

Summer Reading List (K-5)

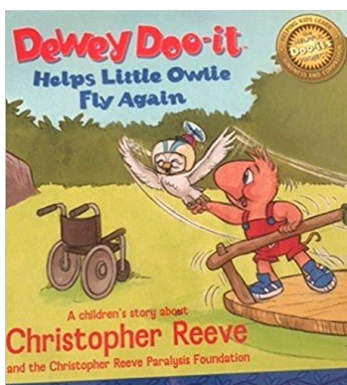
Head to the library and look for these great books!

Summer Reading List (Grades 6-12 Students and Educators)

Check out our book list for teens and educators.

Books to teach determination

Dewey Doo-It Helps Little Owlle Fly Again by Brahm Wegner and Alan Green



Good for grades: K – 5

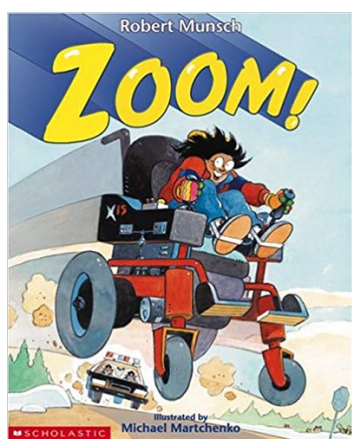
ISBN-13: 978-0974514314

When Dewey Doo-it's kite becomes lodged in a tree, the protagonist and his siblings ask renowned flyer Owlle for

assistance, but they find the owl in a wheelchair after an accident. He shows the Doo-its how he can paint with his beak and use a special computer despite his disability.

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Zoom! by Robert Munsch



Good for grades: 1 – 3

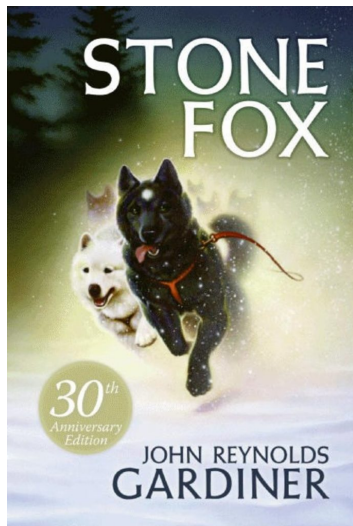
ISBN-13: 978-0439523493

Lauretta's mother takes her to buy a new wheelchair, but Lauretta isn't satisfied with a regular five-speed or ten-speed model. No, she insists on the 92-speed, black, silver, and red dirt-bike wheelchair. When she gets a speeding ticket during a one-day tryout, her parents insist that the chair be returned to the store . . . until Lauretta's older brother has an accident and only one person can whisk him to the hospital on time—Lauretta, in her amazing wheelchair!

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Stone Fox by John Gardiner



Good for grades: 2 – 5

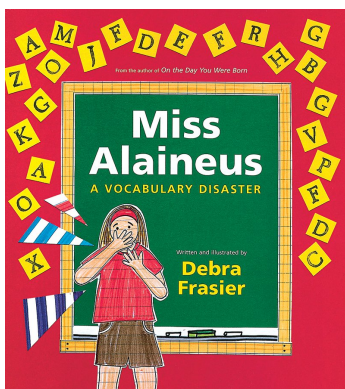
ISBN-13: 978-0545548229

Based on a Rocky Mountain legend, *Stone Fox* tells the story of Little Willy, who lives with his grandfather in Wyoming. When Grandfather falls ill, he is no longer able to work the farm, which is in danger of foreclosure. Little Willy is determined to win the National Dogsled Race—the prize money would save the farm and his grandfather. But he isn't the only one who desperately wants to win. Willy and his brave dog Searchlight must face off against experienced racers, including a Native American man named Stone Fox, who has never lost a race.

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***Miss Alaineus: A Vocabulary Disaster* by Debra Frasier**



Good for grades: 3 – 5

ISBN-13: 978-0439317917

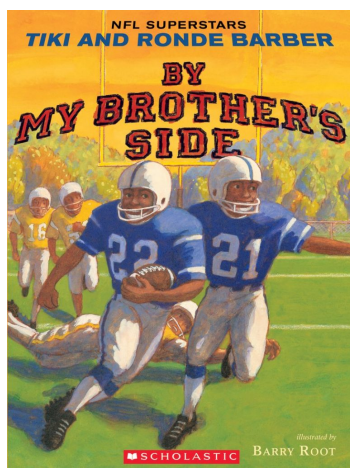
Sage has misheard and misunderstood one of Mrs. Page's weekly vocabulary words. Her error leads to a humbling catastrophe: a momentous tragedy, in front of the entire class. Can Sage turn her vocabulary disaster: an event bringing great misfortune, into a triumph: a true success?

