

## Fair Haven K8 Book of the Month Program Character Traits & Picture Books 2010

Month	Character Trait	Book	
September	Responsibility	K-2	For You Are a Kenyan Child <i>by Kelly Cunnane</i>
		3-6	<b>Eng/Sp</b> Growing up with Tamales Los tamales de Ana <i>by Gwendolyn Zepeda</i>
October	Friendship	K-2	<b>Eng/Sp</b> Lupe Vargas and her super best friend <i>by Amy Costales</i>
		3-6	<b>Eng/Sp</b> Mimi's Parranda <i>by Lydia M. Gil</i>
November	Generosity	K-2	The Can Man <i>by Laura Williams</i>
		3-6	Mama Panya's Pancakes: A Village Tale From Kenya <i>by Mary Chamberlin</i>
December	Compassion	K-2	Julios Magic <i>by Arthur Dorros</i>
		3-6	Fly Free <i>by Roseanne Thong</i>
January	Tolerance	K-2	Eddie Longpants <i>by Mireille Levert</i>
		3-6	Be Good to Eddie Lee <i>by Virginia M. Fleming</i>
February	Bravery	K-2	Yuki's Ride Home <i>by Manya Tessler</i>
		3-6	Freedom school, Yes! <i>by Amy Littlesugar</i>
March	Perseverance	K-2	I Could Do That! Esther Morris Gets Women the Vote <i>by Linda Arms White</i>
		3-6	Harvesting Hope – The Story of Cesar Chavez <i>by Kathleen Krull</i> <b>Spanish version</b> - Cosechando esperando: la historia de Cesar Chavez <i>by Kathleen Krull</i>
April	Honesty	K-2	Princess K.I.M. and the Lie that Grew <i>by Maryann Cocca-Leffler</i>
		3-6	<i>Divali Rose</i> <i>by Vashanti Rahaman</i>
May	Citizenship	K-2	Ella Sets the Stage <i>by Carmela D'amico</i>
		3-6	The Butterfly <i>by Patricia Polacco</i>
June	Respect	K-2	Hey, Little Ant <i>by Phillip Hoose</i> <b>Spanish version</b> Oye, Hormigueta <i>by Phillip Hoose</i>
		3-6	The Rag Coat <i>by Lauren Mills</i>

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### Responsibility

#### K – 2 For You Are a Kenyan Child by Kelly Cunnane

“Cunnane invites readers to place themselves at the center of her warm tale of a boy who, sent out to mind his Grandfather's cows, instead turns aside to enjoy a hot chepati from the proprietor of the local tea shop, hares off after a passing monkey, visits the kindly village chief, savors a drink from Grandmother and a sweet insect offered by a neighbor, then kicks a rag ball with a friend until the sun begins to sink. Guiltily recollecting his duty, the boy hurries toward the fields-only to meet his dignified Grandfather quietly bringing the cows in for the night.”Kirkus Review starred (December 1, 2005)

#### 3-6 Eng/Sp Growing up with Tamales Los tamales de Ana by Gwendolyn Zepeda

“Six-year-old Ana can't wait until she is eight, so she can be more grown-up like her big sister Lidia. Together, in this blithe bilingual tale, the sisters make tamales for Christmas, and with each passing year their responsibilities grow. As Ana dreams of life at ten (knowing songs on the radio), 12 (not being afraid), up to 18 (owning her own business), she measures her growth through the tasks awarded in their tamale-making tradition. Zepeda's charming story celebrates the satisfaction found in accomplishing a goal--no matter how big or small--and the trust new responsibility engenders.” Kirkus Review (May 1, 2008)

### Friendship

#### K – 2 Eng/SpLupe Vargas and her super best friend by Amy Costales

“Illustrations and text written in both English and Spanish tell a story about best friends Lupe and Maritza who have a disagreement and must figure out how to make up.” Notes from Titlewave.com

#### 3-6 Eng/Sp Mimi's Parranda by Lydia M. Gil

“Every Christmas, Mimi' visits her extended family in Puerto Rico for a holiday that includes a parranda. She tries to explain the concept-a gathering of friends playing instruments, dancing, and singing to awaken the sleeping family on Christmas morning--to her American classmates, but they make fun of the idea. Then she learns that this year, she won't be going to Puerto Rico because her baby sister is too young to make the journey. Luckily, her friends save the day; they transform the Christmas party they've been planning into Mimi's very own parranda.” School Library Journal (October 1, 2007)

### Generosity

#### K – 2 The Can Man by Laura Williams

“After watching a homeless man collect empty soft drink cans for the redemption money, a young boy decides to collect cans himself to earn money for a skateboard until he has a change of heart.” Notes from Titlewave.com

#### 3-6 Mama Panya's Pancakes: A Village Tale From Kenya by Mary Chamberlin

“Mama Panya has just enough money to buy ingredients for a few pancakes, so when her son Adika invites all their friends to join them, she is sure there will not be enough to go around.” Notes from Titlewave.com

