

## Summer Reading Recommendation List 2024

### Kindergarten - 2nd Grade

Title	Author	Description
Nigel and the Moon	Antwan Eady	When Nigel looks up at the moon, his future is bright. He imagines himself as an astronaut, a dancer, a superhero, too! Among the stars, he twirls. With pride, his chest swells. And his eyes, they glow. Nigel is the most brilliant body in the sky. But it's Career Week at school, and Nigel can't find the courage to share his dreams. It's easy to whisper them to the moon, but not to his classmates--especially when he already feels out of place.
Each Kindness	Jacqueline Woodson	This book is about how Chloe and her classmates tease the new student Maya, who eventually moves away before they can apologize. Chloe learns a lesson in kindness and empathy.
All Are Welcome	Alexandra Penfold	Explores a welcoming school classroom where all students and families are valued.
I Talk Like a River	Jordan Scott	When a child has a "bad speech day" at school, his father gives him a new perspective on his stuttering.
Drawn Together	Minh Le	A story about a grandson and grandfather struggling to communicate across divides of language, age, and culture.
Finding My Dance	Ria Thundercloud	Follow along as Ria shares her dance journey--from dreaming of her future to performing as a professional--accompanied by striking illustrations that depict it while bringing her graceful movements to life.
Paletero Man	Lucky Diaz	Follow along with our narrator as he passes through his busy neighborhood in search of the Paletero Man. But when he finally catches up with him, our narrator's pockets are empty. Oh no! What happened to his dinero? It will take the help of the entire community to get the tasty treat now.
Your Name is a Song	Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow	Frustrated by a day full of teachers and classmates mispronouncing her beautiful name, a little girl tells her mother she never wants to come back to school. In response, the girl's mother teaches her about the musicality of African, Asian, Black-American, Latinx, and Middle Eastern names on their lyrical walk home through the city.

3rd Grade- 5th Grade

Title	Author	Description
<i>Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez</i>	By Kathleen Krull	<p>An inspirational book about resistance and hope. When Cesar Chavez led a 340-mile peaceful protest march through California, he ignited a cause and improved the lives of thousands of migrant farmworkers</p> <p>Theme: Social Justice</p>
<i>When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson</i>	By Pam Munoz Ryan	<p>A harmonious introduction to one of our country's most important singers and role models. Marian Anderson is best known for her historic concert at the Lincoln Memorial in 1939, which drew an integrated crowd of 75,000 people in pre-Civil Rights America.</p> <p>Themes: talent, strength of character, perseverance</p>
<i>Hush</i>	By Jacqueline Woodson	<p>Inspirational and fascinating portrait of a thoughtful young girl's coming of age in a world turned upside down. The protagonist, Evie Thomas is not who she used to be. Once she had a best friend, a happy home and a loving grandmother living nearby. Once her name was Toswiah. Now, everything is different. Her family has been forced to move to a new place and change their identities.</p>
<i>Dream Builder The story of Architect Philip Freelon</i>	By Kelly Starling- Lyons	<p><i>The Story of Architect Philip Freelon</i> celebrates a contemporary black STEAM role model, a man whose quiet work enabled the creation of an iconic building reflecting America's past and future. With a stirring text by Kelly Starling Lyons, vibrant pictures by Laura Freeman, and an afterword from Philip Freelon himself, it is sure to inspire the next generation of dreamers and builders.</p>