Anyone who has ever been daunted: discouraged or disheartened, by a mere word in the dictionary will cheer wildly: in a manner lacking all restraint, as Sage transforms embarrassment into victory in Debra Frasier's touching story of loving—and mistaking—our glorious language.

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***By My Brother's Side* by Ronde Barber and Tiki Barber**



Good for grades: 3 – 5

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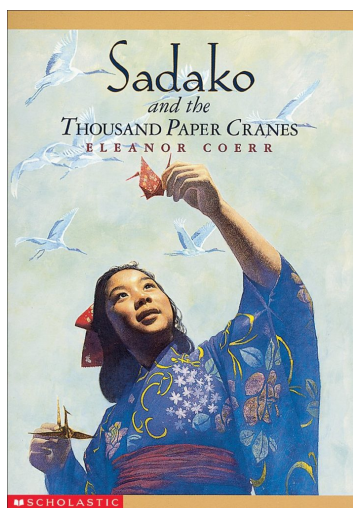
Tiki and Ronde were each other's best friends. Together from the start, these twins might not have been the strongest or the tallest, but they were fast and worked hard at what they loved. And they loved sports, especially football. Then one day Tiki badly hurt his knee in a biking accident, and he was

sure he'd never be able to play again. Their mother had always told them, "You are each other's best friends. Stick together, believe in yourselves, and you can do anything." They kept her words in their hearts and never gave up. Based on the childhood of National Football League superstars Ronde and Tiki Barber, this inspiring book about the values of family, hard work, and determination is the story of what it takes to be a champion.

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***Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr**



Good for grades: 3 – 5

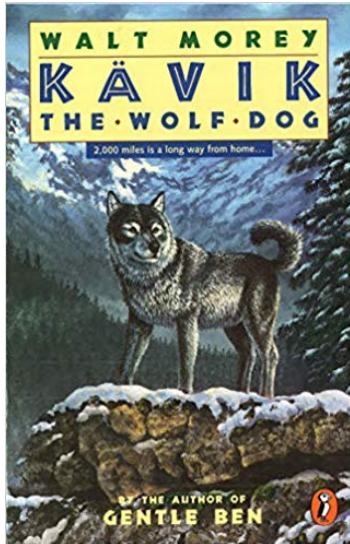
ISBN-13: 978-0439168243

Two-year-old Sadako Sasaki was living in Hiroshima when the atom bomb was dropped. Sadly, ten years later, she was diagnosed with leukemia, also known as "atom bomb disease." There is a Japanese legend that says that if a sick person folds 1,000 paper cranes, the gods will make her well again. Sadako spent long hours in bed, folding those paper cranes, and never giving up that hope. When Sadako had folded six hundred and forty-four cranes, and they hung above her bed on strings, her classmates folded the rest.

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***Kavik the Wolf Dog* by Walt Morey**



Good for grades: 6 – 8

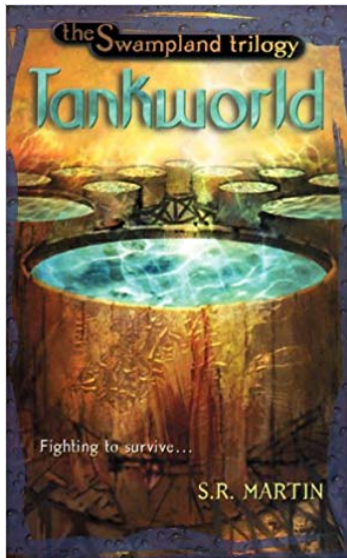
ISBN-13: 978-0140384239

When Andy Evans stumbles upon the snow-covered wreckage of a small plane, he's shocked to find a survivor. Should he put the gravely injured dog out of his misery? The look in the animal's eyes says he's not ready to die. It turns out that Kävik's a champion sled dog, and soon he makes a full recovery. When his rightful owner finds out Kävik is alive, he wants the dog back. But Kävik has other ideas.

