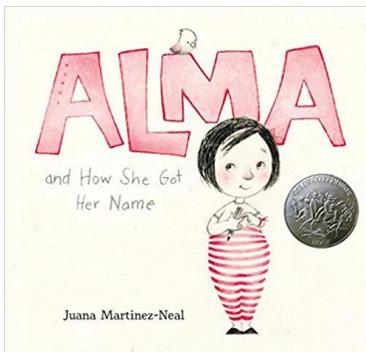




## GOOD HOPE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL SUMMER READING, 2020

### First Grade

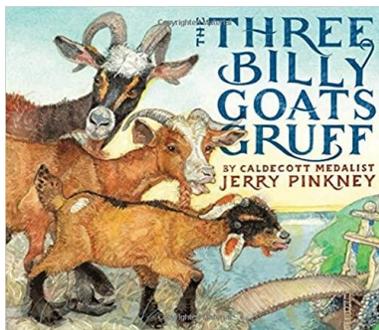
Each of the books listed below would be a delightful addition to your child's bookshelf. All of these books will be used in class in the first weeks of school. First graders are required to have at least three of the books listed in order participate in lessons, as well as have a feeling of familiarity at the beginning of the year. A wonderful source for more books is the American Library Association's Annual List of Notable books: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>.



### **Alma and How She Got Her Name, by Juana Martinez Neal**

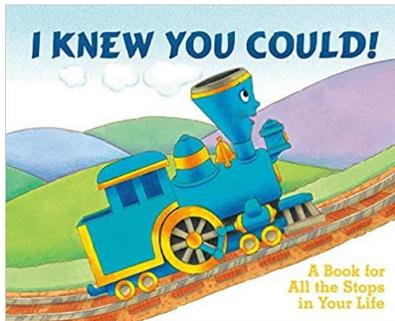
If you ask her, Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela has way too many names: six! How did such a small person wind up with such a large name? Alma turns to Daddy for an answer and learns of Sofia, the grandmother who loved books and flowers; Esperanza, the great-grandmother who longed to travel; José, the grandfather who was an artist; and other namesakes, too. As she hears the story of her name, Alma starts to think it might be a perfect fit after all — and realizes that *she* will one day have her own story to tell.

In her author-illustrator debut, Spanish-language.



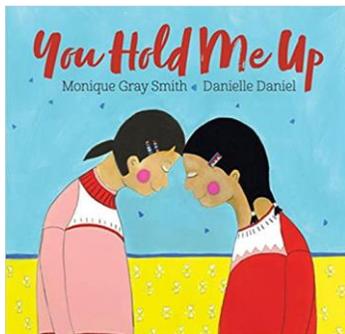
### **Three Billy Goats Gruff, by Jerry Pinkney**

Jerry Pinkney puts his indelible stamp on another beloved folktale in the same vein as the Caldecott Medal-winning. When the three Billy Goats Gruff are hungry, they see bountiful grass to eat across an old bridge. But the bridge is home to a terrible troll, who is peckish himself, and looking for a tasty morsel to gobble up. In his interpretation of the timeless tale, Jerry Pinkney shows there's little good to come from greed--but in the end, redemption for even the most trollish bully is possible.



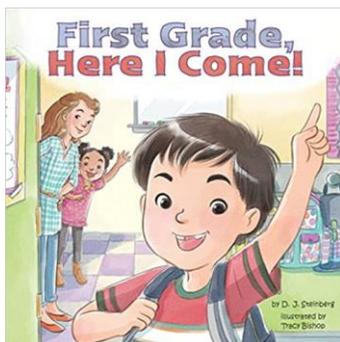
### **I Knew You Could!, By Craig Dorfman**

The determined Little Blue Engine is back, bringing inspiring and enlightening words of wisdom to graduates of all ages as they make the transition from one phase of life to the next. *I Knew You Could!*, provides familiar comfort in changing times and serves as a wonderful gift that will be treasured for years to come. Readers will revisit the story again and again as they move forward along life's path. From "I think I can" to "I knew I could," The Little Engine That Could help kids of all ages realize that anything is possible if you just put your mind to it



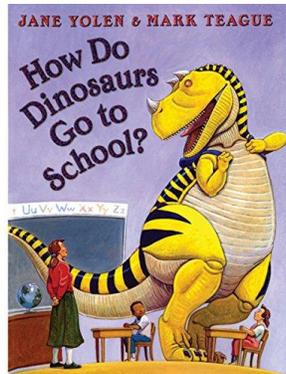
### **You Hold Me Up, by: Monique Gray Smith**

This vibrant picture book, beautifully illustrated by celebrated artist Danielle Daniel, encourages children to show love and support for each other and to consider each other's well-being in their everyday actions. Consultant, international speaker and award-winning author Monique Gray Smith wrote *You Hold Me Up* to prompt a dialogue among young people, their care providers and educators about reconciliation and the importance of the connections children make with their friends, classmates and families. This is a foundational book about building relationships, fostering empathy and encouraging respect between peers, starting with our littlest citizens.



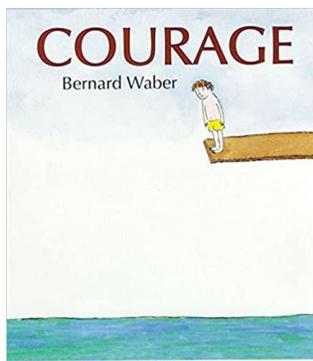
### **First Grade, Here I Come!, by: D.J. Steinberg**

First grade—it's the big time! After all, it's a real honest to goodness grade. In verses that are both funny and full of heart, D.J. Steinberg celebrates big and small moments, ones that all young "scholars" will relate to—baby teeth that won't fall out, choosing the perfect library book, celebrating Pajama Day, and wrangling with the mysteries of spelling. From the first day of school to the last, this engaging anthology is essential reading for all soon-to-be first graders.



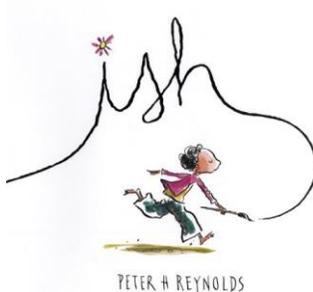
### **How Do Dinosaurs Go To School?, by: Jane Yolen**

School has never been so much fun! Come along for a very unusual day and laugh out loud as the dinosaurs enjoy story time, show-and-tell and recess.



### **Courage, by Bernard Waber**

What is courage? Certainly it takes courage for a firefighter to rescue someone trapped in a burning building, but there are many other kinds of courage too. Everyday kinds that normal, ordinary people exhibit all the time, like “being the first to make up after an argument,” or “going to bed without a nightlight.” Bernard Waber explores the many varied kinds of courage and celebrates the moments, big and small, that bring out the hero in each of us.



### **Ish, by: Peter H. Reynolds**

Ramon loved to draw. Anytime. Anything. Anywhere.

Drawing is what Ramon does, it's what makes him happy. But in one split second, all that changes. A single reckless remark by Ramon's older brother, Leon, turns Ramon's carefree sketches into joyless struggles. Luckily for Ramon, though, his little sister, Marisol, sees the world differently. She opens his eyes to something a lot more valuable than getting things just "right." Combining the sparseness of fable with the potency of parable, Peter Reynolds shines a bright beam of light on the need to kindle and tend our creative flames with care.