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PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

# MPS READS!

*Selections for September, 2020*



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

### *Tomorrow I'll Be Kind*

by Jessica Hische

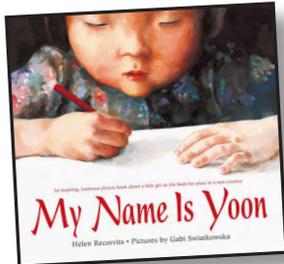
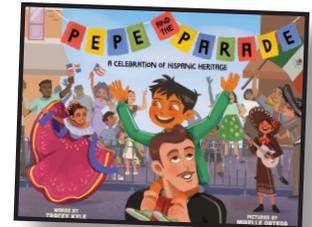
This uplifting and positive book encourages kids to promise that tomorrow, they will be grateful, helpful, and kind. Follow some adorable animals as they learn to take turns, share, and care for each other.



### *Pepe and the Parade: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage*

by Tracey Kyle

Pepe wakes up energized to attend his first Hispanic Day parade. With new food to taste and music to dance to, Pepe couldn't be more excited. Pepe's friends also attend the festival, celebrating their own Hispanic ties. Mexican, Dominican, Panamanian, Colombian, Honduran, Nicaraguan, Chilean, Puerto Rican, Salvadoran, Guatemalan, and Cuban cultures are all in the parade.



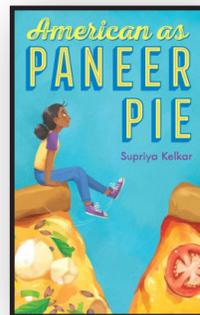
### *My Name Is Yoon*

by Helen Recorvits

Yoon's name means "shining wisdom," and when she writes it in Korean, it looks happy, like dancing figures. But her father tells her that she must learn to write it in English. In

English, all the lines and circles stand alone, which is just how Yoon feels in the United States. This inspiring story follows a little girl finding her place in a new country.

## INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)



### *American as Paneer Pie*

by Supriya Kelkar

An Indian-American girl struggles to navigate her two very different lives: the one at home, where she can be herself, and the one at school, where she is teased for her culture. When a racist incident rocks her small town, she must

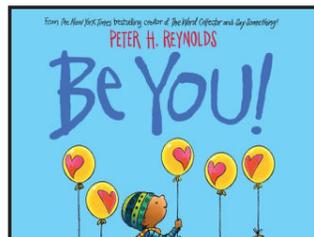
decide to remain silent or find her voice.

## PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

### *Be You*

by Peter H. Reynolds

This is a joyful celebration of individuality and staying true to Y-O-U! This cheerful tale is a wholly original, inspirational celebration of individuality as only Peter H. Reynolds can create.



### *Mario and the Hole in the Sky: How a Chemist Saved Our Planet/Mario y el agujero en el cielo: Cómo un químico salvó nuestro planeta*

by Elizabeth Rusch

Mexican American Mario Molina is a modern-day hero who helped solve the ozone crisis of the 1980s. Growing up in Mexico City, Mario studied hidden worlds through a microscope. As a young man in California, he discovered that CFCs, used in millions of refrigerators and spray cans, were tearing a hole in the earth's protective ozone layer. Mario knew the world had to be warned. Mario is a Nobel laureate whose inspiring story gives hope in the fight against global warming.

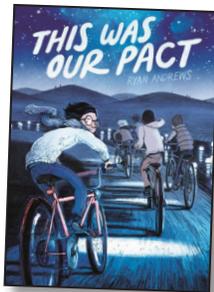


## MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)

### ***This Was Our Pact***

by Ryan Andrews

It's the Autumn Equinox Festival, when the town gathers to float paper lanterns down the river. Legend has it that after drifting out of sight, they'll soar off to the Milky Way and turn into stars, but could that be true? This year, Ben and his classmates are determined to find out where those lanterns really go.

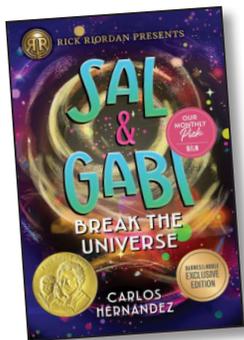


The plan is to follow the river for as long as it takes to learn the truth. Together, Nathaniel and Ben will travel farther than anyone has ever gone, down a winding road full of magic and wonder.

### ***Sal & Gabi Break the Universe***

by Carlos Hernandez

When Sal Vidon meets Gabi Real, he is in the principal's office for the third time, and it's still the first week of school. Gabi, student council president and editor of the school newspaper, is determined to prove that Sal planted a raw chicken in her best friend's locker.



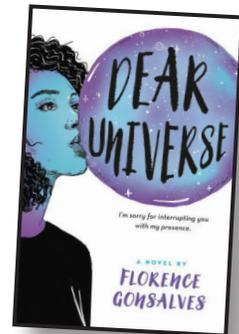
Sal prides himself on being an excellent magician, but he has a talent no one would guess. When Gabi learns that he's capable of conjuring things much bigger than a chicken, she takes it all in stride, and Sal knows that she is someone he can work with. There's only one problem: their manipulation of time and space could put the entire universe at risk.

## HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

### ***Dear Universe***

by Florence Gonsalves

It's senior year, and Chamomile Myles has whiplash from traveling between her two universes: school (the countdown to prom, college applications, and the march toward an uncertain future) and home, where she wrestles a slow, bitter battle with her father's terminal illness. Enter Brendan, sporting a man bun and tutu—a hospital volunteer with a penchant for absurdity who strides boldly between her worlds and helps her open a new road between them.



### ***Cracking the Bell***

by Geoff Herbach

Football saved Isaiah's life, giving him structure after his sister's death tore his family apart. Now, nothing makes Isaiah happier than setting up the perfect defense. But when Isaiah gets knocked out cold on the field, he learns there's a lot more to lose than football.



After a concussion, Isaiah wonders what his life would look like without football. All his friends are on the team, and there's a scholarship offer from Cornell. And without football, what would keep his family together? As Isaiah begins to piece his life together, he must decide how much he's willing to sacrifice, even if playing football threatens to take away his future.

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