chato y su cena*
 Steptoe, J. *Las Bellas Hijas de Mufaro*
 Valverde, M. *El Mundo de Rita* (series)
 Valverde, M. *Antologica de cuentos con musica*

Books to take Outside and Read

Bulion, L. *Leaf Litter Critters*
 Cherrix, A. E. *Eyes of the Storm: Nasa, Drones and the Race to Crack the Hurricane*
 Chin, J. *Grand Canyon*
 Delacroix, S. *Grains of Sand*
 D.K. Publishing *Rocks and Minerals*
 Etylliott, D. *In the Past: From Trilobites to Dinosaurs to Mammoths in More than 500 Million Years*
 Hunter, A. *Cricket Song*
 Keating, Jess *Cute as An Axolotl: Discovering the World's Most Adorable Animals*
 Kingfisher *The Soccer Encyclopedia : Facts. Stats. Players Teams. Skills and Tactics. Competitions*
 Lebeuf, D. *My Forest is Green*
 MacLachlan, P. *Word After Word After Word*
 Martin, J.B. *Creekfinding: A True Story*
 MacLeod, E. *Super Cats: True Stories of Felines that Made History*
 McCully Arnold, E. *Min Makes A Machine*
 Milner, C. *The Bee Book*
 Morey, A. *Hiking*
 Morris, S. *Welcome to New Zealand A Nature Journal*
 Munroe, R. *Rodent Rascals*
 Raines, N. *What in the World? Numbers in Nature*
 Renner, B. *The Big Bad Fox*
 Sidman, J. *The Girl Who Drew Butterflies How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science*
 Sylvester, K. *Basketballogy*
 Swanson, J. *Astro-Naut Aqua Naut: How Space Science and Sea Science Interact*
 Tamaki, J. *They Say Blue*
 Van Vleet, C. & Sullivan K. *To the Stars! The First American Woman to Walk in Space*

Fifteen Favorite Graphic Novels From Lower School

Bliss, H. *Grace for Gus* (graphic picture book format)

Brockington, D. *CatStronauts* (series)

Clanton, B. *Super Narwhal and Jelly Jolt* (series)

Coudray, P. *Benjamin Bear in “Bright Ideas!”*

Eaton, M. *The Flying Beaver Brothers* (series)

Frech, R. *Barry’s Best Buddy Toon Book* (series)

Hatke, B. *Little Robot*

Maihack, M. *Cleopatra in Space* (series)

McCloskey, K. *Snails Are Just My Speed* (series)

Meister, C. *Airplane Adventure*

Runton, A. *The Way Home: Owly*

Pearson, L. *Hilda and the Troll* (series)

Spires, A. *Fluffy Strikes Back* (series)

Terrell, B. *8-Bit Baseball* (series)

Todd-Stanton, J. *Arthur and the Golden Rope*

New and Rediscovered Graphic Novels to Try

Boothby *I and Matsumoto Sparks!* (series)

Bowen, C. *Gods and Thunder: A Graphic Novel of Old Norse Myths*

Brown, D. *Big Ideas that Changed the World: Rocket to the Moon*

Brown, J. *Once Upon A Time Space-Time!* (new series)

Davis, E. *Flop To the Top*

Domingo, J. *Pablo and Jane and the Hot Air Contraption*

Fajardo, A.E. *Kid Beowulf I. The Blood-Bound Oath*

Gerstein, M. *I am Hermes! Mischief Making Messenger of the Gods*

Giggi *The Cucumber Quest* (series)

Green, J. *Hippopotamister*

Kibuishi, K. *Amulet* (series)

Kientz, C. *Secret Smithsonian Adventures The Wrong Wrights*

Koch, F.C. *Science Comics Cats*

Maighread, S. *City on the Other Side*

McCormick, S. *Mr. Pants and the Camping CATastrophe*

Miller, M. *Quest for the Golden Apple: An Unofficial Graphic Novel for Minecraft*

