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SEL Theme for May :

# Attitudes & Values

These books were selected by JMS librarians Mrs. Minikel & Mrs. Kearon  
to provide support for the Middle School's monthly SEL theme.

- PICT 179 WAB** Waber, Bernard.  
**Courage**  
Provides examples of the many kinds of courage found in everyday life and in unusual circumstances, from tasting the vegetable before making a face to being a firefighter or police officer. 4.8
- PICT 940.53 MOC** Mochizuki, Ken, 1954-.  
**Passage to freedom : the Sugihara story**  
Tells the true story of Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat stationed in Lithuania in 1940 who risked the safety of his own family members and put his job on the line by issuing visas to as many as 10,000 Jews who were facing death at the hands of the Nazis. 4.2
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**Pasaje a la libertad : la historia de Chiune Sugihara**  
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- PICT 976.4 JAK** Jakes, John, 1932-.  
**Susanna of the Alamo : a true story**  
Relates the experiences of the Texas woman who, along with her baby, survived the 1836 massacre at the Alamo.
- PICT B AND** Ryan, Pam Muñoz.  
**When Marian Sang : The True Recital of Marian Anderson the Voice of a Century**  
An introduction to the life of Marian Anderson, extraordinary singer and civil rights activist, who was the first African American to perform at the Metropolitan Opera, whose life and career encouraged social change. 4.6
- PICT B BAER** Adler, David A.  
**Hiding From the Nazis**  
The true story of Lore Baer who as a four-year-old Jewish child was placed with a Christian family in the Dutch farm country to avoid persecution by the Nazis. 4.8
- PICT B BEN** Martin, Jacqueline Briggs.  
**Snowflake Bentley**  
A biography of a self-taught scientist who photographed thousands of individual snowflakes in order to study their unique formations. 3.1

- PICT** Coles, Robert.  
**B** **The Story of Ruby Bridges**  
**BRIDGES** Autographed by author, June 2005.  
 For months six-year-old Ruby Bridges must confront the hostility of white parents when she becomes the first African American girl to integrate Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans in 1960. 5.4
- PICT** Ackerman, Karen, 1951-.  
**FIC** **The Tin Heart**  
**ACKERMAN** As the onset of the Civil War causes a rift between their fathers, Mahaley and Flora find a way to preserve their friendship.
- PICT** Adler, David A.  
**FIC** **The Babe & I**  
**ADLER** While helping his family make ends meet during the Depression by selling newspapers, a boy meets Babe Ruth. 2.8
- PICT** Adler, David A.  
**FIC** **One Yellow Daffodil : a Hanukkah Story**  
**ADLER** During Hanukkah two children help a Holocaust survivor to once again embrace his religious traditions. 3.2
- PICT** Bartone, Elisa.  
**FIC** **Peppe the Lamplighter**  
**BARTONE** Peppe's father is upset when he learns that Peppe has taken a job lighting the gas street lamps in his New York City neighborhood. 4.3
- PICT** Best, Cari.  
**FIC** **Shrinking Violet**  
**BEST** Violet, who is very shy and hates for anyone to look at her in school, finally comes out of her shell when she is cast as Lady Space in a play about the solar system and saves the production from disaster. 3.6
- PICT** Bunting, Eve, 1928-.  
**FIC** **The Wall**  
**BUNTING** A boy and his father come from far away to visit the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington and find the name of the boy's grandfather, who was killed in the conflict. 2.3
- PICT** Bunting, Eve, 1928-.  
**FIC** **Cheyenne Again**  
**BUNTING** In the late 1880's, a Cheyenne boy named Small Bull is taken to a boarding school to learn the white man's ways. 2.1

