

Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award



2026 Nominees

Calendar Order

Name:

Teacher:

Kindergarten/1st Grade

Date: _____

Self-Evaluation: _____

Jump for Joy

Written by Karen Gray Ruelle
Illustrated by Hadley Hooper

Book Rating:



Draw a picture of yourself with an animal that brings you joy. Write a word that shows this feeling.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.10 Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.4 Identify words and phrases in stories or poems that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses.

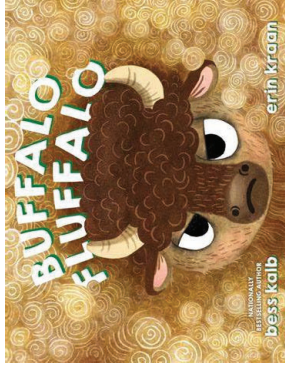
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Buffalo Fluffalo

Written by Bess Kalb
Illustrated by Erin Kraan

Book Rating:



What happened that made Buffalo Fluffalo finally realize he could be friends with the other animals? Circle the reasons you think he changed. You can also color them!

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.3: With prompting and support, identify characters, settings, and major events in a story.
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.3: Describe characters, settings, and major events in a story, using key details.

Date: _____

Self-Evaluation: _____

The Together Tree

Written by Aisha Saeed

Illustrated by LeUyen Pham

Book Rating:



Draw a picture of you and your class together, showing that everyone belongs.

CCSS-SEL Benchmark 1A: Demonstrates awareness and understanding of one's own emotions and emotions' influence on behavior.

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Narwhal, Unicorn of the Arctic

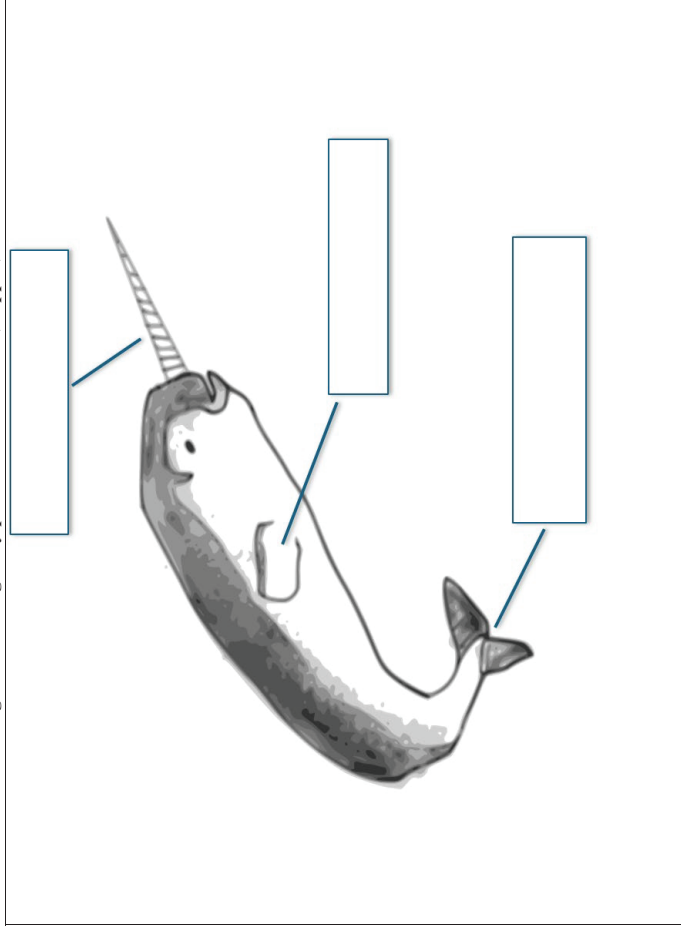
Written by Candace Fleming

Illustrated by Deena So'Oteh

Book Rating:



Label the narwhal using the following body parts/attributes: Tusk, flipper, and tail.



CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.10: Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.1.7 Use the illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas.

Date: _____

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The Man Who Didn't Like Animals

Written by Deborah Underwood
Illustrated by LeUyen Pham

Book Rating:



List or draw the animals in the order they arrive. Bonus- can you describe their order?

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY RL.K.10 Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY RL.1.3 Describe characters, settings, and major events in a story, using key details.

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Tate's Wild Rescue

Written by Jerry Tumbull
Illustrated by Izzy Burton

Book Rating:



What wild animal would you want to rescue? Draw a picture of it & give it a name.

My Wild Animal's Name is

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CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.7: Use illustrations and details in a story to describe its characters, setting, or events.

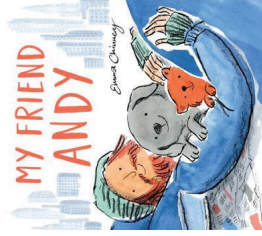
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My Friend Andy

Written & Illustrated by Emma Chinnery

Book Rating:



Andy and his dad showed kindness to Fluffy. Draw or write about a time when someone showed unexpected kindness to you.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.K.4 - Describe familiar people, places, things, and events and, w/prompting and support, provide additional detail.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.1.3 - Write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of closure.

Date: _____

Self-Evaluation: _____

The Teeny-Weeny Unicorn

Written by Shawn Harris
Illustrated by Shawn Harris

Book Rating:



Draw a picture of yourself and something else that is either bigger or smaller. Make sure that you draw it above the correct label!