Orchard, E. *Bera The One headed Troll*

O’Neill, K. *Princess Princess Ever After*

O’Neill, K. *Aquicorn Cover*

O’Neill, K. *The Tea Dragon Society*

Perreault, G. *The Postman from Space*

Sell, C. *Cardboard Kingdom*

Simpson, D. *Phoebe and Her Unicorn Adventure* (series)

Sturm, J. *Sleepless Knight* (series)

Wicks, M. *Science Comics; Coral Reefs Cities of the Ocean* (series)

Wong Yee, H. *Hammy and Gerbee Mummies at the Museum*

Zettwoch, Dan *Cars: Engines That Move You Science Comics* (series)

Power of the Picture Book Biography

Andrews. T. *The 5 ‘O’clock Band*

Aronson, S, *Just Like Rube Goldberg: The Incredible True Story of the Man Behind the Machines*

Bardoe, C. *Nothing Stopped Sophie: The Story of Unshakeable Mathematician Sophie Germain*

Becker. H. *Counting on Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13*

Bryant, J. *Feed Your Mind; A Story of August Wilson*

Cline-Ransome, L. *Before She was Harriet*

Cordell, M. *Hello Neighbor! The Kind and Caring World of Mister Rogers*

Engle, M. *The Flying Girl How Aida de Costa Learned to Soar*

Gholz, S.M. *The Boy Who Grew a Forest : The True Story of Jadav Payeng*

Guglielmo, A. *Cezanne’s Parrot*

Pimental, A. B. *All the Way to the Top: How One Girl’s Fight for Americans with Disabilites Changed Everything*

Slade, Suzanne *Exquistie The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks*

Wallace-Neal, S. *Between the Line: How Ernie Barnes Went From the Football Field to the Art Gallery*

Books for parents

During the year I have often been asked for books on parenting and educational issues. Here, please find a list of suggested titles to add to your summer reading list.

Have a wonderful summer,

Maryanne Pieri

Early Childhood and Lower School Director

For adults

The Values Compass by Dr. Mandeep Rai

Kindness and Wonder by Gavin Edwards

The Blue Zones by Dan Buettner

White Kids by Margaret Hagerman

When the World Feels Like a Scary Place; Essential Conversations for Anxious Parents and Worried Kids by Abigail Gewirtz

Trevor Noah: Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

Then, for kids

The Seed of Compassion: Lessons from the Life and Teachings from His Holiness the Dalai Lama (K-4)

When Aidan Became a Brother by Kyle Lukoff (K-4)

Outside In by Deborah Underwood (K-2)

Woke A Young Poet's Call to Justice by Mahogany Browne, Elizabeth Acevedo and Olivia Gatwood (grades 3-8)



Voices from past readers 2018-2019

Chosen because they are, exciting, hard to put down, nostalgic, a plain old good read, great to read under the covers or with a flashlight, sad, fantastical, on the edge, inspiring, an interesting format, wonderful to read with family and a dog, cat or pet fish, Quotes are drawn from some specific recommendations for the reading booklet from students who were in Ms. Abedon and from Ms. Cahoon's library class during the 2018-2019 year.

Fantasy Fiction

Coven, W. *Heidi Heckelbeck* (series)

"If you like the Critter Club you'll like *Heidi Heckelbeck*."

Riordan, R. *Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard Book 1, Heroes of Olympus, Percy Jackson* (series)

"Awesome. Ready to read these again."

Realistic Fiction

Cervantes, Angela *Gaby, Lost and Found*

"If you like animals and really smart girls you will love *Gaby, Lost and Found!*"

Fantasy Adventure Fiction

Sutherland, T. *Wings of Fire* (series)

"I like it because it is the dragons that are the main characters instead of humans for a change!"

Animal Fiction

DiCamillo, *The Tale of Despereaux*

"Has a lot of talking and it makes me imagine."

Fantasy and Science Fiction

Rowling, J.K. *Harry Potter* N.B. Suggested volumes three and after for grades three and up.

"Harry Potter series because there is magic and dragons. It is also scary."

Sutherland, T. *Wings of Fire*

Graphic Novels

Hicks, F.E. *The Nameless City* series vols 1-3

“So much action. I love all three of them!”

Kibushi, *Amulet* series.

