2020 Book Fair/Summer Reading
Lower School
Grades: K – 2

*Bear, the Bat and the Dove: Three Stories from Aesop*
Rob Cleveland
Publisher: August House
ISBN: 978-0-87483-8-10-7
In this collection of three lesser known Aesop Fables, you will learn why bats fly at night, why you should pick your friends carefully, and why even a tiny ant could be your guardian angel.

*A Big Quiet House*
Heather Forest
Publisher: August House
ISBN: 978-0-87483-6-04-2
With a tiny, cluttered house, giggling children, and a snoring wife, the poor man can't get a good night's sleep. If only, he thinks, I had a big quiet house! He throws off his covers and goes to visit the wise old woman at the edge of the village. Surely she can help him solve his problem. And she does, but not without giving him some very unusual advice. “Bring a chicken into your house,” she suggests. And when that doesn't work, she has him add a goat, a horse, a cow, and even a sheep. The ending of the story proves, as so many ancient folktales do, that quite often, nonsense makes the best sense of all. Susan Greenstein's bold illustrations—white pencil on black surface with watercolor—carry the reader through the warm interiors and peaceful nights of the shtetls of Eastern Europe.

*For Sure! For Sure!*
Hans Christian Anderson
Publisher: August House
ISBN: 978-0-87483-7-42-1
In Mus White's skillful adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's classic folk story, *There Is No Doubt About It*, the news that a hen has lost a feather grows into a humorous tale of five chickens engaged in battle as the story spreads from coop to coop and from hen to hen. Stefan Czernecki's bright primary illustrations and panel design reflect the comic boldness as each chicken passes along the story, until it is no longer recognizable to the original hen who started it in the first place.
**Girl Who Wore Too Much**
Margaret Read MacDonald
Publisher: August House
ISBN: 978-0-874835-03-8
In this timeless tale from Thailand, a girl cannot decide which of her many silken dresses and lavish jewels to wear to the dance, so she wears them all. Her foolish decision teaches her a valuable lesson.

**Guess Again!: Riddle Poems**
Lillian Morrison
Publisher: August House
ISBN: 978-0-874837-30-8
This lyrical picture book of 20 clever riddles challenges young readers to use their imagination to solve the word and picture puzzles.

**Stone Soup**
Heather Forest
Publisher: August House
ISBN: 978-0-874836-02-8
Two hungry travelers arrive at a village expecting to find a household that will share a bit of food, as has been the custom along their journey. To their surprise, villager after villager refuses to share, each one closing the door with a bang. As they sit to rest beside a well, one of the travelers observes that if the townspeople have no food to share, they must be "in greater need than we are." With that, the travelers demonstrate their special recipe for a magical soup, using a stone as a starter. In this cumulative retelling of an ancient and widely circulated legend, author Heather Forest shows us that when each person makes a small contribution, “the collective impact can be huge.” Susan Gaber's paintings portray the optimism and timelessness of a story that celebrates teamwork and generosity.

**Sundown Kid: A Southwestern Shabbat**
Barbara Bietz
Publisher: August House
During the early days of settling the "Wild West," there were many Jewish families who became fearless pioneers seeking to create new communities in the desolate terrain. In this story, a young boy and his family move to the desert Southwest where they are the only Jewish family in their small town. Despite keeping busy with chores, adapting to their new home among strangers proves challenging. Every Shabbat, Mama complains that there is “too much soup, not enough family.” The young boy has an idea to help relieve Mama's homesickness and invites their new neighbors for Shabbat dinner. By honoring the Jewish value of inviting guests into their home for a meal, the family creates a sense of community in their new town.
Asian Tales and Tellers
Cathy Spagnoli
Publisher: August House
ISBN: 978-0-874835-26-7
In this abundant and kaleidoscopic collection, Spagnoli includes stories from Japan, India, Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia, the Philippines, Bangladesh, Laos, Tibet, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, China, Indonesia, Taiwan, Burma, and Nepal. After profiling modern Asian storytellers practicing traditional storytelling styles, she arranges the stories around dominant Asian themes such as harmony and friendship.

