

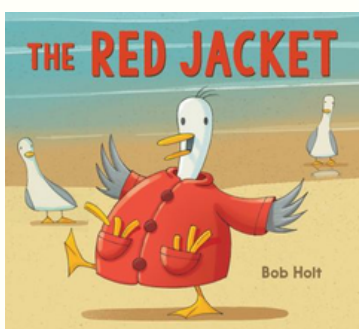
Preschool Pages: 2023 Favorites

*Book Recommendations, Early Literacy Tips, and More
from the Deerfield Public Library Youth Services Department*

Book Recommendations



Snake messes up. Embarrassed by his own pottery piece, he takes credit for his friend's art. This is a lovely, realistic tale of a friend learning how to apologize. Beyond saying the words, it shows how Snake works to gain his friend's trust back and make things right. A perfect book for social emotional learning.



Bob has found a great, new jacket! It's red, has fries in the pockets, and even helps Bob make friends. Follow as Bob relies on his jacket to feel good about himself and then, after it is lost, how Bob learns to have faith in himself and in the friendship of others.



How can you measure happiness? Kindness? Bravery? This book takes a playful but thought-provoking look at how to quantify the abstract and the tangible. Is your height "diminutive" or "giant?" Are you "as rude as a honking horn" or "as comforting as a story shared?" Reading this will challenge you to measure the immeasurable!



This beautiful book celebrates the power of a book to transport us to worlds far away. Alice is tired of the grey and frozen day at home, so her magic book sweeps her into a variety of landscapes, ultimately leaving her wishing for the one place she loves the best! Grace Lin's illustrations are stunning and invite close looking.



This is a great introduction to wordless picture books. A young girl must go to school without her beloved stuffed bear. Can she bear it? A great book to share with any child dealing with separation anxiety or first day jitters.

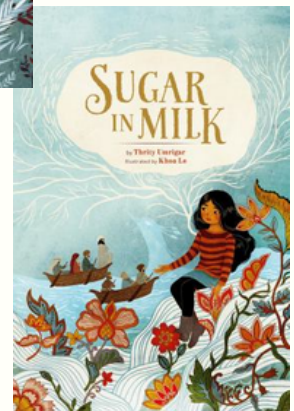
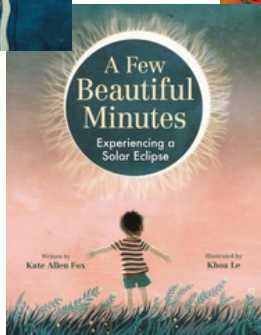
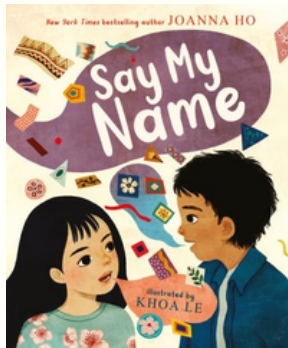


This book examines the difference between looking and seeing. When the main character looks at the sky, it's just sky. But if she *sees* the sky, she sees magic: rainbows, clouds, the sun, lightning. *Seeing* a friend means seeing kindness; *seeing* a family means seeing love. A much-needed meditation on slowing down and taking in all that's around us.

Author/Illustrator Spotlight

KHOA LE

Sometimes an author or illustrator has so many great titles, we wish we could name them all! This month, we want to highlight the work of Khoa Le. Both an author and an illustrator, Le has illustrated books written by herself and others. She uses vivid colors to create dreamlike landscapes while discussing tough topics.



Early Literacy Tips

Understanding the concept of time can be difficult! But discussing how long a second, a minute, and other measures of time can help your child get a better grasp of it. The kitchen is especially great for this as you can use a timer. You can say, "We need to wait 30 more seconds for it to be ready. How many jumping jacks can you do until the timer dings?" Or when waiting in line at the store, you can start your phone's stopwatch and then play I Spy to pass the time. Then ask your child to guess how long you waited (and tell them they did a great job at being polite and patient)!

Using time-oriented vocabulary words with your child is important. Using words like "first," "next," or "last" not only aids your child's understanding of the order of things but strengthens their knowledge of time concepts. As adults, we often say, "In a minute," and suddenly five minutes are gone, so it's good to be a bit more precise! When you ask for a "two-minute tidy," set your phone to two minutes. Surprise your child and yourself with what can be accomplished in two minutes!