“Because of how fun and interesting it is!”

Broskol, V. *Be Prepared*

“It has lots of perspectives.”

Loux, M. *The Time Museum* (series)

“It has lots of exciting events.”

Fantasy and Magic Fiction

Mlynowski, S. *Upside Down Magic* series.

“Exciting and hard to put down.”

Maas, W. *The CandyMakers*

“*The CandyMakers* has action, friendship and saving a factory!”

Upside Down Magic Series

Rick Riordan *The Heroes of Olympus*

“Can’t put them down.”

Realistic Fiction

Marsh, K. *Nowhere Boy*

“Two boys and a girl work together to help a Syrian refugee and his father. I can’t put it down!”

One student recommends a whole parcel of books in a variety of genres

“I recommend

El Deafo by Cece Bell

Elvis and the Underdogs by Jenny Lee

Big Nate series by Lincoln Pierce

Calvin Coconut series by Graham Salisbury

The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Harry Potter 1 and 2 by J.K. Rowling

Amulet by Kazo Kibuishi

Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson

“Some are funny and some are good reads and some are epic-ly awesome.”

Historical Fiction

Wenzxuan, C. *Bronze and Sunflower*

“It is so much adventure.”

librarian’s note: A beautiful nuanced read that is best read aloud or for fourth grade and up.

Animal Fiction

Applegate, K. *The One and Only Ivan*

“I recommend the book *The One and Only Ivan*. It will have you reading hours past your bedtime. It did for me!”

Librarian note. Once you’ve read *The One and Only Ivan* why atop there? Read the sequel *The One and Only Bob*.

Humorous Fiction/Graphic

Pilkey, D. *Captain Underpants*

“I like this book because it is funny”

Mystery

Cervantes, A. *Me Frida and the Secret of the Peacock Ring*

“This book, I just couldn’t put it down.”

DiCamillo, K. *The Tale of Desperaux*

“Has a lot of talking and it makes me imagine. I can’t let go of this book.”

Fantasy

George Day, J. *Tuesday in the Castle* (series)

“Scary and exciting.”

Collins, S. *Gregor the Overlander* series

“I recommend *Gregor the Overlander* because I was only supposed to read the first book with my baby sister, but it was so good I ended up reading them all. If you like them you will love other books by Suzanne Collins!”

Non Fiction Curiosities and Wonders

National Geographic, the *Weird But True Stories* series

“Fun facts fun everywhere. I can’t put any of the books down.”

Thuras, D. *Atlas Obscura Explorer’s Guide for the World’s Most Adventurous Kid*

“I recommend Atlas Obscura the picture book. An inspiring book that you can NEVER put down.”

Mysteries/Humor Fiction

Snicket, L. *All the Wrong Questions* (series)

“These books really draw you in because you know less than the characters in the books.”

Action/Adventure/Science Fiction

Slivensky, K. *The Countdown Conspiracy*

“This book is an exciting blend of futuristic reality and exciting danger in Antarctica and space.”

Rick Riordan, anything by the author

“Perfectly blends real life with mythology.”

Riordan, R. *Heroes of Olympus*

“A series that will have you walking around with one of the books not paying attention to conversations, and sneaking a flashlight under your pillow at night to read.”

Riordan, R. *Heroes of Olympus*

“When I was reading these books, I could not put them down.”

Realistic Fiction

Pyron, B. *Lucky Strike*

“Gives some reality with some fiction.”

Weeks, S. *Save Me a Seat*

“Makes you see someone else’s story.”

Stef Soto *Taco Queen*

“Makes you see people in a different way.”

Perl, E.S. *When Life Gives You O.J.*

“A comedy about funny struggles of reality that you can’t put down. If you don’t like books, *When Life Gives You O.J.* will change your mind!”

Humorous Graphic Novel and Realistic Fiction

Big Nate by Lincoln Pierce and *Calvin Coconut* by Graham Salisbury

“I could not stop reading them.”

Graphic Novel Fantasy

O’Neill, K. *Princess Princess Ever After*

“*Princess Princess Ever After* is an amazing story for people who feel men shouldn’t always rescue the princess and get married to her and that women can save men in distress.”

