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Summer Reading List K-2ND

Baloney and Friends

by Greg Pizzoli

This funny graphic novel for beginning readers stars Baloney the pig alongside his friends Bizz (a bee), Peanut (a horse), and Krabbit (a very cranky rabbit).

Black Is a Rainbow Color

by Angela Joy, illustrated by Ekua Holmes

There's no black in rainbows, but Black is more than a color. It's a culture. This picture book celebrates African American history and identity.

Carpenter's Helper

by Sybil Rosen, illustrated by Camille Garoche

A sweet story about a girl and her family bonding while building a birdhouse in their home.

The Electric Slide and Kai

by Kelly J. Baptist, illustrated by Darnell Johnson

Kai's family is excited for his aunt's upcoming wedding, but since every family celebration means dancing, Kai's worried he will make a fool of himself on the dance floor again. A picture book celebration of family, love, and

overcoming one's fears.

Eyes That Kiss in the Corners

by Joanna Ho, illustrated by Dung Ho

A picture book filled with wonderful illustrations that encourage children to be proud of who they are and how they look.

A Hatful of Dragons: And More than 13.8 Billion Other Funny Poems

by Vikram Madan

A silly collection of interactive poems and rhymes in a variety of formats with fun illustrations about mummies, dragons, and more!

I Am a Bird

by Hope Lim, illustrated by Hyewon Yum

A little girl, riding on the back of her father's bike, is wary of the mysterious woman with a bag they pass. One day, she finds out what the bag is for, and her wariness grows into kinship.

Jo Jo Makoons: The Used-to-Be Best Friend

by Dawn Quigley, illustrated by Tara Audibert

This early chapter book follows Jo Jo, a young Ojibwe girl, as she navigates the troubles and tribulations of being in elementary school. This story also includes snippets of the Ojibwe language with more

information in the back matter.

Lift

by Minh Lê, illustrated by Dan Santat

Frustrated with her little brother taking over her job of pushing the elevator button, a girl takes a discarded button to transform her closet door into a magical elevator. In the process, she discovers that adventures are more fun when you share them.

Milo Imagines the World

by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson While on the subway, Milo imagines different stories for the people he sees, but he soon realizes you can't tell who people really are

just by their appearance .

**A Place inside of Me:
A Poem to Heal the Heart**

By Zetta Elliott,
illustrated by Noa Denmon

A Black boy, shown all over his neighborhood, experiences a range of emotions: fear, pride, sorrow, and joy.

Sadiq and the Green Thumbs

by Siman Nuurali,
illustrated by Anjan Sarkar

Sadiq, a Somali American third grader, starts a gardening club focused on helping neighbors.

Part of a series.

Sharuko: El arqueólogo peruano Julio C. Tello / Peruvian \ Archaeologist Julio C. Tello

by Monica Brown,
illustrated by Elisa Chavarri

In this Spanish-English picture book biography, readers find out about this Indigenous scientist who found skulls and artifacts in the mountains of Peru as a child and went on to become the founder of modern Peruvian archaeology.

Story Boat

by Kyo Maclear,
illustrated by Rashin Kheiriyeh

Join a little girl and her younger brother as they leave behind the place they know

as home and, along the way, make the best of times with what they find. A wonderful refugee story.

We Laugh Alike / Juntos nos reímos: A Story That's Part Spanish, Part English, and a Whole Lot of Fun

by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand, illustrated by Alyssa Bermudez

Two groups of friends meet in the park, but one group only speaks English, and the other only speaks Spanish. Watch how they play together and discover all sorts of similarities!

What about Worms!?

by Ryan T. Higgins

Tiger is big and brave—except when

it comes to worms! When faced with a worm-themed book and then a big group of worms, he must try to overcome his fear.

Your Mama

by NoNieqa Ramos,
illustrated by Jacqueline Alcántara

This super fun book is a spin on the “yo mama” jokes. The twist with this book is that everything included here is pleasant, comforting, and warm, with more than just a hint of humor.

Your Place in the Universe

by Jason Chin

An introduction to size, scale, and distance that goes from comparing an eight-year-old's height with a stack of

books to examining the vastness of the universe.

Zonia's Rain Forest

by Juana Martinez-Neal

Explore Zonia's home, the Amazon rain forest, and learn as Zonia respects and protects the Peruvian wildlife and her heritage.