

## Supplemental Texts

### Unit 1: How We Learn in Our School Communities

The following is a list of additional texts that could deepen learning within this unit. Consider adding a few of these texts to the class library and/or offering some of these titles to feed particular interests during Studios work and throughout the day. The list includes fiction texts, non-fiction texts, texts by Maine authors/illustrators, and Wabanaki texts.

#### Current Unit Texts by Grade Level:

It might be helpful to reference or even borrow some texts from the previous/next grade level(s) to strengthen alignment.

| K for ME<br><i>Our Community</i>                                                                                                                                                                      | 1st Grade for ME<br><i>Building Strong Communities</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2nd Grade for ME<br><i>How We Learn in Our School Communities</i>                                                                                      |
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| <i>Abiyo</i><br><i>Abuela</i><br><i>Amazing Grace</i><br><i>Big Al and Shrimpy</i><br><i>Bippity Bop Barbershop</i><br><i>Chrysanthemum</i><br><i>Full, Full, Full of Love</i><br><i>The Name Jar</i> | <i>All Are Welcome</i><br><i>Biblioburro</i><br><i>Chik Chak Shabbot</i><br><i>Doing Your Part</i><br><i>Last Stop on Market Street</i><br><i>Mama Miti</i><br><i>Mango, Abuela, and Me</i><br><i>Maybe Something Beautiful</i><br><i>Quinto's Neighborhood</i><br><i>Waiting for the Biblioburro</i><br><i>Wanda's Roses</i> | <i>A Letter to My Teacher</i><br><i>Louie</i><br><i>Mr. Rosenwald</i><br><i>Rainbow Joe and Me</i><br><i>Seeds of Change</i><br><i>Upside Down Boy</i> |

### Fictional Text Ideas

| Title                   | Author       | Year | Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <i>A Boy Called Bat</i> | Elana Arnold | 2017 | Bixby Alexander Tam (Bat), a thoughtful third-grader on the autism spectrum, who forms an instant bond with a baby skunk his veterinarian mom brings home; he becomes determined to convince her to let him keep the skunk, named |

