

## Pace Academy Lower School, Soni Family Library Second and Third Grade Recommended Books Summer 2024

### Fiction

Anderson, M. T. *Elf Dog & Owl Head*  
Applegate, Katherine. *Dogtown*  
Applegate, Katherine. *The One and Only Ruby*  
Blume, Lesley. *Alice Atherton's Grand Tour*  
Brockenbrough, Martha. *To Catch a Thief*  
Burnham, Molly. *The Infinite Questions of Dottie Bing*  
Chow, Karen. *Miracle*  
Connolly, Marcy Kate. *A Breath of Mischief*  
De Suza, Jane. *When Impossible Happens*  
Delaney, Rachelle. *The Big Sting*  
Dimopoulos, Elaine. *The Remarkable Rescue at Milkweed Meadow*  
Egger, Dave. *The Eyes and the Impossible*  
Ecton, Emily. *The Great Vandal Scandal (Great Pet Heist)*  
Fawcett, Heather. *The Islands of Elsewhere*  
Forrester, Amy Seto. *Search for a Giant Squid*  
Faruqi, Reem. *Call Me Adnan*  
Hale, Nathan. *The Mighty Bite*  
Hartman, Aubrey. *The Lion of Lark-Hayes Manor*  
Lai, Remy. *Ghost Book*  
Lloyd, Megan Wagner. *Squished*  
Lloyd, Megan Wagner. *Super Pancake: Book 1*  
Lord, Cynthia. *Home Away from Home*  
O'Neill, Kay. *The Moth Keeper*  
Ortiz, Amparo. *Saving Chupie*  
Pennypacker, Sara. *Leeva at Last*  
Pumphrey, Jarrett. *Link + Hud: Heroes by a Hair*  
Sax, Sarah. *Picture Day*

Selznick, Brian. *Big Tree*  
Shawl, Nisi. *Speculation*  
Smith, Brian. *Officer Clawson: Lobster Cop*  
Soontornvat, Christian. *The Guardian Test: Legends of Lotus Island*  
Tan, Susan. *Ghosts, Toast, and Other Hazards*  
Van Draanen, Wendelin. *Mr. Whiskers and the Shenanigan Sisters*  
Young, Ethan. *The Maze of Bones: Graphic Novel (The 39 Clues, Book 1)*

### Beginning Chapter Book Series

Angleberger, Tom. *Inspector Flytrap*  
Applegate, Katherine. *Roscoe Riley Rules*  
Birney, Betty G. *Humphrey's Tiny Tales*  
Brailler, Max. *Mister Shivers*  
Chabert, Jack. *Eerie Elementary*  
Cummings, Troy. *Notebook of Doom*  
Curran-Bauer, Christee. *The Case of the Missing Tarts*  
DiCamillo, Kate. *Tales from Deckawoo Drive*  
Elliott, Rebecca. *Owl Diaries*  
English, Karen. *The Carver Chronicles*  
Gutman Dan. *My Weird School Daze*  
Haldar, Raj. *Word Travelers*  
Klassen, Jon. *The Skull*  
Lord, Cynthia. *Book Buddies*  
Lord, Cynthia. *Shelter Pet Squad*  
Lyons, Kelly Starling. *Jada Jones*  
Lyons, Kelly, Starling. *Miles Lewis*  
Lysiak, Hilde. *Hilde Cracks the Case*  
English, Karen. *Nikki & Deja*  
  
May, Kyla. *Diary of a Pug*

McGee, Joe. *Junior Monster Scouts*  
Miedoso, Andres. *Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol*  
Muncaster, Harriet. *Isadora Moon*  
Osborne, Mary Pope. *Magic Tree House*  
Rex, Adam. *The Story of Gumluck the Wizard*  
West, Tracey. *Dragon Masters*