- PICT** Bunting, Eve, 1928-.  
**FIC** **Train to Somewhere**  
**BUN** In the late 1800s, Marianne travels westward on the Orphan Train in hopes of being placed with a caring family. 2.8
- PICT** Bunting, Eve, 1928-.  
**FIC** **Dandelions**  
**BUN** Zoe and her family find strength in each other as they make a new home in the Nebraska Territory. 3.1
- PICT** Bunting, Eve, 1928-.  
**FIC** **Dreaming of America : an Ellis Island story**  
**BUNT** Annie Moore cares for her two younger brothers on board the ship sailing from Ireland to America where she becomes the first immigrant processed through Ellis Island, January 1, 1892, her fifteenth birthday. 3.8
- PICT** Coville, Bruce.  
**FIC** **William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet**  
**COV** A simplified prose retelling of Shakespeare's play about two young people who defy their warring families' prejudices and dare to fall in love. 8.0
- PICT** Deedy, Carmen Agra.  
**FIC** **The Yellow Star : the Legend of King Christian X of Denmark**  
**DEEDY** Retells the story of King Christian X and the Danish resistance to the Nazis during World War II. 4.6
- PICT** Innocenti, Roberto.  
**FIC** **Rose Blanche**  
**INN** During World War II, a young German girl's curiosity leads her to discover something far more terrible than the day-to-day hardships and privations that she and her neighbors have experienced.
- PICT** Mitchell, Margaree King.  
**FIC** **Granddaddy's gift**  
**MIT** When her grandfather registers to vote while living in segregated Mississippi, an Afro-American girl begins to understand why he insists that she attend school. 4.2
- PICT** Myers, Christopher A.  
**FIC** **Wings**  
**MYERS** Ikarus Jackson, the new boy in school, is outcast because he has wings. But his resilient spirit inspires one girl to speak up for him in this thought provoking story about celebrating individuality. 4.3

- PICT** Nickle, John.  
**FIC** **The Ant Bully**  
**NICKLE** Lucas learns a lesson about bullying when he is pulled into the ant hole he has been tormenting. 3.9
- PICT** Oppenheim, Shulamith Levey.  
**FIC** **The Lily Cupboard**  
**OPP** Miriam, a young Jewish girl, is forced to leave her parents and hide with strangers in the country during the German occupation of Holland. 6.2
- PICT** Polacco, Patricia.  
**FIC** **Mr. Lincoln's Way**  
**POL** When Mr. Lincoln, "the coolest principal in the whole world," discovers that Eugene, the school bully, knows a lot about birds, he uses this interest to help Eugene overcome his intolerance. 4.2
- PICT** Polacco, Patricia.  
**FIC** **Pink and Say**  
**POL** Chronicles the friendship of Pink, a fifteen-year-old African-American Union soldier, and Say, his poor white comrade, as one nurses the other back to health from a battle wound and the two of them are imprisoned at Andersonville. Based on a true story.
- PICT** Polacco, Patricia.  
**FIC** **The Butterfly**  
**POL** During the Nazi occupation of France, Monique's mother hides a Jewish family in her basement and tries to help them escape to freedom. 4.6
- PICT** Stillerman, Marci.  
**FIC** **Nine Spoons : a Chanukah Story**  
**STI** Oma tells her grandchildren the story of her first Chanukah in the Nazi labor camps when the women worked together to create a menorah out of spoons. 5.9
- PICT** Swope, Sam.  
**FIC** **The Araboolies of Liberty Street**  
**SWOPE** The kids of Liberty Street join forces to help the Araboolies when mean General Pinch orders them to move because they look different. 3.3
- PICT** Turner, Ann Warren.  
**FIC** **Nettie's Trip South**  
**TURNER** A ten-year-old northern girl encounters the ugly realities of slavery when she visits Richmond, Virginia, and sees a slave auction.