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|                            |                                 |      | <p>Thor, as a pet, despite the plan for him to go to a wildlife center in a month, leading to heartwarming and humorous moments as he learns about animal care and navigates his world with sensory sensitivities, hand-flapping, and unique ways of connecting with others.</p> <p>*This is the first in a series. It would make an excellent chapter book read aloud.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>A Day with No Words</i> | Tiffany Hammond & Kate Cosgrove | 2023 | <p>Aidan doesn't talk with words. He uses a tablet, tapping buttons with pictures to show what he means. When Mama taps "Park . . . now?" Aidan quickly taps back "Yes." And after Aidan twirls and twirls in the grass until he can no longer stand, he taps, "All done."</p> <p>Not everyone understands their family's unique way of communicating, though. Some think that because Aidan doesn't <i>say</i> words, he doesn't <i>know</i> words. But verbal speech isn't the only way we can connect with others. We can use tablets and letter boards, facial expressions, hand gestures, and written words.</p> |
| <i>A Friend for Henry</i>  | Jenn Bailly                     | 2019 | <p>In Classroom Six, second left down the hall, Henry has been on the lookout for a friend. A friend who shares. A friend who listens. Maybe even a friend who likes things to stay the same and all in order, as Henry does. But on a day full of <i>too close</i> and <i>too loud</i>, when nothing seems to go right, will Henry ever find a friend—or will a friend find him? With insight and warmth, this heartfelt story from the perspective of a boy on the autism spectrum celebrates the everyday magic of friendship.</p> <p>*This is the first book in a series.</p>                                     |
| <i>Be Kind</i>             | Pat Zietlow Miller              | 2018 | <p>When Tanisha spills grape juice all over her new dress, her classmate wants to make her feel better, wondering: What does it mean to be kind?</p> <p>From asking the new girl to play to standing up for someone being bullied, this moving story explores what kindness is, and how any act, big or small, can make a difference—or at least help a friend.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <i>Bear Came Along</i>                     | Richard Morris | 2019 | Once there was a river flowing through a forest. The river didn't know it was capable of adventures until a big bear came along. But adventures aren't any fun by yourself, and so enters Froggy, Turtles, Beaver, Racoons, and Duck. These very different animals take off downstream, but they didn't know they needed one another until thankfully, the river came along. This hilarious picture book and heartfelt message celebrates the joy and fun that's in store when you embark together on a ride of a lifetime.                                                   |
| <i>Bilal Cooks Daal</i>                    | Aisha Saeed    | 2019 | Six-year-old Bilal is excited to help his dad make his favorite food of all-time: daal! The slow-cooked lentil dish from South Asia requires lots of ingredients and a whole lot of waiting. Bilal wants to introduce his friends to daal. They've never tried it! As the day goes on, the daal continues to simmer, and more kids join Bilal and his family, waiting to try the tasty dish. And as time passes, Bilal begins to wonder: Will his friends like it as much as he does?                                                                                         |
| <i>Circles all around us</i>               | Brad Montague  | 2021 | When a child is born, their circle is very small. As they grow, the circle around them grows to include family, friends, and neighbors. This sweet story is perfect for back-to-school to set the tone for enlarging our circles to include new friends and experiences.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Don't Hug Doug (He Doesn't Like It)</i> | Carrie Finison | 2021 | Doug doesn't like hugs. He thinks hugs are too squeezey, too squashy, too squooshy, too smooshy. He doesn't like hello hugs or goodbye hugs, game-winning home run hugs or dropped ice cream cone hugs, and he definitely doesn't like birthday hugs. He'd much rather give a high five-or a low five, a side five, a double five, or a spinny five. Yup, some people love hugs; other people don't. So how can you tell if someone likes hugs or not? There's only one way to find out: Ask! Because everybody gets to decide for themselves whether they want a hug or not. |
| <i>Emma Every Day: The Big Bike</i>        | C.L.Reid       | 2022 | Emma gets a bigger bike and can't wait to ride it, but when she falls off, she's too scared to try it anymore. When her best friend, Izzie, comes over for a bike ride, Emma uses her old bike. Emma needs to practice on her new big bike and gain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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|                                      |                    |      | confidence to ride again—even if it is scary. Emma is Deaf and often uses sign language to communicate, and this early chapter book includes an ASL fingerspelling chart and a sign language guide.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>Home</i>                          | Carson Ellis       | 2015 | The book presents a wide array of dwellings—from houses, apartments, and palaces to nests, boots, and underwater homes—depicted in Ellis’s signature folk-inspired art style. Without a traditional plot, <i>Home</i> invites readers to reflect on the variety of living spaces and the universality of the idea of home, combining visual poetry with subtle humor.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>I am You, A Book About Ubuntu</i> | Refiloe Moahloli   | 2022 | In southern Africa, there is a belief called ubuntu--the idea that we are all connected. No matter where we're from or who we are, a person is a person through their connections to other people. With simple, lyrical text and artwork, this picture book first published in South Africa is an introduction to the concept of ubuntu for young kids. A celebration of friendship and kindness, the book shows children the many ways that we are all one.                                                                                           |
| <i>I Walk with Vanessa</i>           | Kerascoët          | 2018 | Inspired by real events, <i>I Walk with Vanessa</i> explores the feelings of helplessness and anger that arise in the wake of seeing a classmate treated badly and shows how a single act of kindness can lead to an entire community joining in to help. By choosing only pictures to tell their story, the creators underscore the idea that someone can be an ally without having to say a word. With themes of acceptance, kindness, and strength in numbers, this timeless and profound feel-good story will resonate with readers young and old. |
| <i>I'll Walk with You</i>            | Carol Lynn Pearson | 2020 | Carol Lynn Pearson is known for her heartfelt, sometimes tear-jerking poetry and stories. Her newest title will enchant children with a sweet, tender poem about loving and accepting others, no matter what they look like, where they come from, or what their age and abilities are.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <i>Just Ask: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You</i> | Sonia Sotomayor                         | 2019 | <p>Feeling different, especially as a kid, can be tough. But in the same way that different types of plants and flowers make a garden more beautiful and enjoyable, different types of people make our world more vibrant and wonderful.</p> <p>In <i>Just Ask</i>, United States Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor celebrates the different abilities kids (and people of all ages) have. Using her own experience as a child who was diagnosed with diabetes, Justice Sotomayor writes about children with all sorts of challenges--and looks at the special powers those kids have as well. As the kids work together to build a community garden, asking questions of each other along the way, this book encourages readers to do the same: When we come across someone who is different from us but we're not sure why, all we have to do is <i>Just Ask</i>.</p>                                                                                                     |
| <i>Love, Violet</i>                             | Charlotte Sullivan Wild & Charlene Chua | 2021 | <p>Of all the kids in Violet's class, only one leaves her speechless: <i>Mira</i>, the girl with the cheery laugh who races like the wind. If only they could adventure together! But every time Violet tries to tell Mira how she feels, Violet goes shy. As Valentine's Day approaches, Violet is determined to tell Mira just how special she is.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>My Busy, Busy Brain</i>                      | Nicole Russel                           | 2021 | <p>We've all heard that Big Question. It's easier for some of us to answer than others. And once Nicole's dad asks, "What did you learn in school today?" She struggles to remember.</p> <p>Nicole has ADHD and a busy, busy brain. Facing a big, bright, bumbling world at school each day, she seems to notice everything around--except Mr. Oakley. She is excited to learn, but in a room full of colors and characters, Nicole can't help but daydream. With a little bit of courage, she decides to confront her struggle with inattention, and finds she is not alone along the way. In standing up for herself, she helps her friends do the same.</p> <p><i>My Busy, Busy Brain</i> provides practical tools for children struggling with controlling their emotions, impulses, and concentration. Nicole's experience encourages kids to embrace their special brains and provides a simple guide to take charge of their experience in the classroom and beyond.</p> |