### Non-fiction

Amini, Ariana Shaheen. *Baba's Gift: A Persian Father's Love of Family*  
Arato, Rona. *Nothing Could Stop Her: The Courageous Life of Ruth Gruber*  
Barnett, Mac. *Twenty Questions*  
Ben-Barak, Idan. *We Go Way Back: A Book about Life on Earth and How It All Began*  
Bolden, Tonya. *Rock, Rosetta, Rock! Rosetta, Roll! Presenting Sister Rosetta Tharpe, the Godmother of Rock and Roll*  
Boxer, Elisa. *Hidden Hope: How a Toy and a Hero Saved Lives During the Holocaust*  
Bowles, David. *Ancient Night*  
Bunten, Alexis. *What Your Ribbon Skirt Means to Me: Deb Haaland's Historic Inauguration*  
Bunting, Philip. *The Gentle Genius of Trees*  
Buzzeo, Toni. *Eat Your Super Powers!: How Colorful Food Keeps You Healthy and Strong*  
Cline-Ransome, Lesa. *The Story of the Saxophone*  
Cox, Lynne. *Yoshi, Sea Turtle Genius: A True Story about an Amazing Swimmer*  
Earle, Shannon. *The Penguin of Ilha Grande: From Animal Rescue to Extraordinary Friendship*  
Esbaum, Jill. *Jack Knight's Brave Flight*

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Dadie, Debbie. *Never Give Up: Dr. Kati Karikó and the Race for Future Vaccines*

Dalton, Angela. *To Boldly Go: How Nichelle Nichols and Star Trek Helped Advance Civil Rights*

Davies, Nicola. *Emperor of the Ice: How a Changing Climate Affects a Penguin Colony*

Day, Nicholas. *The Mona Lisa Vanishes: A Legendary Painter, a Shocking Heist, and the Birth of a Global Celebrity*

Drummond, Allan. *Zero Waste: How One Community Is Leading a World Recycling Revolution*

Flack, Roberta. *The Green Piano: How Little Me Found Music*

Fogelson, Marni. *The Girl Who Heard the Music: How One Pianist and 85,000 Bottles and Cans Brought New Hope to an Island*

Frasier, Carolyn Bennett. *Moontree: The Story of One Extraordinary Tree*

Hirsch, Rebecca E. *Rise to the Sky: How the World's Tallest Tree Grows Up*

Kerley, Barbara. *Footsteps on the Map*

Kimura, Yukie. *Yukie's Island: My Family's World War II Story*

Kunkel, Angela Burke. *Make Way: The Story of Robert McCloskey, Nancy Schön, and Some Very Famous Ducklings*

Lanan, Jessica. *Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider*

Lang, Heather. *Supermoms*

Lavelle, Kari. *Butt or Face?*

Larson, Kirsten W. *The Fire of Stars: The Life and Brilliance of the Woman Who Discovered What Stars Are Made Of*

Lower, Jan. *The Brilliant Calculator*

McCloskey, Kevin. *What Will I Get When I Get to Be Me*

Montgomery, Sy. *The Book of Turtles*

Murray, Lily. *How Old Is a Whale? Animal Life Spans from the Mayfly to the Immortal Jellyfish*

Neri, G. *Christo and Jeanne-Claude Wrap the World: The Story of Two Groundbreaking Environmental Artists*

Noel, Melvina. *Chef Edna: Queen of Southern Cooking, Edna Lewis*

Olafsdottir, Linda. *I Dare! I Can! I Will! The Day Icelandic Women Walked Out and Inspired the World*

Park, Jane. *Hidden Creature Features*

Pinkney Barlow, Charnelle. *Little Rosetta and the Talking Guitar: The Musical Story of Rosetta Tharpe, the Woman Who Invented Rock and Roll*

Pinkney, Jerry. *Just Jerry: How Drawing Shaped My Life*

Raczka, Bob. *You Are a Story*

Romito, Dee. *The Last Plastic Straw: A Plastic Problem and Finding Ways to Fix It*

Roth, David. *LOL 101: A Kid's Guide to Writing Jokes*

Roy, Katherine. *Making More: How Life Begins*

Salas, Laura Purdie. *Finding Family: The Duckling Raised by Loons*

Salazar, Aida. *Jovita Wore Pants: The Story of a Mexican Freedom Fighter*

Sayler, Hannah. *Ancestry: The Mystery of and Majesty of Ancient Cave Art*

Schechter, Robert. *The Red Ear Blows Its Nose: Poems: Poems for Children and Others*

Sorrell, Traci. *Contenders: Two Native Players, One World Series*

Stelson, Caren. *Stars of the Night: The Courageous Children of the Czech Kindertransport*