- PICT** Waldman, Neil.  
**FIC** **The Never-Ending Greenness : We Made Israel Bloom**  
**WAL** When his family comes to live in Israel after the end of World War II, a young boy begins planting and caring for trees, a practice that spreads across the whole country. 4.8
- PICT** Woodson, Jacqueline.  
**FIC** **Coming on home soon**  
**WOO** After Mama takes a job in Chicago during World War II, Ada Ruth stays with Grandma but misses her mother who loves her more than rain and snow. 1.5
- PICT** Yolen, Jane.  
**FIC** **Raising Yoder's Barn**  
**YOLEN** Eight-year-old Matthew tells what happens when fire destroys the barn on his family's farm and all the Amish neighbors come to rebuild it in one day. 5.2
- 379.263** **The Ruby Bridges Story**  
**Rub** Based on the true story of six-year-old Ruby, one of the first black students to integrate public elementary school in New Orleans. into her life comes Harvard psychologist Robert Coles. Together, they overcome the threatening crowds, earning them both a place in history.
- 811** **Hour of Freedom : American History in Poetry**  
**HOU** The story of America told through poetry, selected by one of the country's foremost historians. 7.6
- 920** Fritz, Jean.  
**FRI** **Harriet Beecher Stowe and the Beecher Preachers**  
 Story of Harriet Beecher Stowe, who opposed slavery so passionately, that she decided to write novels about it, and became the most famous of a renowned family. 6.6
- 940.54** Cooper, Michael L., 1950-.  
**COO** **Remembering Manzanar: Life in a Japanese Relocation Camp**  
 Uses firsthand accounts, oral histories, and essays from school newspapers and yearbooks to tell the story of the Japanese Americans who were sent to live in government-run internment camps during World War II. 6.5
- B** Bridges, Ruby.  
**BRI** **Through my eyes**  
 Autographed by author, June 2005.  
 Ruby Bridges recounts the story of her involvement, as a six-year-old, in the integration of her school in New Orleans in 1960. 6.2

- FIC** Armstrong, William H.  
**ARM** **Sounder**  
Sounder is the heartwarming story of a black sharecropper family in Louisiana during the Depression. A father steals food for his family, his wife provides love, security and strength while he is in prison, and their oldest son bravely becomes the man of the house until his father returns. Sounder is the pet dog. Together they love and laugh, struggle and survive, and dream and hope of a more promising future.
- FIC** Avi, 1937-  
**AVI** **Nothing but the truth : a documentary novel**  
A ninth-grader's suspension for singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story.
- FIC** Avi, 1937-  
**AVI** **The Fighting Ground**  
Thirteen-year-old Jonathan goes off to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers the real war is being fought within himself.
- FIC** Bernier-Grand, Carmen T.  
**BER** **In the Shade of the Nispero Tree**  
Because her mother wants her to be part of the world of high society in their native Puerto Rico, nine-year-old Teresa attends a private school but loses her best friend. 3.5
- FIC** Conly, Jane Leslie.  
**CONLY** **Crazy Lady!**  
As he tries to come to terms with his mother's death, Vernon finds solace in his growing relationship with the neighborhood outcasts, an alcoholic and her retarded son. 4.9
- FIC** Cooney, Caroline B.  
**COO** **The Ransom of Mercy Carter**  
In 1704, in the English settlement of Deerfield, Massachusetts, eleven-year-old Mercy and her family and neighbors are captured by Mohawk Indians and their French allies, and forced to march through bitter cold to French Canada, where some adapt to new lives some still hope to be ransomed. 5.1
- FIC** Cormier, Robert.  
**COR** **The Chocolate War**  
A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school's annual fund raising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies.