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| <i>My Three Best Friends and Me, Zulay</i>         | Cari Best       | 2015 | Zulay and her three best friends are all in the same first grade class and study the same things, even though Zulay is blind. When their teacher asks her students what activity they want to do on Field Day, Zulay surprises everyone when she says she wants to run a race. With the help of a special aide and the support of her friends, Zulay does just that.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>One Little Lot, the 123s of an urban garden</i> | Diane C. Mullen | 2020 | Count all the ways (one to ten) an urban community unites to clean up an abandoned lot. From building planter boxes to pulling weeds to planting seeds, everyone works together to transform the lot into a bountiful vegetable garden. As the garden grows, strangers become friends, eventually sharing a special feast with the harvest they grew.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Slug Days</i>                                   | Sara Leach      | 2017 | <p>Lauren, who has Autism Spectrum Disorder (an umbrella term that has included Asperger Syndrome since 2013), navigates the ups and downs of school and home life. School friendships have always been a challenge, but Lauren finds she is exactly the friend a brand-new classmate needs.</p> <p>Sometimes this can be frustrating and makes Lauren want to flip her lid, especially at school where she learns differently from her classmates. But with support and stubbornness and a flair that's all her own, Lauren masters' tricks to stay calm, to understand others' feelings, and to let her personality shine. She even manages to find common ground with her sticky, slobbery baby sister. Best of all, it is being different that gives Lauren insight into the insecurities of the new student, Irma.</p> |
| <i>Teach Us Your Name</i>                          | Huda Essa       | 2016 | Embracing the diversity of our names is one of the first steps we can take to show our appreciation of diversity and inclusion. Everyone has a name and every name has a story. Teach Us Your Name focuses on the many stories and ways we can all connect by helping children take pride in their many identities and to utilize the opportunity to learn from others. This book lends itself to countless invaluable discussions about cultural norms, languages, unconscious bias, and much more. Most of all, Teach Us Your Name is focused on showing respect for ourselves and all others. The author has                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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|                                          |                         |      | a TED Talk that further explains the value of this topic as it applies to adults and older children, as well. Find it on YouTube: "Your Name is the Key!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Thank You Mr. Falker</i>              | <i>Patricia Polacco</i> | 1998 | Patricia Polacco is now one of America's most loved children's book creators, but once upon a time, she was a little girl named Trisha starting school. Trisha could paint and draw beautifully, but when she looked at words on a page, all she could see was jumble. It took a very special teacher to recognize little Trisha's dyslexia: Mr. Falker, who encouraged her to overcome her reading disability. Patricia Polacco will never forget him, and neither will we.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Thank You, Omu!</i>                   | Oge Mora                | 2018 | <p>Everyone in the neighborhood dreams of a taste of Omu's delicious stew! One by one, they follow their noses toward the scrumptious scent. And one by one, Omu offers a portion of her meal. Soon the pot is empty. Has she been so generous that she has nothing left for herself?</p> <p>Debut author-illustrator Oge Mora brings to life a heartwarming story of sharing and community in colorful cut-paper designs as luscious as Omu's stew, with an extra serving of love. An author's note explains that "Omu" (pronounced AH-moo) means "queen" in the Igbo language of her parents, but growing up, she used it to mean "Grandma." This book was inspired by the strong female role models in Oge Mora's life.</p> |
| The Alphabet War: A Story about Dyslexia | Diane Burton Robb       | 2004 | The Alphabet War: A Story about Dyslexia by Diane Burton Robb is a children's book about a boy named Adam who struggles with reading due to dyslexia, facing challenges like letters looking similar (p/q, b/d) and words being confused (was/saw). The story follows his journey from kindergarten through third grade, depicting his frustration and low self-esteem until he receives specialized help, which helps him eventually succeed and build confidence. It's a resource for parents and educators, aimed at encouraging children with dyslexia and highlighting the importance of early identification and support.                                                                                                |

