ANANSI THE SPIDER: A Tale from the Ashanti by Gerald McDermott (Grades K-3)
When the cunning and mischievous Anansi is about to become someone else's dinner, his six sons come to his rescue. This Caldecott Honor award-winning book celebrates the value of family and how everyone's unique talents make up the whole.

LUCHA LIBRE by Xavier Garza (English & Spanish) (Grades K-3)
Carlitos travels with his father to Mexico City where he attends his first luchador match. As the good guys enter the ring, the most famous luchador walks past Carlitos and smiles right at him! There's something familiar about the Man in the Silver Mask...but in any case, he is Carlitos' new greatest hero.

MY FATHER’S SHOP by Satomi Ichikaw (Grades K-3)
Mustafa's father owns a glorious shop full of colorful carpets and gets guests from all over the world! When Mustafa finds a carpet that his father cannot sell, he uses his imagination to make it into a costume. Avoiding a boring lesson from his father about learning new languages, Mustafa runs to a nearby market with the carpet still over his head! A rooster at a nearby market finds this colorful creature interesting, so it starts to follow Mustafa attracting different tourists who teach Mustafa how to crow in many different languages.

THE GOAT FROM THE HILLS & MOUNTAINS by Isabel Campoy and Alma Flor Ada (Grades K-3)
The story of a very pesky goat that invades a garden that isn't his, and just won't leave! Though an entire family tries to save their garden, they fail to get rid of this threatening goat, even with the help of a brave soldier. They find help in an unexpected bystander who uses very tiny strength do what nobody else could.

THE HUNGRY COAT by Demi (Grades K-3)
The Turkish folk hero Nasrettin Hoca is a friend to all. After corraling an escaped goat, he attends a friend's party in his dirty coat, and is shunned by his friends because of his appearance. However, when Nasrettin changes into a fancy new coat, he is treated like a king and served a feast. To his friends' astonishment, he begins to feed his coat! Discover how Nasrettin teaches his friends a valuable lesson about what really matters.

ROSA RAPOSA by F. Isabel Campoy (Grades K-3)
Rosa Raposa is a jungle fox who loves planning tricks, especially when it comes to the sharp-toothed, beady-eyed bully, Jaguar. With a little bit of imagination and very quick paws, this fox can get out of any tricky situation! The Green Dress is the last of three stories in this book that show us how Rosa Raposa—with the help of a few jungle friends of course—escape the trap of becoming Jaguar's dinner.

THE NAME JAR by Yangsook Choi (Grades 1-3)
Arriving at a new school, and a new country, is very difficult for Unhei who misses her home and grandmother back in Korea. She feels that being different is bad, especially when it comes to a name that nobody can pronounce. She decides to collect new name ideas in a jar with the help of a few classmates. However, with the support of her family, memories of what makes her culture special to her, and a new friend, Unhei decides to keep the one thing that makes her unique and reminders of home the most.

MUSICIANS OF THE SUN by Gerald McDermott (Grades 1-3)
The day the Lord of the Night came out into the world he was struck by its gray joylessness. He called Wind to his side, and bade him to free the musicians of the sun and bring joy back into the world. Will Wind succeed? Or will the world remain colorless for all time?

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GANESHA’S SWEET TOOTH by Sanjay Patel & Emily Haynes  (Grades 1-3)
Ganesha, a Hindu god, loves candy. With an elephant’s head, and a magical mouse for transport, he wanders from temple to temple collecting fruit, rice and sweets. But when one day he breaks a tusk, his confidence is shook. What can he do with a lopsided tusk? Will the other gods laugh and poke fun? Find out in this encouraging tale about the power of believing in yourself.

THE STORY OF THE NOT-SO-SMALL ANIMAL by Isabel Campoy and Alma Ada  (Grades 1-3)
The story of a tiny beetle who is nearly squashed by the hoof of a cow, Doña Vaca. When Doña Vaca nearly steps on him again and laughs at him, the beetle declares war on her and even calls some other tiny troops to help him out. To her surprise, Doña Vaca and her other large animal friends find that there may be cause for worry when many small creatures come together.

