



MPS READS!



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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Selections for April 2024 - April is National Poetry Month

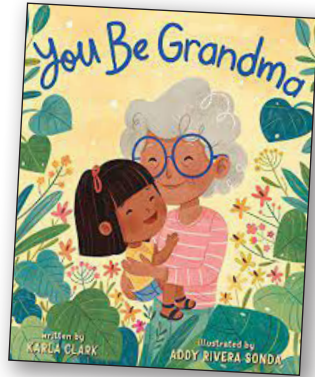
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about the world in which they live; and ignite a passion for reading.

PRESCHOOL

You Be Grandma

by Karla Clark

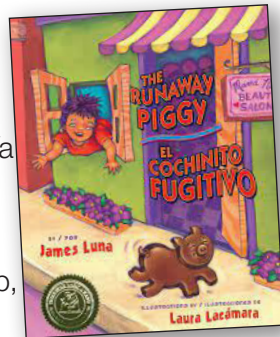
In this rhyming picture book, a grandma says that she's simply too tired to be Grandma tonight and asks her granddaughter to take over. Told with humor and heart, this is a story parents, grandparents, and children will delight in reading together at bedtime.



The Runaway Piggy

by James Luna

A piggy cookie leaps off the baking tray in Martha's Panadería and takes the reader on a mad dash through the barrio, past Lorenzo's Auto Shop, Nita's Beauty Salon, Leti's Flower Shop, and Juana's Thrift Shop.

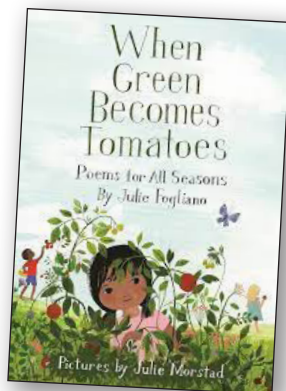


PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

When Green Becomes Tomatoes: Poems for All Seasons

by Julie Fogliano

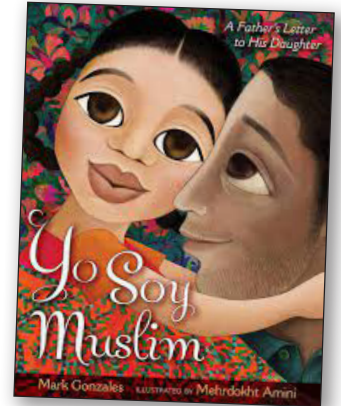
Flowers blooming in sheets of snow make way for happy frogs dancing in the rain. Summer swims move over for autumn sweaters until the snow comes back again. The seasons come to life in this gorgeous book of poetry.



Yo Soy Muslim: A Father's Letter to His Daughter

by Mark Gonzales

In this letter to his young daughter, Afro-Mexican Muslim father, poet, and spoken-word artist Gonzales lovingly introduces her to the many facets of her world. Speaking directly to Muslim children and indirectly to all children, he addresses the beauty of Islam and "learning what it means to be human."

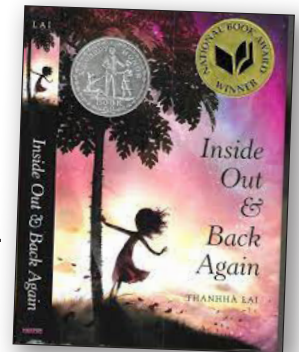


INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

Inside Out and Back Again

by Thanhà Lai

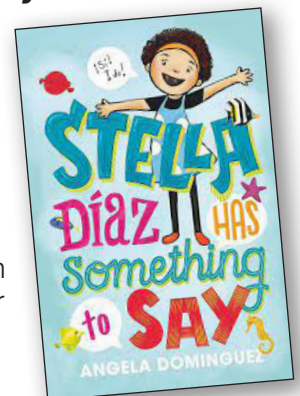
Hà has only ever known Saigon: the thrills of its markets, the joy of its traditions, and the warmth of her friends close by. But now the Vietnam War has reached her home. Hà and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed toward hope—toward America.



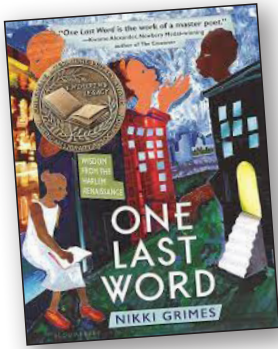
Stella Díaz Has Something to Say

by Angela Dominguez

When a new boy arrives in Stella's class, she really wants to be his friend, but sometimes Stella accidentally speaks Spanish instead of English. Plus, she has to speak in front of her whole class for a big presentation at school! She better get over her fears soon, because Stella Díaz has something to say!



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)



One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance

by Nikki Grimes

Nikki Grimes creates wholly original poems based on the works of master poets like Langston Hughes, Georgia Douglas Johnson, and Jean Toomer. Each poem is paired with art from today's most

exciting African American illustrators, including Pat Cummings, Brian Pinkney, and Sean Qualls to create an emotional and thought-provoking book.

Tumble

by Celia C. Pérez

Addie Ramirez has a big decision when her stepfather proposes adoption. Addie loves him, but with a new half-brother on the way and a school theater performance on her mind, everything is moving fast. She has a million questions, and the first is about the young man in the photo she found hidden in her mother's things.



Kween

by Vichet Chum

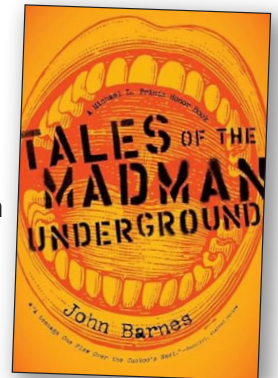
Following her Ba's deportation to Cambodia, everything's changed. Soma's Ma is trying to help Ba adjust to his new life. With her school's spoken word contest looming, Soma must decide: Is she brave enough to put herself out there? Soma searches for a way to make sense of the world around her.



Tales of the Madman Underground

by John Barnes

Karl is starting his senior year, and for years, he's been part of "the Madman Underground" — kids forced to attend group therapy during school. Karl has decided that he is going to get out of the Madman Underground by acting "normal." He has two after-school jobs, one dead father, and one drunk mother. Welcome to a gritty, uncensored rollercoaster ride.



MARCH AUTHENTIC SPANISH SUGGESTION



¡Primera caída! (El enmascarado de terciopelo 1)

by Diego Mejía Eguiluz

Desde su debut, el Conde de Terciopelo se ha empeñado en demostrar que no hay luchador más rudo que él. Desde chiquito le enseñaron a aguantar como los machos. Últimamente le afecta lo que la gente piense de él, su enemigo acérrimo le hace burla y, para colmo de males, la niña que entrena a su rival ha descubierto su punto débil y está maquinando un malévolo plan contra él.

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