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***Tankworld* by S.R. Martin**



Good for grades: 9 – 12

ISBN-13: 978-0439105675

Edie and Zac find themselves in a strange world where children live underground, men ride huge dogs, and feral pigs hunt everyone. A fast-paced and unusual trilogy about teenagers fighting for survival in a world of genetic mutation and warring scientists.

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Books to teach trustworthiness

Check out these books for K-12 students to help teach trustworthiness.

Books to teach fairness

Check out some of our favorite books to help teach kids fairness!

Books to teach friendship

Check out some of our favorite books that can help teach kids the value of friendship!

Preschool books to help teach love

Check out these books about love.

Books to help teach citizenship

From Duck for President to You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie

Stanton?

Books to help teach friendship

Here's a list of a few book suggestions to start conversations about creating friendships and the value of them.

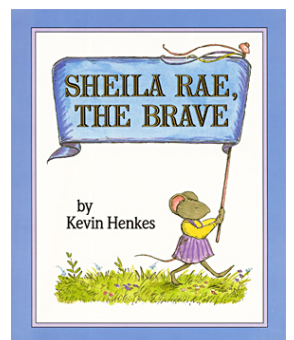
Books to help teach courage

With thousands of books to choose from, it can be an overwhelming task to find books to help teach courage. Here's a few book suggestions to start those conversations.

Sheila Rae, The Brave by Kevin Henkes

Best for: Grades PreK-2

ISBN-10: 0688147380



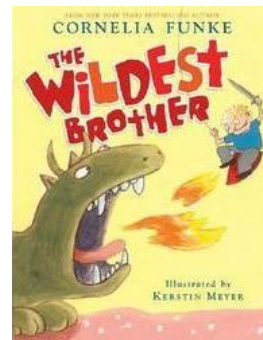
ISBN-13: 978-0688147389

"I am very brave," Sheila Rae said, patting herself on the back. She wasn't afraid of anything—not thunder, not lightning, not the big black dog at the end of the block. And when she wanted to walk home a new way and Louise wouldn't, she called her sister a scaredy-cat and set out alone. But all

the bravado in the world failed to help when Sheila Rae found herself lost. Luckily, her sister was not far behind.

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***The Wildest Brother* by Cornelia Funke**



Best for: Grades PreK-3

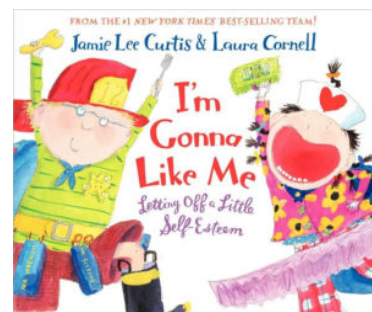
ISBN-10: 0439828627

ISBN-13: 978-0439828628

Brave as a lion, strong as an elephant, Ben is a fearless young boy. When it comes to protecting his big sister, Anna, nothing can stand in his way! Gallantly he spends his day battling moldy green ghosts, slime-belching monsters, and all sorts of ferocious beasts. But when the day is over and darkness falls, Ben suddenly doesn't feel quite so brave. Sometimes, he realizes, it's the big sister who does the protecting.

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***I'm Gonna Like Me: Letting Off a Little Self-Esteem* by Jamie Lee Curtis**

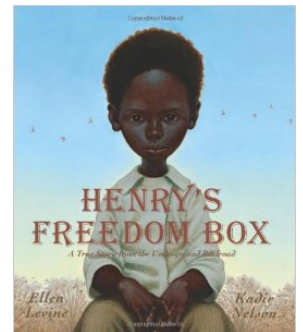
Best for: Grades PreK-3

ISBN-10: 0060287616

ISBN-13: 978-0060287610

Celebrate liking yourself! Through alternating points of view, a girl's and a boy's, Jamie Lee Curtis's triumphant text and Laura Cornell's lively artwork show kids that the key to feeling good is liking yourself because you are you.

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***Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad* by Ellen Levine**

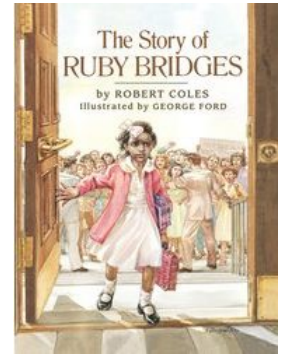
Best for: Grades PreK-5

ISBN-10: 043977733X

ISBN-13: 978-0439777339

Henry Brown doesn't know how old he is. Nobody keeps records of slaves' birthdays. All the time he dreams about freedom, but that dream seems farther away than ever when he is torn from his family and put to work in a warehouse. Henry grows up and marries, but he is again devastated when his family is sold at the slave market. Then one day, as he lifts a crate at the warehouse, he knows exactly what he must do: He will mail himself to the North. After an arduous journey in the crate, Henry finally has a birthday – his first day of freedom.