Fantasy Fiction

Winfield Martin, E. *Snow and Rose*

“*Snow and Rose* will have you stuck. It leaves you on the edge when your parents tell you ‘one more chapter!’ because they always end in a cliffhanger. It is a perfect book for reading another chapter even when you are supposed to, and it makes you read in the dark when your parents turn off the lights and you don’t have a flashlight!”



Selections from Grace Lin, Karla Harry Visiting Author 2020-2021

specifically selected for Lower School

Grace Lin is a bestselling author and illustrator, who won the Newbery Honor for *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* and the Theodor Geisel Honor for *Ling and Ting*. Her novel *When the Sea Turned to Silver* was a National Book Award Finalist and her picture book *A Big Mooncake for Little Star* was awarded the Caldecott Honor. Grace is also an occasional commentator for New England Public Radio, a reviewer for the New York Times, a video essayist for PBS NewsHour, and the speaker of the popular TEDx talk, *The Windows and Mirrors of Your Child's Bookshelf*, as well as host of the two podcasts: *kidlitwomen** and *Kids Ask Authors*. In 2016, Grace's art was displayed at the White House where Grace, herself, was recognized by President Obama's office as a Champion of Change for Asian American and Pacific Islander Art and Storytelling (from Grace Lin's press packet).



A Big Bed For Little Snow

At the start of winter, Little Snow's mother makes him a new bed. It's warm and filled with fluffy feathers, and Mommy knowingly reminds him that the bed is "for sleeping, not jumping." Like all mischievous children, Little Snow cannot resist defying his mother, and as soon as he is alone, he does exactly what she said not to: jump, jump, jump! With each jump, a puff of feathers escapes from a split corner of the bouncy, cloud-like bed, but whenever he hears his mother coming, he pretends to be asleep. So it goes all winter, with Little Snow releasing more and more feathers until one day they're all gone and—at just the right moment—a secret is revealed. Lin's use of color, pattern, and white space—stylistically similar to her Caldecott Honor Book *A Big Mooncake for Little Star* (2018)—elegantly foreshadow the surprise. Lin might be onto something with her inventive visual approach, and her fans will appreciate this heartwarming tale of human nature. (Booklist)

A Big Moon Cake for Little Star

Against the backdrop of a black sky, Mama and Little Star bake a giant mooncake. But as she puts the cake out to cool, Mama admonishes her daughter not to touch it. And she doesn't—until she wakes up in the night. Then, it's "pat, pat, pat" over to the mooncake, where she nibbles just a bit. Each night, there's more nibbling, causing the mooncake to change shape, until it's just a crescent. That's when Mama sees what's happened, but she isn't mad. It's just time to make another mooncake. Although the story is slight (and there's no direct aligning of the mooncake with the stages of the moon, either in text or note), the gouache illustrations are excellent. Mother and daughter, both dressed in star-covered black jumpsuits that add bits of light to inky backgrounds, are intriguing characters who come alive through facial expressions. Little Star's impish looks are worth the price of admission. This has no roots in Chinese mythology, Lin says, but she associates it with Asian moon festivals. (Booklist)

The Ugly Vegetables

"Benny thinks everything's the pits." So begins this fanciful yet on-target look into the thinking of preschoolers. Benny, a piglet, doesn't like his mother trying to arrange his things, he refuses her suggestion of a bath, and he's furious that she wants to wash his doll, Little Piggy. So he stomps out. Can he live with the man in the hot dog stand? No. Other options also fade. Finally, he wallows in the mud, until a man runs him off. But Benny has left Little Piggy behind, and his traumatic journey to find the toy makes him realize home is not the pits after all. The book's quirky humor is what sets the rather commonplace plot apart. For instance, it isn't Benny's toys Mother arranges, but his sticks and potatoes. This fun is also carried out in the pen-and-watercolor art, as Benny scowls, grumps, sighs, and finally smiles. Maybe it's the book's Swedish origins, but Benny, wandering alone, seems unusually free, even for a character in a story. What rings very true is Benny's temper and, equally, his realization that home is a warm, safe place to be. (Booklist)