JABUTI THE TORTOISE: A TRICKSTER TALE FROM THE AMAZON by Gerald McDermott  (Grades 1-3)
The talented flute-playing tortoise, Jabutí, uses his song to trick others into performing actions to benefit him. The vulture, however, gets very annoyed by his song and tricks Jabutí into breaking his shell on a rock. The rest of the birds love Jabutí’s song and come to his rescue, and once more his music flows through the Amazon.

DREAMERS by Yuyi Morales  (Grades 1-3)
In 1994, Yuyi Morales left her home in Xalapa, Mexico and came to the US with her infant son. She left behind nearly everything she owned, but she didn't come empty-handed. She brought her strength, her work, her passion, her hopes and dreams. Dreamers is a celebration of what migrants bring with them when they leave their homes. It’s a story about family that reminds us that we are all dreamers, bringing our own gifts wherever we roam.

NIMOSHOM AND HIS BUS by Penny Thomas  (Grades 1-3)
Nimoshom loves to drive the school bus. Every day, on the way to and from school, he has something to say. Sometimes, he tells the children silly stories. Sometimes, he teaches the children a new word in Cree. Nimoshom and His Bus introduces basic Cree words.

THE JOYFUL BAGPIPES by Isabel Campoy and Alma Ada  (Grades 1-4)
The story of a boy named Santiago who comes across a mysterious Old Woman that changes his life. She gives him bagpipes that can make anyone (or anything) dance! Nobody else but Santiago likes the magic and happiness that the bagpipe music brings, that is until the same magic brings fortune to his family. Santiago’s generosity plays a big part in that fortune, which in the end, shows his two brothers the true magic in a simple act of kindness.

FLOATING ON MAMA’S SONG by Laura Lacamara (English and Spanish)  (Grades 1-4)
Mama loves to sing. Her song is so beautiful that when notes escape her throat, everyone around her is so filled with happiness they begin to float in the air (even the neighbor’s cow!). But what happens when Mama stops singing and her family can no longer float on her song? This melodic story of family and the magic of music is available in both English and Spanish.

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BOWWOW POWWOW by Brenda Child (Grades 1-4)
Windy Girl is blessed with a vivid imagination. From Uncle she gathers stories of long-ago traditions, about dances and sharing and gratitude. When Uncle and Windy Girl and Itchy Boy attend a powwow, Windy watches the dancers in their jingle dresses and listens to the singers. She eats tasty food and joins family and friends around the campfire. Later, Windy falls asleep under the stars. Now Uncle's stories inspire other visions in her head: a bowwow powwow, where all the dancers are dogs. In these magical scenes, Windy sees veterans in a Grand Entry, and a visiting drum group, and traditional dancers all celebrating in song and dance.

A STORY, A STORY by Gail E. Haley (Grades 1-4)
Ananse, the famed African trickster spider, makes a bargain with the Sky God to obtain all the stories in the world, but first he must complete several nearly impossible tasks. Witness how Ananse outwits the forest animals and wins the fabled book of stories.

TASTY BABY BELLY BUTTONS by Judy Sierra (Grades 2-4)
In this tale from Japan, U rico’s parents taught her to be a great warrior and master dumpling maker. When giant monsters named oni (who love to munch on baby belly buttons) invade her village and steal all the babies, U rico’s skills are put to the test. With a sack full of dumplings, a sword, and some loyal companions, Irico’s quest teaches that brains and teamwork are worth far more than brute strength.

FOUR FEET, TWO SANDALS by Karen Williams & Khadra Mohammed (Grades 2-4)
Lina lives in a refugee camp in the Middle East, and one day finds a beautiful sandal to put on her very tired feet. But where is the other one? She quickly finds a friend in the girl with the other shoe, deciding that they will share the sandals with one another. They spend many days together, sharing not only the shoes, but also their memories and dreams. When it is time for one of the girls to leave for America, a decision is made that gives them hope that they will one day meet again.