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| <i>The Day You Begin</i>    | Jacqueline Woodson    | 2018 | <i>The Day You Begin</i> centers on children entering spaces—such as classrooms or playgrounds—where they perceive themselves as different because of language, skin color, food, or family circumstances. The narrative, written in poetic prose, acknowledges the discomfort of feeling unseen and celebrates the power of storytelling to bridge differences. It reassures young readers that sharing one’s own story can be an act of bravery and connection. |
| <i>The Whatifs</i>          | Emily Kilgore         | 2020 | Cora is constantly worrying about everything. Because of this, the Whatifs love her. They sneak up to her and give her all kinds of doubts: big or small, silly or frightening, likely or impossible. As she prepares for an upcoming piano recital, the Whatifs cling on tighter and drag her down, making her anxious about messing up during the concert. Will she be able to change her worry-filled thoughts into hopeful ones?                              |
| <i>We’re All Wonders</i>    | R.J. Palacio          | 2017 | Palacio shows readers what it’s like to live in Auggie’s world—a world in which he feels like any other kid, but he’s not always seen that way.<br><br><i>We’re All Wonders</i> may be Auggie’s story, but it taps into every child’s longing to belong, and to be seen for who they truly are. It’s the perfect way for families and educators to talk about empathy and kindness with young children.                                                           |
| <i>We Are All Born Free</i> | Amnesty International | 2008 | Each page of <i>We Are All Born Free</i> interprets one article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in child-friendly language, paired with vivid illustrations. The adaptation uses simplified phrasing to convey ideas of dignity, fairness, and freedom, encouraging empathy and understanding. The format mirrors an illustrated anthology, blending global artistic styles with universal moral principles.                                         |