Emerald Lizard (World Storytelling)
Pleasant DeSpain
Publisher: August House
ISBN: 978-0-874835-52-6
For the past three decades, Pleasant DeSpain has explored Latin America—its people, customs, cultures, and especially the myths and legends. The tales in this collection are full of compassionate souls, tricks and humor, explanations of nature and geography, and, as always, memorable characters and places. Mario Lamo-Jiménez's Spanish translation that accompanies the English version reverberates with the rich, vibrant quality that has become the benchmark for the best stories from Latin America.

Mementos Magicos/Magic Moments
Olga Loya
Publisher: August House
ISBN: 978-0-874834-97-0
In Latin American culture—with its blend of Indian, Spanish, Catholic, and African influence—magic is a part of the everyday world. For storyteller Olga Loya, magic occurs every time an ancient story is passed from teller to listener. The sixteen stories here are full of mementos mágicos. Presented in equally vibrant English and Spanish, they include stories of the supernatural, such as the Mexican tale of La Llorona, the Wailing Woman; of animals and tricksters, such as the Mayan story of how Monkey tricked Crocodile; of strong women, like Blanca Flor (White Flower); and myths, such as La Diosa Hambrienta, the hungry goddess. In stories from Mexico, Cuba, Guatemala, the Yucatan, Nicaragua, Baja California, Puerto Rico, and the Mayan Popol Vhu, Olga Loya works her magic to create humorous, vital, and powerful renditions of centuries-old legends.

Tales of Cats
Pleasant DeSpain
Publisher: August House
ISBN: 978-1-941460-36-8
This collection of nine short stories features a range of cat "tales" from different countries that are especially worth sharing. You will find stories that explain why cats choose
women over men, how cats trick other (in cat's view) "lesser" animals, how cats outwit humans, and how cats wait patiently for their time in the sun.

**Bedtime, Ted!**
Sophy Henn  
Publisher: Harry N. Abrams  
ISBN-10: 1419727575  
When his parent tells him it’s time for bed, Ted’s not ready yet! He still has something to do! *Bedtime, Ted!* has big flaps on each spread that reveal what that something really is. With these fun flaps and colorful illustrations, this book will be a hit with the littlest readers!

**A Lullaby of Summer Things**  
Natalie Ziarnik  
Publisher: Schwartz & Wade  
ISBN-10: 1101935529  
Join a loving multiracial family as they wind down from a perfect beach day. From hanging up towels, eating dinner, and getting ready for bed, each activity sparks a memory of their day: Playing catch with the dog, chasing waves, and looking at sailboats along the shore. *A Lullaby of Summer Things* is a warm and lyrical book that will lull your little ones to sleep nicely.

**First Laugh-Welcome, Baby!**  
Rose Ann Tahe  
Publisher: Charlesbridge  
ISBN-10: 1580897940  
In Navajo families, the first person to make a new baby laugh hosts the child’s First Laugh Ceremony. So, everyone tries to elicit the joyous sound from Baby, from nima (mom) to nadi (big sister) to cheii (grandfather). *First Laugh-Welcome Baby* introduces children to Navajo culture and traditions. Includes matter about baby welcoming ceremonies from other cultures, from the Chinese man Yue to the Hindu samskaras and the Muslim aquiqa celebration.

**Mela and the Elephant**  
Dow Phumiruk  
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press  
ISBN-10: 1585369985  
When little Mela explores the river outside her village her little boat is swept downstream into the dense jungle. She offers a crocodile, a leopard, and some monkeys prizes if they help her find her way home but the animals all snatch up their rewards without helping Mela. Eventually, an elephant shows Mela that kindness is its own reward. *Mela and the*
Elephant is an engaging new fable that includes information on Thai traditions and language.

Imagine
Juan Felipe Herrera
Publisher: Candlewick
ISBN-10: 076369052X
In lyrical text, Juan Felipe Herrera describes how he grew up sleeping outside, moving with his family several times, and teaching himself English to becoming the United States Poet Laureate and reading his poems aloud on the steps of the Library of Congress. If he could do all of that . . . what could you do? Imagine is a poem of endless possibility that will speak to children everywhere.