- FIC** Couric, Katie, 1957-.  
**COURIC** **The Brand New Kid**  
Lazlo, who has just moved to the United States from Hungary, is ostracized at school until two girls have the courage to befriend him. 3.0
- FIC** Crew, Linda.  
**CREW** **Children of the River**  
Having fled Cambodia four years earlier to escape the Khmer Rouge army, seventeen-year-old Sundara is torn between remaining faithful to her own people and enjoying life in her Oregon high school as a "regular" American.
- FIC** Crutcher, Chris.  
**CRU** **Whale Talk**  
Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students. Young Adult
- FIC** Curtis, Christopher Paul.  
**CURTIS** **Bucking the Sarge** Christopher Paul Curtis.  
Deeply involved in his cold and manipulative mother's shady business dealings in Flint, Michigan, fourteen-year-old Luther keeps a sense of humor while running the Happy Neighbor Group Home For Men, all the while dreaming of going to college and becoming a philosopher. YA
- FIC** Estes, Eleanor, 1906-.  
**ESTES** **The Hundred Dresses**  
In winning a medal she is no longer there to receive, a tight-lipped little Polish girl teaches her classmates a lesson.
- FIC** Flake, Sharon.  
**FLAKE** **The Skin I'm In**  
Thirteen-year-old Maleeka, uncomfortable because her skin is extremely dark, meets a new teacher with a birthmark on her face and makes some discoveries about how to love who she is and what she looks like. 6.0
- FIC** Giff, Patricia Reilly.  
**GIFF** **Pictures of Hollis Woods**  
A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her. Young Adult

- FIC** Gutman, Dan.  
**GUTMAN** **Jackie and Me : a Baseball Card Adventure**  
 Sequel to: Honus and me.  
 With his ability to travel through time by using baseball cards, Joe goes back to 1947 to meet Jackie Robinson, turning into a black boy in the process. 4.8
- FIC** Haddix, Margaret Peterson.  
**HADDIX** **Among the Hidden**  
 In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong. 6.6
- FIC** Hinton, S. E.  
**HINTON** **The Outsiders**  
 The struggle of three brothers to stay together after their parent's death and their quest for identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society. 5.1
- FIC** Holt, Kimberly Willis.  
**HOLT** **When Zachary Beaver Came to Town**  
 During the summer of 1971 in a small Texas town, thirteen-year-old Toby and his best friend Cal meet the star of a sideshow act, 600-pound Zachary, the fattest boy in the world. 5.0
- FIC** Howe, James, 1946-.  
**HOWE** **The Misfits**  
 Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names. 8.3
- FIC** Park, Linda Sue.  
**Park** **A Single Shard**  
 Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.
- FIC** Park, Barbara.  
**PARK** **The Graduation of Jake Moon**  
 Fourteen-year-old Jake recalls how he has spent the last four years of his life watching his grandfather descend slowly but surely into the horrors of Alzheimer's disease. 6.3

- FIC**  
**ROSEN** **Speed of light**  
An eleven-year-old Jewish girl living in the South during the 1950s struggles with the anti-Semitism and racism which pervade her small community. 6.8
- FIC**  
**SIL** Silverstein, Shel.  
**The Giving Tree**  
A young boy grows to manhood and old age experiencing the love and generosity of a tree which gives to him without thought of return.
- FIC**  
**STA** Staples, Suzanne Fisher.  
**Shabanu, Daughter of the Wind**  
When eleven-year old Shabanu, the daughter of a nomad in the Cholistan Desert of present-day Pakistan, is pledged in marriage to an older man whose money will bring prestige to the family, she must either accept the decision, as is the custom, or risk the consequences of defying her father's wishes.
- FIC**  
**TOLAN** Tolan, Stephanie S.  
**Surviving the Applewhites**  
Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had.
- FIC**  
**WEIL** Weil, Sylvie.  
**My Guardian Angel**  
Elvina, the unusual granddaughter of renowned Jewish rabbi Solomon ben Isaac, who prefers studying and writing to activities considered respectable for girls, takes a great risk by helping a young boy who has run away from a group of Christian Crusaders in eleventh century Troyes, France. 6.4
- FIC**  
**WHE** Whelan, Gloria.  
**Chu Ju's house**  
In order to save her baby sister, fourteen-year-old Chu Ju leaves her rural home in modern China and earns food and shelter by working on a sam pan, tending silk worms, and planting rice seedlings, while wondering if she will ever see her family again. 5.8