Book & Reading Memories

*Read Anything Good Lately?*  Susan Allen

*More Than Anything Else* Marie Bradby

*The Day of Ahmed’s Secret* Florence Heide

*Wolf !* Becky Bloom

Ideas:

Memory Hand

Biographies and Autobiographies

*I and you and don’t forget who: what is a pronoun?*  B.P. Cleary

Of Thee I Sing Barack Obama

*Our Children Can Soar* Michelle Cook

*A Porcupine Named Fluffy*  Helen Lester

*The First Gift* A.S. Gadot

*My Name is not Alexander* Jennifer Fosberry

*My Name is not Isabella* Jennifer Fosberry

*Nobody Owns the Sky* Reeve Lindberg

Ideas:

Autobiographies/biographies

History of name

Folk Literature

*A Weave of Words* by Robert San Souci

Native American legends (3rd, 4th & 5th grade)

Various cultures (6th grade)

Information:

Folk literature (oral stories told and retold, and finally published in a book)

Fairy tales- *a people’s dreams,* stories with royalty and magical beings,

Folk tales- *a people’s fears and superstitions,* stories with common

people and creatures (giants, ogres, monsters, ghosts etc)

Myths – *a people’s beliefs*, stories with gods and/or goddesses,

Legends- *a people’s history,* stories of a person, place or thing that

have some truth to them that may have become exaggerated (Tall tales are American legends)

Fables – *a people’s lessons*, short stories with animals that act like

people that has a moral, (Trickster tales are a specific type

of fable)

Ideas:

Learning from folk literature

Fiction Genres –

Modern Fiction genre examples: fantasy, mystery, realistic fiction, horror,

science fiction, historical fiction, adventure

*The Stranger*  Chris VanAlsburg (fantasy)

*Mystery at the Club Sandwich* Doug Cushman (mystery)

*The Web Files* Margie Palatini (mystery)

*June 29, 1999* David Wiesner (science fiction)

*Jumanji* Chris VanAllsburg(adventure)

*My Life as a Chicken* Ellen Kelley (adventure)

*House that Drac Built* Judy Sierra (horror)

*Patrol* Walter Dean Myers (historic fiction)

Ideas:

Bingo

[www.teacher.scholastic.com](http://www.teacher.scholastic.com)

[www.penguin.com/camjansensleuthsquad](http://www.penguin.com/camjansensleuthsquad)

Art Books –

Various art books

*No One Saw: Ordinary Things through the eyes of an Artist* B. Raczka

*Katie’s Picture Show*  James Mayhew

*Artful Reading* Bob Raczka

*The Art of Freedom* Bob Raczka

*Art Is…* Bob Raczka

*Action Figures* Bob Raczka

Ideas:

Music Books –

*Can you hear it?* William Lach

*I see the rhythm* Toyomi Igus

*The Remarkable Farkle McBride*  John Lithgow

*I’ve Got Two Dogs* John Lithgow

Ideas:

Draw the cartoon

Science

*Professor Aesop’s The Crow and the Pitcher* Stephanie G. Brown

*Bones*  Steve Jenkins

Social Studies

*The* *House on Maple Street* Bonnie Pryor

Presidential Election

*Otto Runs for President* Rosemary Wells

*Grace for President* Kate DiPucchio

*My Teacher for President* Kay Winters

*Madam President* Lane Smith

*Duck for President* Doreen Cronin

*Papa’s Mark* Gwendolyn Battle-Lavert

Library Learning

*My Friend Rabbit* Eric Rohmann

Author: a true story Helen Lester

*Library Gingerbread Man* Dottie Enderle

*Library Mouse; A World to Explore* Daniel Kirk

*Goldie Socks and the Three Librarians* Jackie Hopkins

*Me on the Map* Joan Sweeny

*Miss Alaineus* DebraFraiser

*Fancy Nancy’s Favorite Fancy Words* Jane O’Connor

Civil Rights

*Goin’ Someplace Special Patricia McKissack*

*The Other Side Jacqueline Woodson*

*Freedom Summer* Debbie Wiles

Freedom on the Menu Carol Weatherford

Other Favorites

*My Mamma Says*… Judith Viorst

Goodnight Goon Michael Rex

*Bottom of Form*

*It’s OK* Todd Parr

*Just a Minute* Yuri Morales

*I’m Not Afraid of this Haunted House* Laurie Friedman

*Miss Smith and the Haunted Library* Michael Garland

*Granddad Bill’s Song* Jane Yolen

Lesson

In a

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