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READ EXCEL ACHIEVE LEAD

## A READ-ALOUD Mentoring Program

### Grades PreK–8 Title List

The titles for R.E.A.L. include a diversity of topics, characters, settings, experiences, authors, illustrators, and genres. They have been chosen because they are excellent read-alouds that provide an enjoyable listening experience for children and spark valuable discussions between mentors and mentees. *The program is available in two sets: Set A allows the program to run four times in one year, and a combined set A+B allows the program to run eight times in one year.*

| Title                                          | Author(s)                   | Illustrator(s)          |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>PreK • Set A</b>                            |                             |                         |
| Binny's Diwali                                 | Thrity Umrigar              | Nidhi Chanani           |
| Frog on a Log?                                 | Kes Gray                    | Jim Field               |
| Giraffes Can't Dance                           | Giles Andreae               | Guy Parker-Rees         |
| How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?                 | Jane Yolen                  | Mark Teague             |
| <b>PreK • Set B</b>                            |                             |                         |
| The Dot                                        | Peter H. Reynolds           |                         |
| I Got the Rhythm                               | Connie Schofield-Morrison   | Frank Morrison          |
| Roar! A Noisy Counting Book                    | Pamela Duncan Edwards       | Henry Cole              |
| Who Eats Orange?                               | Dianne White                | Robin Page              |
| <b>Kindergarten • Set A</b>                    |                             |                         |
| Chicken Little: The Real and Totally True Tale | Sam Wedelich                |                         |
| The Greatest Adventure                         | Tony Piedra                 |                         |
| The Little Red Fort                            | Brenda Maier                | Sonia Sánchez           |
| Red Shoes                                      | Karen English               | Ebony Glenn             |
| <b>Kindergarten • Set B</b>                    |                             |                         |
| Bee Dance                                      | Rick Chrustowski            |                         |
| Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type              | Doreen Cronin               | Betsy Lewin             |
| The King of Kindergarten                       | Derrick Barnes              | Vanessa Brantley-Newton |
| The Old Truck                                  | Jarrett and Jerome Pumphrey |                         |

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| <b>Grade 1 • Set A</b>                                         |                                     |                   |
| Finding Home/Buscando el Hogar                                 | Estelí Meza                         |                   |
| Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion                            | Alex T. Smith                       |                   |
| My Very Favorite Book in the Whole Wide World                  | Malcolm Mitchell                    | Michael Robertson |
| Rita & Ralph's Rotten Day                                      | Carmen Agra Deedy                   | Pete Oswald       |
| <b>Grade 1 • Set B</b>                                         |                                     |                   |
| An Orange in January                                           | Dianna Hutts Aston                  | Julie Maren       |
| One Tiny Turtle                                                | Nicola Davies                       | Jane Chapman      |
| Sing, Don't Cry                                                | Angela Dominguez                    |                   |
| There's Only One You                                           | Kathryn Heling and Deborah Hembrook | Rosie Butcher     |
| <b>Grade 2 • Set A</b>                                         |                                     |                   |
| All Because You Matter                                         | Tami Charles                        | Bryan Collier     |
| Standing on Her Shoulders: A Celebration of Women              | Monica Clark-Robinson               | Laura Freeman     |
| Stone Soup                                                     | Jon J Muth                          |                   |
| The Sun Is Kind of a Big Deal                                  | Nick Seluk                          |                   |
| <b>Grade 2 • Set B</b>                                         |                                     |                   |
| Donavan's Word Jar                                             | Monalisa DeGross                    | Cheryl Hanna      |
| Imagine                                                        | Juan Felipe Herrera                 | Lauren Castillo   |
| Lucky Beans                                                    | Becky Birtha                        | Nicole Tadgell    |
| Not Norman: A Goldfish Story                                   | Kelly Bennett                       | Noah Z. Jones     |
| <b>Grade 3 • Set A</b>                                         |                                     |                   |
| Mice and Beans                                                 | Pam Muñoz Ryan                      | Joe Cepeda        |
| Pug Pals: Two's a Crowd                                        | Flora Ahn                           |                   |
| What If You Had T. Rex Teeth!? And Other Dinosaur Parts        | Sandra Markle                       | Howard McWilliam  |
| Zen Shorts                                                     | Jon J Muth                          |                   |
| <b>Grade 3 • Set B</b>                                         |                                     |                   |
| Hewitt Anderson's Great Big Life                               | Jerdine Nolen                       | Kadir Nelson      |
| Mangoes, Mischief, and Tales of Friendship: Stories from India | Chitra Soundar                      | Uma Krishnaswamy  |
| Stella Díaz Has Something to Say                               | Angela Dominguez                    |                   |
| Those Shoes                                                    | Maribeth Boelts                     | Noah Z. Jones     |