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| <i>What's Your Name?</i>   | Bethanie Deeney Murguia   | 2022 | Names hold power. They can be a greeting, provide comfort, act as a warning, or honor our ancestors and heroes. Sometimes growing into a name, or selecting a new one, can take a little time. Names connect us to others and help create who we are and what makes us uniquely special. With an engaging visual narrative buzzing with people and names of all stripes, and a lilting text that's perfect for reading aloud, the creator of <i>The Favorite Book</i> and <i>Do You Believe in Unicorns?</i> offers a celebratory and affirming story that will have readers reflecting on their names—and proudly sharing them. |
| <i>Your Name is a Song</i> | Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow | 2020 | Frustrated by a day full of teachers and classmates mispronouncing her beautiful name, a little girl tells her mother she never wants to come back to school. In response, the girl's mother teaches her about the musicality of African, Asian, Black-American, Latinx, and Middle Eastern names on their lyrical walk home through the city. Empowered by this newfound understanding, the young girl is ready to return the next day to share her knowledge with her class. <i>Your Name is a Song</i> is a celebration to remind all of us about the beauty, history, and magic behind names.                                |

### Nonfiction Text Ideas

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| <i>Celebrating All Abilities</i> | Abby Colich | 2021 | Our communities are stronger when we come together and take time to understand, support, and celebrate one another. In <i>Celebrating All Abilities</i> , readers will learn the importance of acceptance and empathy as they relate to abilities and disabilities and how to practice these in their daily lives. Early life skills and concepts support growth mindset throughout, while <i>Grow with Goals</i> activities and <i>Mindfulness Exercises</i> at the end of the book further reinforce the content. Vibrant, full-color photos and carefully leveled text engage young readers as they learn more about empathy and inclusion. Also includes side bars, a table of contents, glossary, index, and tips for educators and caregivers. <i>Celebrating All Abilities</i> is part of <i>Jump's</i> |

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|                                                           |                           |      | Celebrating Our Communities series.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>My Life with ADHD</i>                                  | Mari Schuh & Isabel Muñoz | 2021 | <p>Meet Annabelle! She loves to draw and play her ukulele. She also has Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Annabelle is real and so are her experiences. Learn about her life in this illustrated narrative nonfiction picture book for elementary students.</p> <p>Kids are naturally curious about differences and disabilities. Annabelle sheds light on her life, with the help of experienced children's author Mari Schuh. Annabelle is not defined by her disorder, but she does some things differently than neurotypical people. Let Annabelle tell you a little about her life.</p> <p>Beautiful illustrations and a dyslexic-friendly font promote accessibility. Includes tips for kids about interacting with someone who has ADHD.</p> <p>*This is part of a series.</p> |
| <i>Since We're Friends</i>                                | Celeste Shally            | 2007 | Children with autism struggle to make friends and navigate social situations. However, one child can make a significant difference in the life of a child with autism by offering compassion, understanding and friendship. <i>Since We're Friends</i> is about two boys. One has autism, the other does not. The story of their relationship provides practical examples of how to make such a friendship work. It will help children see that their peers with autism can make a fun, genuine contribution to friendship.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>Some Brains: a book about neurodiversity</i>           | Nelly Thomas              | 2020 | It starts from the premise that neurodiversity (conditions like Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia and the like) is a normal, essential part of human biodiversity - without it we don't get Picasso, Einstein or Greta Thunberg! Yes, neurodiverse kids sometimes require a bit of extra help and patience, but they should never be viewed as disordered. <i>Some Brains</i> encourage us all to look for our strengths and to understand that brains are like fingerprints - uniquely, wonderfully ours. All brains are special, All brains are smart, All kids have big thoughts, and all kids have big hearts.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Dr.</i> | Julia Finley Mosca        | 2017 | When young Temple was diagnosed with autism, no one expected her to talk, let alone become one of the most powerful voices in modern science. Yet, the determined visual thinker did just that. Her unique mind allowed her to connect with animals in a special way, helping her invent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| <i>Temple Grandin</i>                                                           |                |      | groundbreaking improvements for farms around the globe.<br><br>*This book is part of a series.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>Wonderfully Wired Brains: an introduction to the world of neurodiversity</i> | Louise Gooding | 2023 | <i>Wonderfully Wired Brains: An Introduction to the World of Neurodiversity</i> is a children's book (ages 7-9) that explains neurodiversity in a positive, inclusive way, celebrating different ways brains work. Written by a neurodiverse author, it covers conditions like autism, ADHD, and dyslexia, using accessible language, illustrations, and special fonts to help all readers understand and feel accepted, debunking myths and highlighting the strengths of neurodivergent individuals. |

