**BOOKLIST K–Grade 2**

**O’NEILL, RICHARD**  
_The Can Caravan_  
Illus. by Cindy Kang  
CHILD’S PLAY, 2022  
9781786286154  
Janie is a girl who loves design and technology. When her elderly neighbor Mrs. Tolen breaks her hip and is told that she can no longer live in her caravan and needs to move into a house, Janie starts collecting cans to renovate the caravan and help her neighbor.

**QUIGLEY, DAWN**  
_Jo Jo Makoons: Fancy Pants_  
Illus. by Tara Audibert  
HEARTDRUM, 2022  
9780063015401  
First-grader Jo Jo is excited for her aunt Annie’s wedding but struggles to figure out how to be fancy enough. Luckily, she can see lots of examples in her Ojibwe community.

**REID, C. L.**  
_Dog Watch (Emma Every Day)_  
Illus. by Elena Aiello  
PICTURE WINDOW, 2022  
9781666338768  
In this installment of an early reader series, Emma is excited to take care of a neighbor’s dog, but it is harder than she expected. Emma is Deaf, and each book of the series shows ASL signs for parts of the story, while the included fingerspelling alphabet and numbers charts enable readers to learn a little ASL themselves.

**THOMPSONS-BIGELOW, JAMILAH**  
_Abdul’s Story_  
Illus. by Tiffany Rose  
SALAAM READS, 2022  
9781534462984  
Abdul loves to tell stories but struggles with writing them out on paper, until an author visits his class shows him that anyone can be a writer.

**TOKUDA-HALL, MAGGIE**  
_Love in the Library_  
Illus. by Yas Imamura  
GANDLEWICK, 2022  
9781536204308  
This picture book is based on the story of Tokuda-Hall’s grandparents meeting and falling in love in an internment prison during World War II. A great book to start a discussion about discrimination and a part of our history that is seldom discussed.

**VO, YOUNG**  
_Gibberish_  
Illus. by the author  
LEVYNE QUERIDO, 2022  
9781646141104  
A young boy starts a new school, unable to speak or understand the native language. Everything sounds like gibberish. He makes friends with a classmate who takes the time to teach him common words with drawings.

**WILSON-TRUDEAU, MARTY, AND PHOENIX WILSON**  
_Phoenix Gets Greater_  
Illus. by Megan Kyak-Monteith  
SECOND STORY, 2022  
9781772603571  
Phoenix loves to play with dolls and loves to dance. When Phoenix is bullied at school, his mom teaches him about Niizh Manidoowag (Two-Spirit) people and their role in Anishinaabe culture, accepting and celebrating him.

**YANG, KELLY**  
_Yes We Will: Asian Americans Who Shaped This Country_  
Illus. by Nabi H. Ali and others  
DIAL, 2022  
9780593463055  
An inspiring collection of short biographies of Asian American trailblazers—with each profile illustrated by a different artist to match their achievements—that encourages young readers to dream big.
ARGUETA, JORGE TETL
Viento, Vientito / Wind, Little Wind
Illus. by Felipe Ugalde
Alcántara
PIÑATA BOOKS, 2022
9781558859456
A multigenerational Black family gathers together and prepares a feast for Sunday dinner. Rhythmic text and bold illustrations make it perfect for an interactive read-aloud.

BAPTISTE, TRACEY
Because Claudette
Illus. by Tonya Engel
DIAL, 2022
9780593326404
A picture-book biography about Claudette Colvin, a teenager who refused to give up her seat to a white person on a segregated bus, which in turn helped launch the Montgomery bus boycott.

BINGHAM, WINSOME
Soul Food Sunday
Illus. by C. G. Esperanza
HOLIDAY HOUSE, 2021
9781497847717
A multigenerational Black family gathers together and prepares a feast for Sunday dinner. Rhythmic text and bold illustrations make it perfect for an interactive read-aloud.

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Each Story MATTERS
Every Child COUNTS

Camper, Cathy
Arab Arab
All Year Long!
Illus. by Sawsan Chalabi
CANDLEKIND, 2022
9781536213959
Arab kids make food, celebrate with family, and play with friends in this celebration of the variety of the Arab diaspora, blending old and new cultural traditions.

CEPEDA, JOE
Rafa Counts on Papá
Illus. by the author
LITTLE, BROWN, 2022
978031640896
Rafa and his father have fun measuring all sorts of things—from the height their dog can jump to the songs of the birds. Their shared curiosity and love for one another make this quality time extra special.

CHANG, MAGGIE P.
Geraldine Pu and Her Lucky Pencil, Too!
Illus. by the author
SIMON SPOTLIGHT, 2022
9781534448757
Geraldine struggles with writing a story about her family until she receives help from her grandmother in this early reader graphic novel.