Stewart, Melissa. *Thank You Moon: Celebrating Nature's Nightlight*

### Georgia Book Award Nominees (picture books)

Arnaldo, Monica. *Mr. S*

Barnett, Mac. *John's Turn*

Barrows, Annie. *Like*

Beckmeyer, Drew. *I Am a Tornado*

Blackall, Sophie. *Farmhouse*

Brew-Hammond, Nana Ekua. *Blue*

Browne, Meghan P. *The Bees of Notre Dame*

Cooper, Kelly. *Midnight and Moon*

Deedy, Carmen Agra. *Wombat Said Come In*

Falconer, Ian. *Two Dogs*

Faruqi, Reem. *Milloo's Mind*

Gorman, Amanda. *Something, Someday*

Hartman, Brooke. *Watch Out for the Lion!*

Lyall, Casey. *Spoonful of Frogs*

MacLeod, Kelly. *How to Eat a Book*

Monyihan, Bobby. *Not All Sheep Are Boring*

Polacco, Patricia. *Palace of Books*

Rex, Adam. *The Story of Gumluck the Wizard*

Rex, Adam. *Oh No, the Aunts Are Here*

Robertson, David A. *The Song That Called Them Home*

Suyka, Diana. *Little Land*

Syed, Anoosha. *That's Not My Name!*

Taboor, Corey R. *Simon and the Better Bone*

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### Oldies, but Goodies

Atwater, Florence. *Mr Popper's Penguins*  
Birdsall, Jeanne. *The Penderwicks*  
Blume, Judy. *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*  
Cleary, Beverly. *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*  
Clements, Andrew. *Frindle*  
Dahl, Roald. *Fantastic Mr. Fox*  
DiCamillo, Kate. *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*  
Estes, Eleanor. *The Hundred Dresses*  
DiCamillo, Kate. *The Tale of Despereaux*  
Lowry, Lois. *Gooney Bird Greene*  
Sachar, Louis. *Sideways Stories from Wayside School*  
Seldon, George. *A Cricket in Times Square*  
Sobol, Donald J. *Encyclopedia Brown Boy Detective*  
Warner, Gertrude Chandler. *The Boxcar Children*

### Picture Books – Fiction

Acevedo, Linda J. *Breaking the Beat*  
Agee, Jon. *My Dad Is a Tree*  
Aguilera, Claudio. *9 Kilometers*  
Allegra, Mike. *Pirate & Penguin*  
Allen, Savannah. *The Nature Journal*  
Armand, Glenda. *All Aboard the School Train*  
Asterplume, Z.B. *Sometimes a Tiger*  
Bailey, Linda. *Cinderella-With Dogs!*  
Balkan, Gabrielle. *What a Map Can Do*  
Barnes, Derrick. *Like Lava in My Veins*  
Beatrice, Jenna. *The Loud Librarian*  
Becker, Aaron. *The Tree and the River*  
Berger, Caren. *In the Night Garden*  
Blair, Landis. *The Night Tent*  
Bontiaogao, Lynnor. *Sari-Sari Summers*

Boyd, Marie. *Just a Worm*  
Brown, Lisa. *The Hospital Book*  
Brun-Cosme, Nadine. *Rabbit, Duck, and Big Bear*  
Bui, Hanh. *The Yellow Áo Dài*  
Bunting, Philip. *Wombat*  
Buzzeo, Toni. *Pa, Me, and Our Sidewalk Pantry*  
Capucilli, Alyssa Satin. *The Library Worm Learns to Read*  
Carzoo, Breanna. *Greenlight*  
Cáceres, Andrea. *My Dog Just Speaks Spanish*  
Cordell, Matthew. *Evergreen*  
Deedy, Carmen Agra. *Carina Felina*  
Demas, Corinne. *Once There Was*  
Dipucchio, Kelly. *Becoming Charley*  
Doerrfeld, Cori. *Beneath*  
Dychman, Ame. *How Dinosaurs Went Extinct*  
Evans, Christine. *Dear Mr. G.*  
Ferry, Beth. *The Umbrella*  
Fisher, Lalena. *Friends Beyond Measure: A Story Told with Infographics*  
Fleming, Candace. *Penny & Pip*  
Frazee, Marla. *In Every Life*  
Freeman-Haskin, Leah. *The Last Two Crayons*  
Genhart, Michael. *Spanish Is the Language of My Family*  
Grady, Ron. *What Does Brown Mean to You?*  
Gravett, Emily. *10 Cats: A Chaotic Colorful Counting Book*  
Grime, Nikki. *Walk in the Woods*  
Ham, Maple. *Dim Sum, Here We Come!*  
Hartman, Brooke. *Watch Out for the Lion!*  
Henkes, Kevin. *The World and Everything in It*  
Hest, Amy. *Sometimes It's Nice to Be Alone*  
Higuera, Donna Barba. *The Yellow Handkerchief*

