

PreK – 1st Grade Suggested Titles and Authors

Dancing in the wings by Debbie Allen

Sassy tries out for a summer dance festival in Washington, D.C., despite the other girls' taunts that she is much too tall.

Marisol McDonald doesn't match / Marisol McDonald no combina by Monica Brown

Marisol McDonald is a biracial, nonconformist, soccer-playing pirate-princess with brown skin and red hair, who celebrates her uniqueness.

Si, se puede! Yes, we can!: Janitor strike in L.A. by Diana Cohn

Young Carlitos finds a way to show his support for his mother when she and other janitors go on strike in Los Angeles for fair wages.

Pretty Salma: A Little Red Riding Hood story from Africa by Niki Daly

In this version of "Little Red Riding Hood," set in Ghana, a young girl fails to heed Granny's warning about the dangers of talking to strangers.

Homemade Love by Bell Hooks

A girl who is Girlpie to her mama and Honey Bun Chocolate Dewdrop to her daddy savors the warmth and love of her family.

Seeds of change: Planting a path to peace by Jen Cullerton Johnson

Examines the life of Kenyan Nobel Peace Prize-winner and environmentalist Wangari Maathai, who made a stand in the face of opposition to women's rights and started an effort to restore Kenya's ecosystem.

Pinkalicious series - any title by Victoria Kann

After eating too many pink cupcakes, Pinkalicious turns pink and enjoys everything about being her favorite color.

Anansi and the moss-covered rock retold by Eric A. Kimmel

Anansi the Spider uses a strange moss-covered rock in the forest to trick all the other animals, until Little Bush Deer decides he needs to learn a lesson.

Doña Flor: A tall tale about a giant woman with a great big heart by Pat Mora

Doña Flor, a giant lady with a big heart, sets off to protect her neighbors from what they think is a dangerous animal, but soon discovers the tiny secret behind the huge noise.

Tony Baloney by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Tony, a macaroni penguin, is a middle child with very exasperating siblings, and although he never looks for trouble, it often finds him.

Nelson Mandela by Kadir Nelson

This is the story of a young boy, determined to change his country, his struggles to eventually become president, and push for equality for people of all colors.

Sweet tooth by Margie Palatini

Stewart's loud, obnoxious sweet tooth constantly gets him into trouble, until Stewart uses a healthy diet to take control of the situation.

We are in a book by Mo Willems

Piggie realizes that she and Gerald the elephant are in a book and that she can make the reader say words, but when Gerald comes to understand the danger of the book ending, Piggie comes up with a solution to get the reader to keep reading.

Bear wants more by Karma Wilson

When spring comes, Bear wakes up very hungry and is treated to great food by his friends.

Each kindness by Jacqueline Woodson

When Ms. Albert teaches a lesson on kindness, Chloe realizes that she and her friends have been wrong in making fun of new student Maya's shabby clothes and refusing to play with her.