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Dear Valley Stream 30 School Community,

Last week I wrote about the importance of children building background knowledge as an essential element of becoming a successful reader. Thank you to Carolyn Kaiser, Valley Stream 30 Library-Media Specialist, who has compiled a list of picture books that support this learning skill. Illustrations in books help to provide children with vivid exposure to people, places and ideas they may not have experienced in their everyday life.

No elementary school student is too old to enjoy a picture book. Older children can share reading as part of a family read aloud or they can read to a younger sibling. All of the books below are readily available for students in Valley Stream 30 school libraries or at the local public library.

Picture Books that Build Background Knowledge

Social Studies

<i>Ben's Dream</i>	Van Allsburg
<i>The Keeping Quilt</i>	Polacco
<i>How to Make a Cherry Pie & See the USA</i>	Priceman
<i>How to Make an Apple pie & See the World</i>	Priceman
<i>Make Way for Ducklings</i>	McCloskey
<i>Miss Rumphius</i>	Cooney
<i>Baseball Saved Us</i>	Mochizuki
<i>Henry's Freedom Box</i>	Levine
<i>Boycott Blues</i>	Pinkney
<i>Radio Rescue</i>	Barasch
<i>The Carpet Boys Gift</i>	Shea
<i>Pink & Say</i>	Polacco
<i>The Day of Ahmed's Secret</i>	Heide
<i>Bread, bread, bread</i>	Morris
<i>A Baker's Dozen</i>	Forest
<i>John, Paul, George & Ben</i>	Smith
<i>Iron Horses</i>	Kay
<i>Train to Somewhere</i>	Bunting
<i>The Babe & I</i>	Adler
<i>So You Want to be President</i>	St. George
<i>Teammates</i>	Golenbock
<i>Vision of Beauty,</i> <i>The Story of Sarah Breedlove Walker</i>	Lasky

Science

<i>Thundercake</i>	Polacco
<i>Flotsam</i>	Weisner
<i>The Emperor's Egg</i>	Jenkins
<i>Tops & Bottoms</i>	Stevens
<i>What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?</i>	Jenkins
<i>On the Same Day in March</i>	Singer
<i>The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau</i>	Yaccarino
<i>How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning</i>	Schanzer
<i>Starry Messenger</i>	Sis
<i>Snowflake Bentley</i>	Martin
<i>Pumpkin Circle</i>	Levenson
<i>The Great Kapok Tree</i>	Cherry
<i>Call me Ahnighio</i>	Conrad

Art & Music

<i>Anna's Art Adventure</i>	Sortland
<i>You Can't take a Balloon into the Metropolitan Museum</i>	Weitzman
<i>Circus</i>	Spiers
<i>Katie Meets the Impressionists</i>	Mayhew
<i>Linnea in Monet's Garden</i>	Bjork
<i>Doo Woop Pop</i>	Schotter
<i>Jazz</i>	Myers
<i>Duke Ellington</i>	Pinknet

Upcoming Dates

- October 18th**, 7:00 p.m. Audit Committee meeting
8:00 p.m. - Board of Education Work Session, Shaw Avenue Library
October 25th, 8:00 p.m. - Board of Education Business Meeting, Shaw Avenue Library

Parent Literacy Workshops – 7:00 p.m.

- November 4th** – Clear Stream Avenue
November 17th – Forest Road
November 18th – Shaw Avenue

Have a Good Weekend

As always, if you have any questions regarding the information in this newsletter, or on another topic, please do not hesitate to contact me or your building administrators for further information. If you have any questions or suggestions, please email me at ekanas@vs30.org or call 516-285-9881, x222.

Sincerely,

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