

**Gulf Stream School's
Top 50 (and counting!) Picture Books of the Twenty-First Century
for Parents to Read with their Children**

1. *Olivia* by Ian Falconer (2000)
2. *The Invisible String* by Patrice Karst (2000)
3. *The Three Pigs* by David Wiesner (2001)
4. *Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of the John J. Harvey* by Maira Kalman (2002)
5. *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* by Mo Willems (2003)
6. *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers* by Mordicai Gerstein (2003)
7. *How to Catch a Star* by Oliver Jeffers (2004)
8. *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type* by Doreen Cronin, illustrated by Betsy Lewin (2006)
9. *Jazz* by Walter Dean Myers, illustrated by Christopher Myers (2006)
10. *Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad* by Ellen Levine, illustrated by Kadir Nelson (2007)
11. *Elephant & Piggie* (series) by Mo Willems (2007-2018)
12. *Grandfather's Journey* by Allen Say (2008)
13. *We Are the Ship: The Story of the Negro Baseball League* by Kadir Nelson (2008)
14. *14 Cows for America* by Carmen Agra Deedy, illustrated by Thomas Gonzalez (2009)
15. *The Lion & the Mouse* by Jerry Pinkney (2009)
16. *A Sick Day for Amos McGee* by Philip Stead, illustrated by Erin E. Stead (2010)
17. *I Want My Hat Back* by Jon Klassen (2011)
18. *Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubin, illustrated by Daniel Salmieri (2012)
19. *Each Kindness* by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by E. B. Lewis (2012)
20. *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore* by William Joyce (2012)
21. *Sleep Like a Tiger* by Mary Logue, illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski (2012)
22. *Journey* by Aaron Becker (2013)
23. *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Dewalt, illustrated by Oliver Jeffers (2013)
24. *What Do You Do with an Idea?* by Kobi Yamada, illustrated by Mae Besom (2013)
25. *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend* by Dan Santat (2014)
26. *The Book with No Pictures* by B. J. Novak (2014)
27. *The Most Magnificent Thing* by Ashley Spires (2014)

28. *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear* by Lindsay Mattick, illustrated by Sophie Blackall (2015)
29. *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Pena (2015)
30. *Strictly No Elephants* by Lisa Mantchev, illustrated by Taeun Yoo (2015)
31. *Trombone Shorty* by Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews, illustrated by Brian Collier (2015)
32. *Waiting* by Kevin Henkes (2015)
33. *A Child of Books* by Oliver Jeffers (2016)
34. *Ada Twist, Scientist* by Andrea Beaty, illustrated by David Roberts (2016)
35. *Daniel Finds a Poem* by Micha Archer (2016)
36. *How This Book Was Made* by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Adam Rex (2016)
37. *Penguin Problems* by Jory John, illustrated by Lane Smith (2016)
38. *Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat* by Javaka Steptoe (2016)
39. *Surf's Up* by Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Daniel Miyares (2016)
40. *A Different Pond* by Bao Phi, illustrated by Thi Bui (2017)
41. *Dear Girl*, by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Paris Rosenthal, illustrated by Holly Hatam (2017)
42. *On a Magical Do-Nothing Day* by Beatrice Alemagna (2017)
43. *Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets* by Kwame Alexander, Chris Colderley, and Marjory Wentworth, illustrated by Ekua Holmes (2017)
44. *The Book of Mistakes* by Corinna Luyken (2017)
45. *The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors* by Drew Dewalt, illustrated by Adam Rex (2017)
46. *We're All Wonders* by R. J. Palacio (2017)
47. *Wolf in the Snow* by Matthew Cordell (2017)
48. *Love* by Matt de la Pena (2018)
49. *She Persisted Around the World: 13 Women Who Changed History* by Chelsea Clinton, illustrated by Alexandra Boiger (2018)
50. *The Word Collector* by Peter H. Reynolds (2018)