Early Readers by Grace Lin

Ling And Ting Twice As Silly

Twins Ling and Ting star in six very short stories for beginning readers, who will be charmed by the girls' talent for silliness and by the enjoyable, episodic chapters. The first shows Ting planting a cupcake in the garden, watering it, and waiting in vain for more to grow. In another, Ling fools Ting with a wordplay joke. In the last, titled "Not a Silly Story," the girls pull from their recent experiences to write and illustrate the silliest tale of all. Clean lines, bold accent colors, and beautifully drawn characters make this a handsome addition to the well-crafted *Ling And Ting* series. (Booklist)

Ling and Ting Not Exactly the Same

Sisters Ling and Ting may be twins, but that doesn't mean they're "exactly the same," no matter what everyone says upon first meeting them. Children will come to their own conclusions after reading the six short, interconnected stories that make up this pleasing book for beginning readers. In the first chapter, "The Haircuts," Ling sneezes while her bangs are being cut, and for a while at least, it's easy to tell the twins apart. The chapters that follow reveal distinct differences in the sisters' personalities, inclinations, and abilities. Despite those differences, in the end each girl subtly affirms her affection for the other. Framed with narrow borders, the paintings illustrate the stories with restrained lines, vivid colors, and clarity. The chapters often end with mildly humorous turns, from a neat play on words to a smack-your-head obvious solution to an apparently impossible dilemma. These endings, as well as bits of comic byplay that occur in the brief framework vignettes, will suit the target audience beautifully. Lin, whose previous books include *Dim Sum for Everyone* (2001) and the 2010 Newbery Honor Book *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* (2009), shows her versatility once again in an original book that tells its story clearly while leaving room for thought and discussion. (Booklist)



Mulan Before the Sword by Grace Lin

Family is important to Hua Mulan even if her parents don't understand why she would rather ride her horse, Black Wind, than weave, or how her notorious clumsiness can be so different from the graceful demeanor of her younger sister, Xiu. But despite their differences, Mulan has a deep love for her family, especially Xiu. So when her sister is bitten by a poisonous spider, Mulan does everything she can to help, including seeking out a renowned healer. However, it quickly becomes apparent that there is more to both the mysterious spider bite and the healer than meets the eye. On a quest with the Jade Rabbit of legend, Mulan visits extraordinary places, meets Immortals, and faces incredible obstacles while searching for an antidote for her sister. And the danger only rises when Mulan learns of a prophecy foretelling that a member of the Hua family will one day save the Emperor and of the powerful enemies who will stop at nothing to prevent it from coming to pass. This prequel to the upcoming film of Mulan was especially written by award-winning author Grace Lin. (From the publisher)

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

In this enchanted and enchanting adventure, Minli, whose name means "quick thinking," lives with her desperately poor parents at the confluence of Fruitless Mountain and the Jade River. While her mother worries and complains about their lot, her father brightens their evenings with storytelling. One day, after a goldfish salesman promises that his wares will bring good luck, Minli spends one of her only two coins in an effort to help her family. After her mother ridicules what she believes to be a foolish purchase, Minli sets out to find the Old Man of the Moon, who, it is told, may impart the true secret to good fortune. Along the way, she finds excitement, danger, humor, magic, and wisdom, and she befriends a flightless dragon, a talking fish, and other companions and helpmates in her quest. With beautiful language, Lin creates a strong, memorable heroine and a mystical land. Stories, drawn from a rich history of Chinese folktales, weave throughout her narrative, deepening the sense of both the characters and the setting and smoothly furthering the plot. Children will embrace this accessible, timeless story about the evil of greed and the joy of gratitude. Lin's own full-color drawings open each chapter. (Booklist)

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The Starry River of the Sky by Grace Lin

