



Kindergarten Graduation

# The Echo

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Dear parents,

Summer and its unique needs are right around the corner. I have a great idea for you and the entire family. How about a Summer Reading Program?

Pick our 5 or 6 books to read, Different books for each person, Maybe one book that everyone reads together!

Then each week make reports on what you have read to each other. Create discussions and encourage deep thinking on the wonderful ideas that you read. I will post books this week for the younger students and next week for the upper grades. I will also be posting my summer reading selections, in case you want to talk about the books with me!

Scholastic.com/summer has a magical summer of reading program . They encourage students to discover the joy and magic of reading. Students can register online, log in their reading minutes, access free resources and earn digital prizes.

There are other programs, check your library for more fun events. Read!

Kindergarten Graduation is this coming this Thursday, May 31 at 7:00 pm. This year's graduation will be held in the church sanctuary. We are so grateful to the Simi Adventist Church for this opportunity. Since our classes are growing, it is a must to have room for the service

The church will not be live streaming the event due to technical difficulties but we will arrange for it to be live streamed online through Facebook.

There will be light refreshments after the service and all are invited.

For all our Kindergarten and T-K students, school ends on Wednesday, June 6 at 3:15 pm. Have fun in the summer and we are looking for a great year in Mrs. Baker's room

In Gratitude,

Stephen Stokes  
Principal



## Picture Books

### **Tiny and the Big Dig**

By Sherri Duskey Rinker, illustrated by Matt Myers. \$16.99. Gr. K–1.

In spite of each new naysayer who comes to watch him dig, Tiny never doubts he is big enough for the job.

### **Hello, My Name Is...: How Adorabilis Got His Name**

By Marisa Polansky, illustrated by Joey Chou. \$17.99. Gr. K–2.

Experiencing an identity crisis, an octopus searches for his true name.

### **Drawn Together**

By Minh Lê, illustrated by Dan Santat. \$17.99. Gr. K–2.

A seemingly insurmountable language barrier with his grandfather causes a boy to retreat into drawing and storytelling.

### **The True Adventures of Esther the Wonder Pig**

By Steve Jenkins, Derek Walter, and Caprice Crane, illustrated by Cori Doerrfeld. \$17.99. Gr. K–2.

Steve and Derek are hilariously proven wrong when they think they're adopting a mini pig, as Esther outgrows her cat bed and eventually needs her own bedroom!

### **Islandborn**

By Junot Diaz, illustrated by Leo Espinosa. \$17.99. Gr. K–2.

Lola is stumped when she receives an assignment to illustrate her country of origin.

### **The Manic Panic**

By Richa Jha, illustrated by Mithila Ananth. \$16.99. Gr. K–2.

What would you do if the Internet was down? Would you howl and bellow like the parents here?

### **Alma and How She Got Her Name**

By Juana Martinez-Neal. \$15.99. Gr. K–2.

Curious about her name, Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela, Alma learns about her grandmother Candela, who marched for what was right, and her grandfather José, an artist.

### **Stegothsaurus**

By Bridget Heos, illustrated by T. L. McBeth. \$17.99. Gr. K–3.

The sun is merely *hot* to his stegosaurus siblings; Stegothsaurus finds it *blazing*, *blistering*, *broiling*. His way with words almost lands him in hot water with an allosaurus, until he discovers she is Allothsaurus.

## Mystery & Adventure

### **The Boy and the Blue Moon**

By Sara O'Leary, illustrated by Ashley Crowley. \$17.99. Gr. K–2.

It's the night of the blue moon as a boy and his cat go adventuring and "anything can happen!"

### **A Stone for Sascha**

By Aaron Becker. \$17.99. Gr. K–6.

In this wordless wonder, a girl, mourning the family dog, tosses a rock in the sea, and we watch as it traverses a slice of history to come back and provide a golden message of solace.

### **Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring**

By Angela Cervantes. \$16.99. Gr. 3–6.

Bursting with the colors and culture of Mexico and iconic artist Frida Kahlo, this mystery for the younger set is, at its core, about dads and kids.

### **A Whale in Paris**

By Daniel Presley and Claire Polders, illustrated by Erin McGuire. \$17.99. Gr. 3–6.

In this magical-realist adventure set during the Nazi occupation of Paris, a girl whose mother is lost at sea and a whale become beacons of hope.

### **Good Dog**

By Dan Gemeinhart. \$16.99. Gr. 3–7.

If you've ever had the fortune to love a dog, this poignant tale of loyalty and love beyond the grave will resonate.

### **A World Below**

By Wesley King. \$17.99. Gr. 3–7.

Avatar meets *My Side of the Mountain* in this story of a field trip gone horribly wrong.

### **Running on the Roof of the World**

By Jess Butterworth. \$16.95. Gr. 3–7.

Two kids are forced to leave their Himalayan village during the Chinese occupation and find themselves making adult-like decisions. The short, cliffhanger chapters will have readers anxiously turning the pages

### **The Elephant Thief**

By Jane Kerr. \$16.99. Gr. 3–7.

Loosely based on true events in 1880s U.K. about a "menagerie" (zoo) run by hucksters and its famed elephant, this heartrending tale tells the story of a mute street kid,.