TOMÁS AND THE LIBRARY LADY by Pat Mora (Grades 2-4)
It’s not easy moving time and again, but Tomás and his family are migrant workers who travel from state to state, helping farmers harvest their crops. When they arrive in Iowa for the summer, Tomás finds an escape from the scorching heat at the town library. And once inside, he also discovers a surprising world filled with dinosaurs, tigers, and a great new friend.

THE BIG ORANGE SPLT by Daniel Manus Pinkwater (Grades 3-5)
Mr. Plumbean lives in a town where all the houses look exactly the same. But when a lucky accident gives his home a spot of color, Mr. Plumbean has a choice to make. Will he cave to the demands of his neighbors, or will he find the courage to break free of the mold? A riveting tale about daring to make your dreams come true that is sure to add a little color to your life.

WILFRID GORDON MCDONALD PARTRIDGE by Mem Fox (Grades 3-5)
Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge doesn’t know what a memory is. All he knows is that his friend, Miss Nancy, has lost hers. Wilfrid Gordon seeks the help of his many elderly friends who live in the home next door. On this expedition to discover the meaning of memory, Wilfrid and his readers learn that friendship comes in all ages and that an object as simple as a seashell can help to unearth the most magical of moments.

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ROSES SING ON NEW SNOW: A DELICIOUS TALE by Paul Yee  
People from all over the New World come to Chinatown to try Maylin’s cooking in her father’s restaurant. However, no one knows that it is Maylin producing this delicious food; her greedy brothers take all the credit for her cooking. One day, the governor of South China comes to town. He announces that all the restaurants in Chinatown are invited to bring their best dish to him for a special banquet. If Maylin’s dish is chosen as the favorite, will she finally receive the recognition she deserves?

PERSEPHONE FROM D’AULAIRES’ BOOK OF GREEK MYTHS by Ingri & Edgar D’Aulaire  
A Greek myth used to explain the coming and going of the seasons. Follow the goddess of the spring, Persephone, as she faces the possibility of spending eternity in the underworld with Hades. Will spring ever return, or will the earth be shroud in the winters cold?

THE WOMAN WHO OUTSHONE THE SUN by Alejandro Martinez (English & Spanish)  
When Lucia Zenteno arrives in an ancient Mexican village surrounded by butterflies and accompanied by an iguana, the civilians are overwhelmed with her beauty and majesty. Despite the elders’ warnings to respect Lucia, they are frightened of her power and turn to insults to drive her out of their village. With her departure she brings the village’s river, and they must seek her forgiveness to save their homes. Written in Spanish and English, this story works well with multicultural and environmental units.

THUNDER ROSE by Jerdine Nolen  
Thunder Rose vows to grow up to be more than just big and strong, thank you very kindly—and boy, does she ever! Born on a stormy night, Thunder Rose is a hopeful child who turns away a tornado with her song and the depth of her “fortunate feeling.” A tall tale of joy, love and thunderous music.

SMOKY NIGHT by Eve Bunting  
Daniel and his mom are living in turbulent times: riots in the streets, looting, and fires. In all the chaos, Jasmine, Daniel’s cat, goes missing. But when she is later found paw-in-paw with Mrs. Kim’s fat, mean cat, everyone learns a little something new about being kind to thy neighbor.

THE REMEMBERING STONE by Barbara Timberlake Russell  
As a young girl, Ana feels unsure of the person she wants to become. One night, after placing a stone from the volcanoes of Costa Rica underneath her pillow, Ana finds herself in a deep slumber full of magical adventures. What will she learn about herself in her dreams? Journey alongside in this tale of family, friends, and self-discovery.

RIDING THE TIGER by Eve Bunting  
Sometimes we can make bad choices when we’re lonely and bored. Things are no different for young Danny. When the Tiger asks Danny if he wants a ride, Danny jumps at the chance to make a new friend. But the more time they spend together, the more Danny realizes that Tiger isn’t who he thought he was. Will Danny succumb to the Tiger’s desires? Or will his strength be enough to break free?