The Day You Begin
Jacqueline Woodson
Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books
ISBN-10: 0399246533
“There will be times when you walk into a room and no one there is quite like you.”
Created by National Book Award winner Jacqueline Woodson and two-time Pura Belpré Illustrator Award winner Rafael López, The Day You Begin is a heartfelt and gorgeously illustrated book about being scared of a new situation and having the courage to overcome your fear and make new friends.

I Walk with Vanessa: A Story About a Simple Act of Kindness
Kerascoët
Publisher: Schwartz & Wade
ISBN-10: 152476955X
Inspired by real events, I Walk with Vanessa explores the feelings of helplessness and anger that arise when seeing a classmate treated badly and shows how a single act of kindness can inspire a whole community to stand up to bullying. Voted “2018 Best Book that Champions Kindness” by Parents Magazine!

Shaking Things Up: 14 Young Women Who Changed the World
Susan Hood
Publisher: HarperCollins
ISBN-10: 0062699458
This stunning new release introduces 14 trailblazing girls and young women who changed history. From 6-year-old Ruby Bridges, who helped end segregation, to 21-year-old Maya Lin, who had to defend her right to create a war memorial, all of these girls and
young women were persistent in the face of great challenges. With fresh poems and beautiful artwork, *Shaking Things Up* is sure to inspire young girls and boys alike.

**Grandad Mandela**  
Ambassador Zindzi Mandela  
Frances Lincoln Children’s Books  
ISBN-10: 1786031361  
Nelson Mandela’s two great-grandchildren ask their grandmother, Mandela’s youngest daughter, 15 questions about their famous grandad. They learn that he was a freedom fighter who put down his weapons for the sake of peace, and who then became the President of South Africa and a Nobel Peace Prize-winner. Published in the year of what would have been his 100th birthday, *Grandad Mandela* is a very personal and profoundly moving portrait of the global icon of peace and forgiveness.

**She's Got This**  
Laurie Hernandez  
HarperCollins  
ISBN-10: 0062840584  
Even Olympians have to start somewhere. When Zoe sees a gymnast on TV, she realizes that gymnastics is just like flying. But when she first goes to class and falls off the balance beam, she discovers that following your dreams isn’t always that easy. *She’s Got This* by gold-medal-winning Olympic gymnast Laurie Hernandez is an inspiring picture book about never giving up on your dreams.

**The Girl with a Mind for Math: The Story of Raye Montague (Amazing Scientists)**  
Julia Finley Mosca  
Publisher: The Innovation Press  
ISBN-10: 1943147701  
After visiting a German submarine in the early 1940s, young Raye is determined to become an engineer. Despite facing gender and racial discrimination along the way, the gifted mathematician persisted and gained her well-deserved recognition as a pioneer who changed the course of ship design forever. With rhyming text and cartoon-style illustrations, *The Girl With a Mind for Math* makes the remarkable story of Raye Montague accessible for young readers.

**Juana and Lucas**  
Juana Medina  
Publisher: Candlewick  
ISBN-10: 1536206393  
Fans of Judy Moody and Clarice Bean will love Juana, the spunky young Colombian girl who stars in this playful, abundantly illustrated series. Juana loves many things: drawing, living in Bogotá, Colombia, and especially her dog, Lucas, the best amigo ever. She does not love wearing her itchy school uniform, solving math problems, or learning English.
Why is it so important to learn a language that makes so little sense? Hilarious, energetic, and utterly relatable, Juana will win over los corazones (the hearts) of readers everywhere.

**Saffron Ice Cream**
Rashin Kheiriyeh
Publisher: Arthur A. Levine Books
ISBN N-10: 1338150529
Rashin is excited about her first visit to the beach in her family's new home. On the way there, she remembers what beach trips were like in Iran, the beautiful Caspian Sea, the Persian music, and most of all, the saffron ice cream she shared with her best friend, Azadeh. But there are wonderful things in this new place as well -- a subway train, exciting music... and maybe even a new friend!

