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Summer: American Cultures

May 31 – June 7: *Everybody Cooks Rice* by Norah Dooley



It's time for dinner, but Anthony isn't home, so his big sister Carrie checks at all of the neighbors. At every house Anthony has just left, but Carrie stops to sample their dinner—which always includes rice—before continuing her search.

June 7 – 14: *First Day in Grapes* by L. King Pérez



Chico's family lives in California, but moves with the harvest—now they are picking grapes. It is also the first day of 3rd grade at the new school. Will it be better this time?

June 14 – 21: *Black Cowboy, Wild Horses* by Julius Lester



Bob Lemmon, a former slave, went west and became a cowboy. One of the best trackers Texas ever saw. And now he is tracking wild mustangs.

June 21 – 28: *Mama's Saris* by Pooja Makhijani



It is the little girl's 7th birthday party and she is helping her mother pick out a sari to wear to the party. She wants to dress up in one of the long beautiful lengths of cloth too!

June 28 – July 5: *Hannah Is My Name* by Belle Yang



When Na-Li and her family come to America from China she picks Hannah as her American name. But having a new name doesn't mean you get to stay in America. They wait anxiously everyday for their Green Cards.

July 5 – 12: *Jingle Dancer* by Cynthia Leitich Smith



Jenna really wants to dance at the next powwow. Grandma is making her a dress, but there isn't enough time to get the jingles to make her dress sing. Or is there?

July 12 – 19: *The Color of Home* by Mary Hoffman



During painting Hassan paints a picture with all of the colors of his home in Somalia—including the soldiers and the bullets. He tells the teacher the story about his painting and soon finds new colors in America to make him happy.

July 19 – 26: *Night of the Moon* by Hena Khan



It is the new moon and that marks the beginning of the Muslim holiday Ramadan, which Yasmeen loves—the food, new clothes, parties and presents.

July 26 – August 2: *The Name Jar* by Yangsook Choi



It is Unhei's first day of school after coming here from Korea. Her name is so hard to pronounce she thinks about getting a new American name—or should she?

August 2 – 9: *Mrs. Katz and Tush* by Patricia Polacco



Larnel gives Mrs. Katz a kitten, Tush, to keep her company after her husband dies. But pretty soon Larnel is keeping her company too. Mrs. Katz even invites him to celebrate Passover with her.

August 9 – 16: *Grandma's Records* by Eric Velasquez



Every summer Eric goes to live with his Grandmother in El Barrio. He loves listening to the beat of the congas on her records and to her stories about growing up in Puerto Rico.

August 16 – 23: *I Have Heard of a Land* by Joyce Thomas



Oklahoma "land runs" were open to everyone in 1889. Join in the joys and hardships experienced by an African-American pioneer woman who staked a claim for free land in the Oklahoma territory.

August 23 – 30: *My Name is Bilal* by Asma Mobin-Uddin



Bilal and Ayesha were just fine in Chicago. Why did they have to move to this new place where Bilal doesn't see any Muslims like him? And why do some kids bully others just because they are different?

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