This mesmerizing companion to the Newbery Honor Book *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* (2009) does not disappoint. Rendi has run away from home, stowed in the back of a merchant's cart, until he is discovered and left stranded in the scarcely populated Village of Clear Sky. There he becomes the innkeeper's chore boy and is introduced to a cast of characters, including Mr. Shan, a wise older man; Madame Chang, a mysterious out-of-town guest with a gift for storytelling; and a toad whom Mr. Shan calls Rabbit. All the while, the moon is missing, and it seems only Rendi is tormented by the sky's sad wailing noises at night. Madame Chang insists that for each story she tells—including one about ruler Wang Yi's wife, who transformed into a toad and lived out the rest of her days on the moon—Rendi must tell one of his own. Unlike its predecessor, this novel is stationary in setting, but it offers up similar stories based on Chinese folklore that interweave with and advance the main narrative. Each of the tales reveals something important about the teller, and most offer a key piece of the mysterious puzzle: what happened to the moon? A few characters from *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*, including Magistrate Tiger, appear on the periphery of the action. Lin's writing is clear and lyrical, her plotting complex, and her illustrations magical, all of which make this a book to be savored. (Booklist)

When the Sea Turned to Silver

(Companion book to *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*) Pinmei's gentle, loving grandmother always has the most thrilling tales for her granddaughter and the other villagers. However, the peace is shattered one night when soldiers of the Emperor arrive and kidnap the storyteller. Everyone knows that the Emperor wants something called the Luminous Stone That Lights the Night. Determined to have her grandmother returned, Pinmei embarks on a journey to find the Luminous Stone alongside her friend Yishan, a mysterious boy who seems to have his own secrets to hide. Together, the two must face obstacles usually found only in legends to find the Luminous Stone and save Pinmei's grandmother—before it's too late. (from the publisher) 2017 Bank Street College of Education Best Book (Booklist)