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***The Story of Ruby Bridges* by Robert Coles**

Best for: Grades 2-5

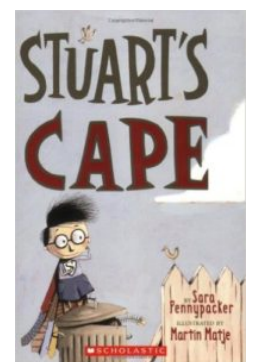
ISBN-10: 0439472261

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The year is 1960, and six-year-old Ruby Bridges and her family have recently moved from Mississippi to New Orleans in search of a better life. When a judge orders Ruby to attend first grade at William Frantz Elementary, an all-white school, Ruby must face angry mobs of parents who refuse to send their children to school with her.

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***Stuart's Cape* by Sara Pennypacker**

Best for: Grades 3-5

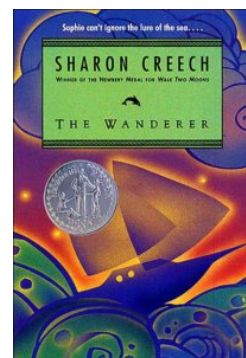
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Stuart's got problems. It's raining. He's bored. And worst of all, he's new in town, so he's got a lot to worry about. But what does a kid like Stuart need in order to have an adventure...and to stop worrying? A cape, of course! Sara Pennypacker's story captures the daily dilemmas that every child must face. Her words are perfectly complimented by illustrator Martin Matje's combination of weirdness and wit.

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***The Wanderer* by Sharon Creech**

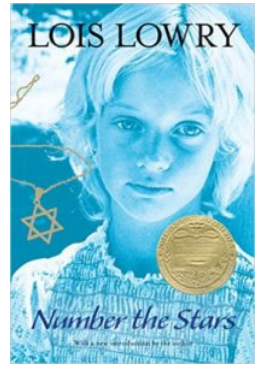
Best for: Grades 3-7

ISBN-10: 0064410323

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Thirteen-year-old Sophie hears the sea calling, promising adventure and a chance for discovery as she sets sail for England with her three uncles and two cousins. Sophie's cousin Cody isn't sure he has the strength to prove himself to the crew and to his father. Through Sophie's and Cody's travel logs, we hear stories of the past and the daily challenges of surviving at sea as *The Wanderer* sails toward its destination—and its passengers search for their places in the world.

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***Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry**

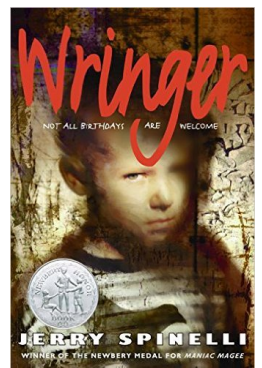
Best for: Grades 5-7

ISBN-10: 0547577095

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As the German troops begin their campaign to “relocate” all the Jews of Denmark, Annemarie Johansen’s family takes in Annemarie’s best friend, Ellen Rosen, and conceals her as part of the family. Through the eyes of ten-year-old Annemarie, we watch as the Danish Resistance smuggles almost the entire Jewish population of Denmark, nearly seven thousand people, across the sea to Sweden. The heroism of an entire nation reminds us that there was pride and human decency in the world even during a time of terror and war.

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***Wringer* by Jerry Spinelli**

Best for: Grades 6-8

ISBN-10: 0064405788

ISBN-13: 978-0064405782

Palmer LaRue is running out of birthdays. For as long as he can remember, he's dreaded the day he turns ten – the day he'll take his place beside all the other ten-year-old boys in town, the day he'll be a wringer. But Palmer doesn't want to be a wringer. It's one of the first things he learned about himself and it's one of the biggest things he has to hide. In Palmer's town being a wringer is an honor, a tradition passed down from father to son. Palmer can't stop himself from being a wringer just like he can't stop himself from growing one year older, just like he can't stand up to a whole town – right? Newbery Medal winner Jerry Spinelli's most powerful novel yet is a gripping tale of how one boy learns how not to be afraid.

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