Teeny-Weeny!

Huge!

CCSS.MATH.K.MD.A.2 Describe and compare measurable attributes.

CCSS.MATH.1.MD.C.4 Represent and interpret data.

Date: _____

Self-Evaluation: _____

Log Life

Written and Illustrated by Amy Hevron

Book Rating:



Draw your favorite critter from the story on the nurse log. Add details to your drawing.



CCSS.ELA-LITERACY RI.K.7 With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the text in which they appear (e.g., what person, place, thing, or idea in the text an illustration depicts).
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY RI.1.7 Use the illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas.

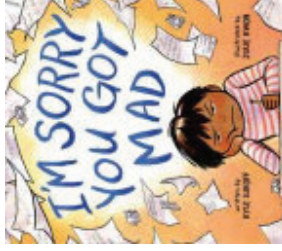
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I'm Sorry You Got Mad

Written by Kyle Lukoff
Illustrated by Julie Kwon

Book Rating:



Everybody makes mistakes! As Jack learned, it's what we do AFTER the mistake that matters most. Draw a picture of a mistake you made. Then draw a picture of something you did to fix it.

Mistake	Fixing My Mistake
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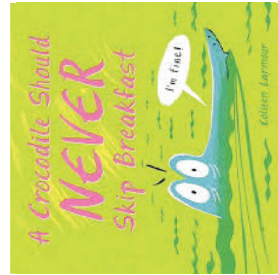
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CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.1.8 With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences to answer a question.

A Crocodile Should Never Skip Breakfast

Written by Colleen Larmour
Illustrated by Colleen Larmour



Book Rating:



How does Crocodile feel at the beginning and end of the story? Draw a quick sketch of each feeling.

Beginning	End

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.1.3 Describe characters, settings, and major events in a story, using key details.

Date: _____ Self-Evaluation: _____

A Flicker of Hope
Written by Cynthia Harmony
Illustrated by Devon Holzwarth



Book Rating:



In the boxes below, write some words from the story that the author used to describe butterfly's beauty & movement.

CCSS.ELA.RL.1.4 Identify words and phrases in stories or poems that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses.

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Built to Last

Written by Minh Le
Illustrated by Dan Santat

Book Rating:



Draw a picture of your favorite activity to do with your friend.
Write what you are doing.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.1.5: Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings.

Date: _____

Self-Evaluation: _____

I Know How to Draw an Owl

Written by Hilary Huppely
Illustrated by Matt James

Book Rating:



Belle is good at drawing an owl because she watches one. Draw a picture of an animal you have watched, OR, draw a picture of an owl with a round head, oval body, talon feet, beak, wings, and two big eyes.

CCSS.ELA.RL.K.7 With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the story in which they appear (e.g. what moment in a story an illustration depicts).

CCSS.ELA.RL.1.7 Use illustrations and details in a story to describe its characters, setting, or events.

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Parrotfish Has a Superpower

Written by Jill Esbaum

Illustrated by Bob Shea

Book Rating:



Draw a picture of the parrotfish doing the daily activity you liked best.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.10 Actively engage in group reading activities. RL.1.3 Describe characters settings and major events, using key details.

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The Midnight Panther Written and Illustrated by Poonam Mistry

Book Rating:



Which type of Big Cat is your favorite? Would it be more comfortable in the day time or the night time? Draw a picture of it and where it would live.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.1: With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text.
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.7: Use illustrations and details in a story to describe its characters, settings, or events.

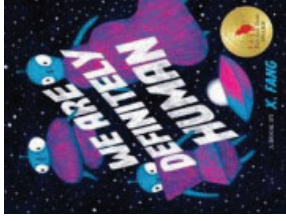
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We Are Definitely Human

Written & Illustrated by X. Fang

Book Rating:



Imagine and draw your own *definitely human* character doing an activity like the ones in the story (*wear hats, make business, play sportsball.*) Label your picture.

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CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.1.7 Use illustrations and details in a story to describe its characters, setting, or events.

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Cookie Time

Written by Jessie Sima

Illustrated by Jessie Sima

Book Rating:



Design your perfect cookie

Draw a picture of your favorite cookie. If you want, give it a name.

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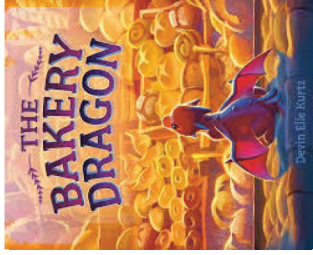
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The Bakery Dragon

Written by Devin Kurtz
Illustrated by Devin Kurtz

Book Rating:



Draw your own dragon. Leave space at the bottom to tell your dragon's name and what business they might visit in the town.

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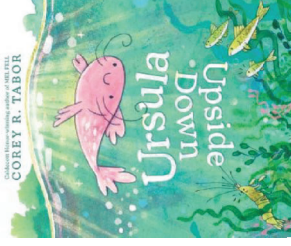
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Ursula Upside Down

Written & Illustrated by Corey R. Tabor

Book Rating:



Draw Ursula the first time she flipped over. How did she feel? Then, draw Ursula when she flipped upside down again. How did she feel?

The first time Ursula flipped, she felt _____

When Ursula flipped upside down again, she felt _____

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.3 - With prompting and support, identify characters, settings, and major events in a story.
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.1.3 - Describe characters, settings, and major events in a story, using key details.