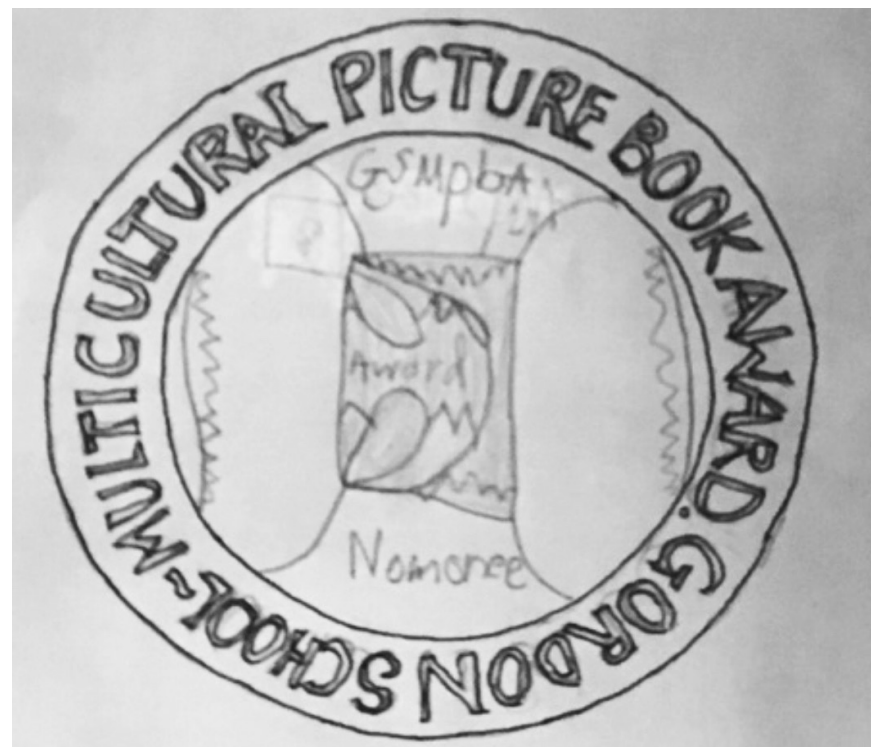
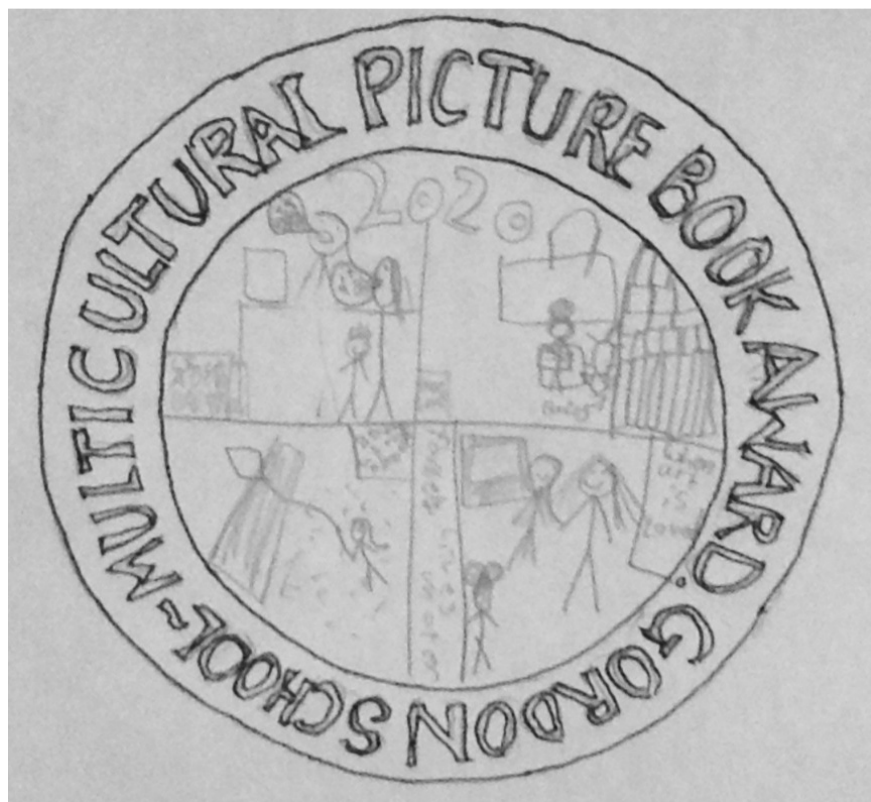
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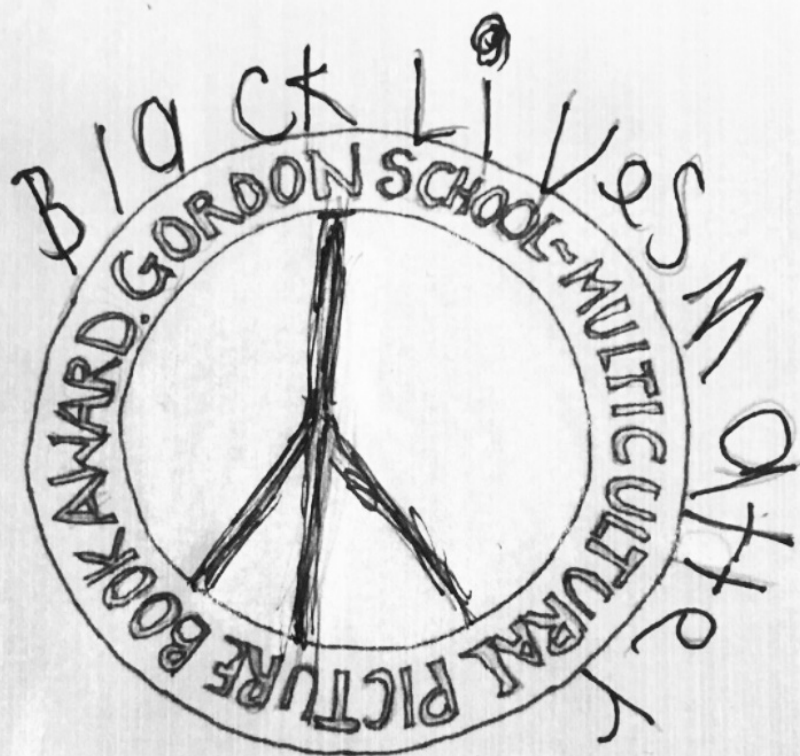
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