**Thread of Love**
Kabir Sehgal & Surishtha Sehgal
Publisher: Beach Lane Books
ISBN-10: 1534404732
Three siblings enjoy the Indian festival of Raksha Bandhan—a celebration of the special relationship between brothers and sisters—in this vibrant reinterpretation of the classic song Frère Jacques (*Are You Sleeping*) from *New York Times* bestselling mother/son duo Surishtha Sehgal and Kabir Sehgal (a Lovett School Alum).

**Festival of Colors**
Kabir Sehgal & Surishtha Sehgal
Publisher: Beach Lane Books
ISBN-10: 1481420496
Learn all about Holi, the Indian Festival of Colors, in this lush picture book from bestselling mother/son duo Surishtha Sehgal and Lovett School Alum Kabir Sehgal. Spring is here, and it’s almost time for Holi, the Indian Festival of Colors. Siblings Mintoo and Chintoo are busy gathering flowers to make into colorful powders to toss during the festival. And when at last the big day comes, they gather with their friends, family, and neighbors for a vibrant celebration of fresh starts, friendship, forgiveness, and, of course, fun!

**The Wheels on the Tuk Tuk**
Kabir Sehgal & Surishtha Sehgal
Publisher: Beach Lane Books
ISBN-10: 1481448315
This picture book brings an international twist to the beloved nursery rhyme, *The Wheels on the Bus*, by bringing you aboard a busy three-wheeled taxi in India! Anything can happen as the tuk tuk rolls through town—from an elephant encounter to a tasty treat to a
grand fireworks display. And in the midst of all the action, one thing’s for sure: passengers young and old love every minute of their exciting ride as the wheels of the tuk tuk go round and round!

**Drawn Together**  
Minh Le and Dan Santat  
Little, Brown Books for Young  
ISBN-10: 1484767608  
When a young boy visits his grandfather, their lack of a common language leads to confusion, frustration, and silence. But as they sit down to draw together, something magical happens—with a shared love of art and storytelling, the two form a bond that goes beyond words. With spare, direct text by Minh Lê and luminous illustrations by Caldecott Medalist Dan Santat, this stirring picture book about reaching across barriers will be cherished for years to come.

**Bilal Cooks Daal**  
Aisha Saeed  
Salaam Reads / Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers  
ISBN-10: 1534418105  
Six-year-old Bilal is excited to help his dad make his favorite food of all-time: daal! The slow-cooked lentil dish from South Asia requires lots of ingredients and a whole lot of waiting. Bilal wants to introduce his friends to daal. They’ve never tried it! As the day goes on, the daal continues to simmer, and more kids join Bilal and his family, waiting to try the tasty dish. And as time passes, Bilal begins to wonder: Will his friends like it as much as he does? This debut picture book by Aisha Saeed, with charming illustrations by Anoosha Syed, uses food as a means of bringing a community together to share in each other’s family traditions.

**Indigo Blume and the Garden City**  
Kwame Alexander & Hah Sun  
Publisher: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform  
ISBN N-13: 9781499346145  
ISBN-10: 149934614X  
Indigo Blume is a nine-year old girl who lives in the fictional city of Garden City. She decides to enter a "Go Green" contest, even though her friends won’t help her with her big idea: A Rooftop Garden. In the end, she is successful at cleaning up her community and building a garden with climbing beans so tall they almost touch the stars. A "Green" glossary is included, as well as a Read Aloud CD with a special song written and performed by SPEECH of ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT.
Don't Worry, Little Crab
Chris Haughton
Publisher: Walker Books
ISBN-10: 1406385514

Little Crab and Very Big Crab leave their “tiny tide pool” and climb over a massive rock (“TIC-A-TIC TIC-A-TIC”) on their way to the open sea: “I can go ANYWHERE,” Little Crab says. When they arrive, great waves pound the rock, and Little Crab shrinks back: “I think we’ve had enough of the ocean now.” Haughton’s white spray and oncoming waves are startlingly real, and the tense sequence makes it easy to feel for Little Crab. But Very Big Crab is full of encouragement: “Let’s just go a little bit farther... I think you’ll like it.” Little Crab’s eyes grow huge with fear, but when an enormous wave comes, the two duck underneath it and, in a series of vibrantly colored spreads, Little Crab discovers the prism of riches that lie waiting beyond the terror of the unknown. Haughton uses his substantial gifts to confront the challenge of a new experience—and its rewards.

