

AMAZEWORKS OPT OUT FORM

GRADE 5, 2025-26



SSPPS 5th Grade Families,

We recognize the diversity of perspectives in our community and respect each family's unique values and preferences. As part of our commitment to transparency, equity, and supporting the social-emotional growth of all students, we want to ensure you have options that best meet the needs of your family.

Please feel free to connect with your school's principal to preview any of the curriculum listed below to help you make an informed decision. We respect each family's decision to opt out of specific lessons and remain committed to creating a supportive school environment for all students.

If you would like to opt your child out from specific book titles or topics in the AmazeWorks program, please complete the information below and return this form to your child's classroom teacher or school principal. We will continue to honor the Opt-Out Forms families have already submitted. New forms are only needed if family preferences have changed.

We value your partnership in creating a safe and supportive environment for all students. Thank you for your continued collaboration.

I wish for my child, _____ to be excused from the following book titles or topics in the AmazeWorks curriculum.

☐ Empathy and Understanding

- ☐ The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammed and S.K. Ali
- ☐ Home at Last by Susan Middleton Elya and Felipe Davalos

☐ Healthy, Complex Identities

- ☐ Laila's Lunchbox by Reem Faruqi
- ☐ Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut by Derrick Barnes
- ☐ Cooper's Lesson by Sun Yung Shin and Kim Cogan
- ☐ A Different Pond by Bao Phi
- ☐ Rescue and Jessica by Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes
- ☐ Knock Knock by Daniel Beaty
- ☐ Kiki's Journey by Kristy Orona-Ramirez

☐ Respect Across Differences

- ☐ Benji, the Bad Day, and Me by Sally J. Pla
- ☐ A Shelter in Our Car by Monica Gunning
- ☐ The Trees of Dancing Goats by Patricia Polacco
- ☐ La Frontera/My Journey with Papa by Alfredo Alva and Deborah Mills

☐ Notice, Name, and Reject Bias

- ☐ First Day in Grapes by L. King Pérez
- ☐ Muskrat Will Be Swimming by Cheryl Savageau
- ☐ Sparkle Boy by Lesléa Newman
- ☐ Mama's Nightingale by Edwidge Danticat

☐ Responsiveness and Action

- ☐ Sitti's Secrets by Naomi Shihab Nye
- ☐ The Fair Housing Five by Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action
- ☐ Dad, Jackie and Me by Myron Uhlberg

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____