Higgins, Carter. *Some of These Are Snails*  
Hopkinson, Deborah. *Cinderella and a Mouse Called Fred*  
Kemp, Laeken Zea. *A Crown for Corina*  
Kim, Dan-ah. *The Train Home*  
Klassen, Jon. *The Skull*  
Krans, Angela Pham. *Finding Papa*  
LaRochelle, David. *100 Mighty Dragons All Named Broccoli*  
Latimer, Alex. *The Duck Never Blinks*  
Lawson, Jonarno. *A Day for Sandcastles*  
Lee, Chiquita Mullins. *You Gotta Meet Mr. Pierce*  
Lindstrom, Carole. *My Powerful Hair*  
Lobel, Anit. *Good Morning, Good Night*  
Lombardi, Kristine. A. *My Wish for the World*  
Medina, Juana. *Elena Rides*  
Muth, Jon J. *Stillwater and Koo Save the World*  
Misdea, Dan. *The Light Inside*  
Obuhanych, Karen. *This Little Kitty*  
Otheguys Emma. *Martina Has Too Many Tias*  
Pinkney, Brian. *Hey Otter! Hey Beaver!*  
Pizzoli, Greg. *Mister Kitty Is Lost!*  
Rayner, Jaqueline. *Lost Cat!*  
Rogers, Kim. *Just Like Grandma*  
Rylant, Cynthia. *Rain*  
Salmon, Caspar. *How to Count to One: (And Don't Even Think about Bigger Numbers!)*  
Scott, Jordan. *My Baba's Garden*  
Scharnhorst, Becky. *How to Get Your Octopus to School*  
Siquiera, Ana. *Abuela's Super Capa*  
Stead, Philip Christian. *Every Dog in the Neighborhood*  
Straub, Emma. *Very Good Hats*  
Strickland, Shadra. *Jump In!*

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Tabor, Corey R. *Simon and the Better Bone*  
Taylor, Kim. *A Flag for Juneteenth*  
Tosdevin, Frances. *The Bear and Her Book*  
Trejo, Jesús. *Papá's Magical Water-Jug Clock*  
Vere, Ed. *The Artist*  
Wallmark, Laurie. *Rivka's Presents*  
Wilder, Derick. *I Made These Ants Some Underpants*  
Wynter, Anne. *Nell Plants a Tree*  
Wong, Jack. *When You Can Swim*  
Yoh, Eugenia. *This Is Not My Home*  
Yolen, Jane. *The Horseback Librarians*  
Yolen, Jane. *What To Do With a Stick*  
Zhuang, Qing. *Rainbow Shopping*  
Zsako, Balint. *Bunny & Tree*

Hunt, Lynda Mullaly. *Fish in a Tree*  
Kerley, Barbara. *The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins*  
Lionni, Leo. *Frederick*  
Ludwig, Trudy. *The Invisible Boy*  
Monet, Angelique. *The Bravest Worrier*  
Numeroff, Laura. *If You Give a Pig a Pancake*  
Palacio, R. J. *Wonder*  
Sendak, Maurice. *Where the Wild Things Are*  
Seuss, Dr. *Horton Hatches the Egg*  
Soto, Gary. *Too Many Tamales*  
Sotomayor, Sonia. *Just Ask!*  
Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *On the Banks of Plum Creek*  
Wood, Audrey. *The Napping House*  
Yamada, Kobi. *What Do You with an Idea?*

**Teacher Favorites (picture books + chapter books)**

Bell, Cece. *I Yam a Donkey*  
Chall, Masha. *Up North at the Cabin*  
Cisneros, Sandra. *The House on Mango Street*  
Cooney, Barbara. *Miss Rumphius*  
Creech, Sharon. *Walk Two Moons*  
Cuyler, Margery. *Kindness Is Cooler, Mrs. Ruler*  
Daywalt, Drew. *The Day the Crayons Quit*  
dePaola, Tomie. *Strega Nona*  
DiCamillo, Kate. *Because of Winn Dixie*  
DiCamillo, Kate. *The Tales of Despereaux*  
DiTerLizzi, Angela. *The Magical Yet*  
Donaldson, Julia. *The Snail and the Whale*  
Funk, Josh. *Lady Pancake and Sir French Toast*  
Gemeinhart, Don. *Good Dog*  
George, Jean Craighead. *My Side of the Mountain*  
Henkes, Kevin. *Chrysanthemum*  
Houston, Gloria. *My Great Aunt Arizona*