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| <b>Grade 4 • Set A</b>                                                                  |                                                    |                   |
| The Hero Two Doors Down                                                                 | Sharon Robinson                                    |                   |
| Salsa Stories                                                                           | Lulu Delacre                                       |                   |
| Titanosaur: Discovering the World's Largest Dinosaur                                    | Dr. José Luis Carballido and Dr. Diego Pol         | Florencia Gigena  |
| Upside-Down Magic                                                                       | Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Myracle, and Emily Jenkins |                   |
| <b>Grade 4 • Set B</b>                                                                  |                                                    |                   |
| Dragons in a Bag                                                                        | Zetta Elliott                                      | Geneva B          |
| Long Shot: Never Too Small to Dream Big                                                 | Chris Paul                                         | Frank Morrison    |
| Looking Like Me                                                                         | Walter Dean Myers                                  | Christopher Myers |
| Manjhi Moves a Mountain                                                                 | Nancy Churnin                                      | Danny Popovici    |
| <b>Grade 5 • Set A</b>                                                                  |                                                    |                   |
| Because of the Rabbit                                                                   | Cynthia Lord                                       |                   |
| Front Desk                                                                              | Kelly Yang                                         |                   |
| I Survived the Galveston Hurricane, 1900                                                | Lauren Tarshis                                     |                   |
| Save Me a Seat                                                                          | Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan                   |                   |
| <b>Grade 5 • Set B</b>                                                                  |                                                    |                   |
| The Doughnut Fix                                                                        | Jessie Janowitz                                    |                   |
| Flor and Miranda Steal the Show                                                         | Jennifer Torres                                    |                   |
| Heroes of the Environment: True Stories of People Who Are Helping to Protect Our Planet | Harriet Rohmer                                     | Julie McLaughlin  |
| Saint Louis Armstrong Beach                                                             | Brenda Woods                                       |                   |
| <b>Grade 6 • Set A</b>                                                                  |                                                    |                   |
| Igraine the Brave                                                                       | Cornelia Funke                                     |                   |
| Martin Rising: Requiem for a King                                                       | Andrea Davis Pinkney                               | Brian Pinkney     |
| Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring                                           | Angela Cervantes                                   |                   |
| Restart                                                                                 | Gordon Korman                                      |                   |
| <b>Grade 6 • Set B</b>                                                                  |                                                    |                   |
| Heat                                                                                    | Mike Lupica                                        |                   |
| Hello, Universe                                                                         | Erin Entrada Kelly                                 |                   |
| How I Became a Ghost: A Choctaw Trail of Tears Story                                    | Tim Tingle                                         |                   |
| How to Be an Elephant: Growing Up in the African Wild                                   | Katherine Roy                                      |                   |

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| <b>Grade 7 • Set A</b>                                                 |                                            |                  |
| Better With Butter                                                     | Victoria Piontek                           |                  |
| Esperanza Rising                                                       | Pam Muñoz Ryan                             |                  |
| Living Ghosts & Mischievous Monsters: Chilling American Indian Stories | Dan SaSuWeh Jones                          | Weshoyot Alvitre |
| Refugee                                                                | Alan Gratz                                 |                  |
| <b>Grade 7 • Set B</b>                                                 |                                            |                  |
| Efrén Divided                                                          | Ernesto Cisneros                           |                  |
| Face to Face with Sharks                                               | David Doubilet and Jennifer Hayes          |                  |
| Seedfolks                                                              | Paul Fleischman                            | Judy Pedersen    |
| Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky                               | Kwame Mbalia                               |                  |
| <b>Grade 8 • Set A</b>                                                 |                                            |                  |
| The Forgotten Girl                                                     | India Hill Brown                           |                  |
| Freak the Mighty                                                       | Rodman Philbrick                           |                  |
| Into the Clouds: The Race to Climb the World's Most Dangerous Mountain | Tod Olson                                  |                  |
| This Is Just a Test                                                    | Madelyn Rosenberg and Wendy Wan-Long Shang |                  |
| <b>Grade 8 • Set B</b>                                                 |                                            |                  |
| Bouncing Back                                                          | Scott Ostler                               |                  |
| Counting by 7s                                                         | Holly Goldberg Sloan                       |                  |
| Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus                           | Dusti Bowling                              |                  |
| Tiny Infinities                                                        | J. H. Diehl                                |                  |

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