DE LA PEÑA, MATT
Patchwork
Illus. by Gorina Luyken
PUTNAM, 2022
9781984813961
In moving verse, this celebration of growth, self-discovery, and being true to yourself inspires readers to reflect on the changes that are possible within each of us.

FARUGI, REEM
Amira’s Picture Day
Illus. by Fahmida Azim
HOLIDAY HOUSE, 2021
9780823440191
Amira is excited to celebrate the Muslim holiday Eid, until she finds out she will have to miss picture day at school. Fortunately, she is able to make it to school for the class picture and teach her class about Eid. We learn about celebrating Eid and what it feels like to balance two cultures as a child.

FERNEYHOUGH, LIZA
Nana, Nenek & Nina
Illus. by the author
DIAL, 2022
9780935359433
Nina visits her grandparents in England (Nana) and in Malaysia (Nenek). In those places, she plays games, eats local food, and celebrates the different cultures to which she belongs.

FORD, BERNETTE G.
Uncle John’s City Garden
Illus. by Frank Morrison
HOLIDAY HOUSE, 2022
9780316447862
Three siblings spend a summer tending to their Uncle John’s garden in the middle of the city. After a lot of hard work, they share their bounty with their family home. However, their expectations of playing with Ojiji may be for a rough transition until they find a hobby to enjoy together.

GEHL, LAURA
Apple and Magnolia
Illus. by Patricia Metola
FLYAWAY BOOKS, 2022
9781478855367
Britta loves visiting her favorite trees—Apple and Magnolia. When Magnolia’s branches begin to sag, Britta wonders what she—and Apple—might do to help. Britta devises a plan to help Magnolia, and wondrous connections within the natural world are revealed.

GREENDEER, DANZELLE, ANTHONY PERRY, AND ALEXIS BUNTE
Keepunumk: Weeachaumun’s Thanksgiving Story
Illus. by Garry Meeches Sr.
CHARLESBRIDGE, 2022
9781835442900
The story of Keepunumk, the “time of harvest,” told by a contemporary Wampanoag grandmother. The book transitions from storytelling to history when telling the story of the first Thanksgiving. A “Before You Begin” and “Important Words to Know” put the story in perspective for young readers.

HO, JOANNA
Eyes That Speak to the Stars
Illus. by Dung Ho
HARPER, 2022
9780063057783
A young boy’s father and grandfather help him learn that his eye shape is an important feature passed down from generation to generation.

IWAI, MELISSA
Gigi and Ojiji
Illus. by the author
HARPER, 2022
9780063208063
Gigi is excited for Ojiji (Japanese for grandpa) to move to America and live in their family home. However, her expectations of playing with Ojiji may be for a rough transition until they find a hobby to enjoy together.

JENNINGS, TERRY
The Little House of Hope
Illus. by Paul Christian
HARPER, 2020
9780062029958
When Ty’s family is too busy to play with him, he finds fun using an empty box and his imagination to create a train and sets out on an adventure—and draws in his family along the way.

KOWAL, MARY
Molly on the Moon
Illus. by Diana Mayo
ROARING BROOK, 2022
9780823445916
Molly, her younger brother, and their mother move to the moon, and the children are only allowed to take one object each with them from Earth. Throughout the book, they learn how to repurpose items so toys are more abundant.

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Molly’s Playdate
ILLUS. BY DINA MAYO
ROARING BROOK, 2022
9780823445916
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LYONS, KELLY STARRING
Ty’s Travels: All Aboard!
Illus. by Nina Mata
HOLIDAY HOUSE, 2022
9780192751120
When Ty’s family is too busy to play with him, he finds fun using an empty box and his imagination to create a train and sets out on an adventure—and draws in his family along the way.

MILLER, PAT ZIETLOW
In Our Garden
Illus. by Melissa Crowton
PUTNAM, 2022
9780399592100
A casually diverse class works together to plant a garden on their school’s roof. As produce grows and becomes abundant, the class is met with support from parents and the community.

MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOT
A “Before You Begin” and “Important Words to Know” put the story in perspective for young readers.

PAUL CHRISTIAN
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SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS
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STEINBERG, ANNE
Eid and what it feels like to introduce kids to the stories of the people who practice it. We learn about celebrating Eid and what it feels like to balance two cultures as a child.

WEEDACHUMUN
A “Before You Begin” and “Important Words to Know” put the story in perspective for young readers.

WINFREE, SHAVON
A “Before You Begin” and “Important Words to Know” put the story in perspective for young readers.