

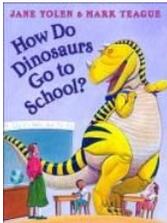
GOOD HOPE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL SUMMER READING, 2018

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:

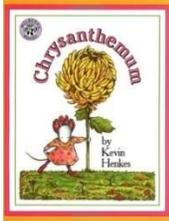
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>.

How Do Dinosaurs Go To School?, Mark Teague

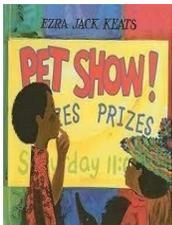


In first grade we like to use this book to set best practices for the classroom. The funny illustrations, along with the "what-not-to-do" examples, make a memorable connection with our first graders.

Chrysanthemum, Kevin Henkes



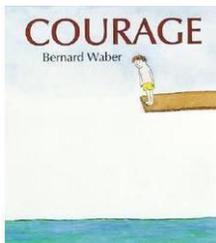
She was a perfect baby, and she had a perfect name, Chrysanthemum. She loved her name. And then she started school. "I'm named after my grandmother," said Victoria. "You're named after a **flower**"...and Chrysanthemum wilted. Find out what Chrysanthemum discovers about having a special name.



Pet Show, Ezra Jack Keats

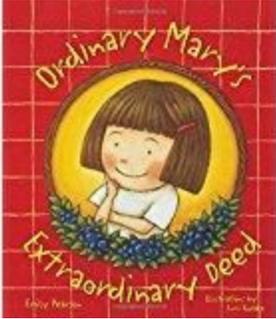
Archie wants to enter his cat in the neighborhood pet show—but where is the cat? Archie keeps on looking even after all the other kids have given up, but his pet is nowhere to be found. Ingenious Archie has a plan to enter the contest—with a most surprising creature!

Courage, 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.

Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed, Emily Pearson



Can one good deed from an ordinary girl change the world? It can when she's Ordinary Mary--an ordinary girl from an ordinary school, on her way to ordinary house--who stumbles upon ordinary blueberries. When she decides to pick them for her neighbor, Mrs. Bishop, she starts a chain reaction that multiplies around the world. Mrs. Bishop makes blueberry muffins and gives them to her paperboy and four others--one of whom is Mr. Stevens, who then helps five different people with their luggage--one of whom is Maria, who then helps five people--including a man named Joseph who didn't have enough money for his groceries--and so on, until the deed comes back to Mary. A feel-good story that inspires and celebrates a world full of ordinary deeds!

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.

Islandborn by Junot Diaz

Every kid in Lola's school was from somewhere else. Hers was a school of faraway places.

So when Lola's teacher asks the students to draw a picture of where their families immigrated from, all the kids are excited. Except Lola. She can't remember The Island—she left when she was just a baby. But with the help of her family and friends, and their memories—joyous, fantastical, heartbreaking, and frightening—Lola's imagination takes her on an

extraordinary journey back to The Island. As she draws closer to the heart of her family's story, Lola comes to understand the truth of her abuela's words: "Just because you don't remember a place doesn't mean it's not in you."

Gloriously illustrated and lyrically written, *Islandborn* is a celebration of creativity, diversity, and our imagination's boundless ability to connect us—to our families, to our past and to ourselves.