



GLEAMNS Head Start

2026–2027 Family Engagement Reading Adventure

Read together, talk about the story, and practice a new character word each month!

READ • CONNECT • GROW

SEPTEMBER



The Day You Begin
Jacqueline Woodson



SCAN TO READ AS A FAMILY

CHARACTER WORD

RESPONSIBILITY

Family Talk: "What is one responsibility you can do all by yourself?"

OCTOBER



Fresh Juice
Robert Liu-Trujillo



SCAN TO READ AS A FAMILY

CHARACTER WORD

RESPECT

Family Talk: "How can we show respect at home, at school, and in our community?"

NOVEMBER



Bear Says Thank You
Karma Wilson



SCAN TO READ AS A FAMILY

CHARACTER WORD

GRATITUDE

Family Talk: "What are three things our family is thankful for today?"

DECEMBER



The Giving Tree
Shel Silverstein



SCAN TO READ AS A FAMILY

CHARACTER WORD

KINDNESS

Family Talk: "What is one small act of kindness we can do for someone?"

JANUARY



Jabari Jumps
Gaia Cornwall



SCAN TO READ AS A FAMILY

CHARACTER WORD

PERSEVERANCE

Family Talk: "What can you keep trying even when it feels hard?"

FEBRUARY



The Color Monster
Anna Llenas



SCAN TO READ AS A FAMILY

CHARACTER WORD

COMPASSION

Family Talk: "How can we help someone when they are feeling sad or worried?"

MARCH



Last Stop on Market Street
Matt de la Peña



SCAN TO READ AS A FAMILY

CHARACTER WORD

COOPERATION

Family Talk: "What can we accomplish when we work together?"

APRIL



The Kissing Hand
Audrey Penn



SCAN TO READ AS A FAMILY

CHARACTER WORD

CONFIDENCE

Family Talk: "What is something you feel proud and confident doing?"

MAY



Oh, the Places You'll Go!
Dr. Seuss



SCAN TO READ AS A FAMILY

CHARACTER WORD

DEDICATION

Family Talk: "What is one goal you want to keep working toward?"