The Yawns Are Coming!
Christopher Eliopoulos
Publisher: Dial Books
ISBN: 978-1-984816-30-6

Two best friends, a brown-skinned narrator sporting a blue bear onesie and his guest, white-skinned Noodles, who wears a green dinosaur onesie, make a long list of sleepover plans—none of which, naturally, involves snoozing. The pair play games, jump on the trampoline, and collect fireflies, but their plan goes awry when, in the middle of a card game, Noodles frantically announces: “THE YAWNS ARE COMING!” Sure enough, hundreds of little blue, smiling creatures—the Yawns—soon swarm the friends, who “ran. And we climbed. And we sneaked. And we hid” before being caught out. The two begin to yawn, mouths wide open despite their protestations, when “SPLAP!” a glassy-eyed Doze lands on Noodles’s head. Fluttering Snores arrive just behind it, and a calming, blanketlike Sleepie wraps the bear-suited boy up warm and safe.

A Different Pond
Bao Phi
Publisher: Capstone Young Readers
ISBN-10: 1623708036

A 2018 Caldecott Honor Book that Kirkus Reviews calls "a must-read for our times," A Different Pond is an unforgettable story about a simple event - a long-ago fishing trip. Graphic novelist Thi Bui and acclaimed poet Bao Phi deliver a powerful, honest glimpse into a relationship between father and son - and between cultures, old and new. As a young boy, Bao and his father awoke early, hours before his father's long workday began, to fish on the shores of a small pond in Minneapolis. Unlike many other anglers, Bao and his father fished for food, not recreation. A successful catch meant a fed family. Between hope-filled casts, Bao's father told him about a different pond in their homeland of
Vietnam. Thi Bui's striking, evocative art paired with Phi's expertly crafted prose has earned this powerful picture books six starred reviews and numerous awards.

**Keena Ford and the Field Trip Mix-Up**
Melissa Thomson  
Publisher: Puffin Books  
ISBN-10: 0142415723  
Keena Ford is so excited to go on a field trip to the United States Capitol with her second-grade class! At school, she is running for a spot on the student council, and on the field trip she’s going to meet a real live U.S. representative. The only trouble is, mean Tiffany Harris keeps teasing Keena and taking the best place in line. Keena doesn’t mean to get into trouble, but trouble seems to find her anyway!

**Lost in the Tunnel of Time (Clubhouse Mysteries Book 2)**
Sharon M. Draper  
Aladdin Paperbacks  
ISBN-10: 0142415723  
In *Lost in the Tunnel of Time*, the boys discover their hometown was a stop on the Underground Railroad and are excited to explore the part of the tunnel that is right under their school. When a trapdoor slams behind them, locking them in the tunnel, there’s only one thing they can do—plunge deeper and deeper into the darkness. Where will the tunnel lead them? And will the old, crumbling walls hold until they find their way to the end?

**Her Body Can**
Katie Crenshaw & Ady Meschke  
Publisher: East 26th Publishing  
ISBN-10: 0578651483  
“Her body is beautiful—strong, kind and wise. All bodies are lovely no matter their size.”  
*Her Body Can* is a book of poetic self-love and body positivity declarations for all young girls. Its aim is to encourage our young girls to create a reality for themselves in which they love themselves and their bodies for exactly who and what they are, instead of learning to judge themselves and hate their bodies for what they are not. Our girls should know that their bodies are absolutely amazing, and CAN DO incredible things—and that their worth is not measured by anything except how big they love themselves. The very first book of its kind, written for girls ages newborn to 8, this book intends to teach all young girls their bodies CAN DO ANYTHING and that what they look like is irrelevant—we are all beautiful exactly the way we are. The authors’ rhyming, sing-song voices deliver captivating messages that are easy for young readers to understand and
absorb, while the illustrator’s whimsical, modern drawings and vibrant colors bring characters to life on and off the page.