### Texts with Authors/Illustrators from Maine

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| <i>We Want to Go to School: the fight for disability rights</i> | Maryanne Cocca-Leffler and Janine Leffler | 2021 | There was a time in the United States when millions of children with disabilities weren't allowed to go to public school. But in 1971, seven kids and their families wanted to do something about it. They knew that every child had a right to an equal education, so they went to court to fight for that right. The case <i>Mills v. Board of Education of the District of Columbia</i> led to laws ensuring children with disabilities would receive a free, appropriate public education. Told in the voice of Janine Leffler, one of the millions of kids who went to school because of these laws, this book shares the true story of this landmark case.<br><br>Youtube Video w/ context:<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0E90VT_srh8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0E90VT_srh8</a> |
| Best Buddies                                                    | Lynn Plourde                              | 2021 | Best Buddies introduces a boy-and-dog duo who are BEST FRIENDS and who do EVERYTHING together! So how will they manage being apart when the boy heads to school for the first time? Find out how a clever boy with Down syndrome and his loyal pet finds the perfect way to feel close even when they can't be together. A sweet, inspiring story that will ease concerns about the first day of school and other big changes for kids.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| Next Level: A hymn in gratitude for neurodiversity | Samara Cole Doyon | 2024 | Told from the loving perspective of a mother of a child with autism, Next Level shows the full humanity of people who move through the world and communicate in their own unique, complete, and powerful way. Doyon's powerful love letter to her son invites us to "level up" and see our shared humanity in new and limitless dimensions.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Unbound: The Life and Art of Judith Scott          | Claire Dillehay   | 2021 | <p>A moving and powerful introduction to the life and art of renowned artist, Judith Scott, as told by her twin sister, Joyce Scott and illustrated by Caldecott Honor artist, Melissa Sweet.</p> <p>Judith Scott was born with Down syndrome. She was deaf and never learned to speak. She was also a talented artist. Judith was institutionalized until her sister Joyce reunited with her and enrolled her in an art class. Judith went on to become an artist of renown with her work displayed in museums and galleries around the world.</p> |

### Wabanaki Culture

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| <i>Kunu's Basket</i>                                          | Lee DeCora Francis             | 2012 | Feeling frustrated when his first attempt to weave a basket fails, a Penobscot Indian boy receives help and encouragement from his grandfather.                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Remember Me: Tomah Joseph's Gift to Franklin Roosevelt</i> | Donald Soctomah                | 2015 | There he met Tomah Joseph, a Passamaquoddy elder and former chief who made his living as a guide, birchbark canoe builder, and basket maker. The beautifully decorated birchbark canoe that Tomah Joseph made for Franklin remains at Campobello, a tangible reminder of this special friendship. |
| <i>The Canoe Maker</i>                                        | Jean Flahive & Donald Soctomah | 2019 | Young Tobias is on a quest with his father, David Moses Bridges, the tribe's master canoe maker. Together they go deep into the Maine woods to find the perfect birch and to gather spruce roots, cedar, and spruce gum to build a canoe in the "old ways." In this magical tale, David weaves    |

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|                         |                    |      | <p>Native American storytelling into the ancient art and spirituality of canoe making, including the heart-rending mythological legend of the partridge, the first canoe maker.</p> <p>This text may be on the older side for some 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>Walking Together</i> | Albert D. Marshall | 2023 | <p>Walking Together is a children's picture book by Elder Dr. Albert D. Marshall and Louise Zimanyi, illustrated by Emily Kewageshig, that introduces the Mi'kmaw concepts of Etuaptmumk (Two-Eyed Seeing) and Netukulimk (protecting Mother Earth) through a story of children connecting with nature in spring. The book promotes respectful relationships with the land by braiding Indigenous and non-Indigenous ways of knowing, and it features a dual-language text in Mi'kmaw and English.</p> <p>Note: does contain definitions of 3 words in other languages, but no pronunciation guide.</p> |