# Compassion

## K – 2 Some Spanish Words Julios Magic by Arthur Dorros

“Julio, a little boy growing up in rural Mexico, is gifted at carving wooden animals. But rather than enter them in the annual contest and possibly earn much-needed money, he helps his near-blind mentor win the contest instead.” Notes from Titlewave.com

## 3-6 Fly Free by Roseanne Thong

“When Mai feeds the caged birds at a Buddhist temple in Vietnam, her simple act of kindness starts a chain of thoughtful acts that ultimately comes back to her. Includes author's note explaining the Buddhist concepts of karma and samsara, or the wheel of life.” Notes from Titlewave.com

# Tolerance

## K – 2 Eddie Longpants by Mireille Levert

“Eddie Longpants, a very, very tall boy, puts up with bullying from his classmates calmly until Pete, a particularly cruel boy, makes fun of his mother--and when the teacher overhears, Pete learns a valuable lesson about the value of every person, be they large or small.” Notes from Titlewave.com

## 3-6 Be Good to Eddie Lee by Virginia M. Fleming-

“A boy with Down syndrome eventually wins the respect of two reluctant children by leading them to special places in the woods near their homes. The gentle, carefully wrought tale both directly and allegorically conveys appreciation of differences.” Horn Book (March, 1994)

# Bravery

## K – 2 Yuki’s Ride Home by Manya Tessler

“Biking to Grandma’s, Yuki is excited: she’s finally old enough to ride home by herself. She and Grandma enjoy a wonderful day together feeding Grandma’s koi, snacking on sweet bean buns, playing with Grandma’s pets, doing origami, and enjoying the sunset. But when it is time go, Yuki is nervous to ride alone through fog. After bravely facing her fears, she arrives home happily and shares the day’s events with her mom.” Booklist (April 1, 2008 (Vol. 104, No. 15)

## 3-6 Freedom school, Yes! by Amy Littlesugar

“When their house is attacked because her mother volunteered to take in the young white woman who has come to teach African-American children at the Freedom School, Jolie is afraid, but she overcomes her fear after learning the value of education.” Notes from Titlewave.com

# Perseverance

## K-2 I Could Do That! Esther Morris Gets Women the Vote by Linda Arms White

“In 1869, a woman whose "can-do" attitude had shaped her life was instrumental in making Wyoming the first state to allow women to vote, then became the first woman to hold public office in the United States.” Notes from Titlewave.com

## 3-6 Harvesting Hope – The Story of Cesar Chavez by Kathleen Krull

### Spanish version - Cosechando esperando: la historia de Cesar Chavez by Kathleen Krull

“A biography of Cesar Chavez, from age ten when he and his family lived happily on their Arizona ranch, to age thirty-eight when he led a peaceful protest against California migrant workers' miserable working conditions.” Notes from Titlewave.com

## Honesty

### K -2 Princess K.I.M. and the Lie that Grew by Maryann Cocca-Leffler

“In an attempt to impress her new classmates, Kim lies about her name and claims that she comes from a royal family, but she gets herself into real trouble after her classmates beg to meet Kim's grandmother--the Queen.” Notes from Titlewave.com

### 3-6 Divali Rose by Vashanti Rahaman

“ In Trinidad, Ricki and his grandparents are preparing for Divali, the Hindu festival of lights. Ricki is hoping that the roses he helped his grandfather plant will bloom in time for the holiday. Then, while bending to smell the flowers, he accidentally snaps a rosebud off the bush. He is afraid to own up to what he has done, even after his grandparents suspect the new “India people” next door of taking the missing flower. When Ricki protests that his family, too, is Indian, his grandmother shows her prejudice: “They only just come here. Our family come from India more than a hundred years ago.” Then, after his grandfather confronts the neighbors, Ricki confesses, and when Divali arrives, the neighbors send a sweet message of forgiveness.” Booklist (October 1, 2008 (Vol. 105, No. 3))

## Citizenship

### K -2 Ella Sets the Stage by Carmela D’amico

“Ella, the elegant but shy elephant, has a new challenge in this third entry in the successful series. This time her school is planning a talent show and all the little elephants have their acts planned-except Ella. She struggles to find her own special ability, unsuccessfully trying to play the drums, juggle or sing. Finally, Ella takes over the organization of the talent show, including providing refreshments, making backstage costume repairs and rescuing Lola the monkey. Ella is recognized on stage for her contributions, and in the satisfying conclusion, she realizes that she does indeed have her own valuable talent: organizational ability.” Kirkus Review (August 15, 2006)

### 3—6 The Butterfly by Patricia Polacco

“During the Nazi occupation of France, Monique's mother hides a Jewish family in her basement and tries to help them escape to freedom.” Notes from Titlewave.com

## Respect

### K -2 Hey, Little Ant by Phillip Hoose

#### Spanish version Oye, Hormiguita by Phillip Hoose

“A young boy, sneaker poised, must decide whether to squish or not to squish when the ant he has targeted begins to plead for its life.” Notes from Titlewave.com

### 3—6 The Rag Coat by Lauren Mills

“Minna proudly wears her new coat made of clothing scraps to school, where the other children laugh at her until she tells them the stories behind the scraps.” Notes from Titlewave.com