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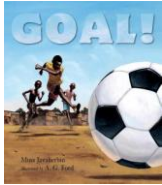
## Character Trait Book of the Month Program

### 2012 – 2013

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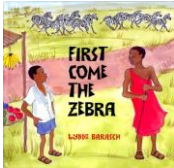
#### September – Friendship

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**Goal!** by Mina Javaherbin A lyrical, strikingly illustrated story celebrates the unifying power of soccer. In a dusty township in South Africa, Ajani and his friends have earned a brand-new, federation-size soccer ball. They kick. They dribble. They run. They score. These clever boys are football champions! But when a crew of bullies tries to steal their ball, will Ajani and his friends be able to beat them at their own game?

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**First Come the Zebra** by Lynne Barasch When Abaani, a Maasai boy, takes his family's cattle out to graze, he is surprised to see a Kikuyu boy, Haki, tending a new fruit and vegetable stall alongside the road. Aware of the traditional conflict between the Maasai and the Kikuyu, the boys take an immediate dislike to each other. A short while later, as customers surround Haki's stall, a dangerous situation arises - and as the boys act together to confront the danger, they also take the first step in overcoming their differences and becoming friends.

#### October – Perseverance

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**Cloudette** by Tom Lichtenheld Sometimes being small can have its advantages. If you're a little cloud like Cloudette, people call you cute nicknames, and you can always find a good spot to watch the fireworks. But what about when you want to do something big, like help a giant garden grow, or make a brook babble? This charming book gets at the heart of what it means to make a difference no matter your size. Young children will find much to relate to in Cloudetteas they follow her on her pursuit for greatness.

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**Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman** by Kathleen Krull A biography of the African-American woman who overcame crippling polio as a child to become the first woman to win three gold medals in track in a single Olympics.

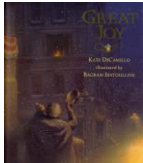
## November – Compassion/Kindness/Thoughtfulness

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**Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge** by Mem Fox A small boy tries to discover the meaning of "memory" so he can restore that of an elderly friend.

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**Great Joy** by Kate DiCamillo Just before Christmas, when Frances sees a sad-eyed organ-grinder and his monkey performing near her apartment, she cannot stop thinking about them, wondering where they go at night, and wishing she could do something to help.

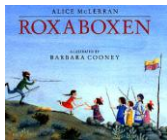
## December – Imagination

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**Abuela** by Arthur Dorros In a book exuberantly liberating in concept and design, a small girl imagines that she and her grandmother are flying high above Manhattan.

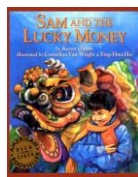
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**Roxaboxen** by Alice McLerran A hill covered with rocks and wooden boxes becomes an imaginary town for Marian, her sisters, and their friends.

## January – Generosity

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**Sam and the Lucky Money** by Karen Chinn As Sam searches the streets of Chinatown for ways to spend his four dollars, he stumbles upon a stranger in need. After he decides to give, rather than spend, his money, Sam realizes that he's "the lucky one."

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**One Hen: How One Small Loan Made A Big Difference** by Katie Smith Milway Inspired by true events, One Hen tells the story of Kojo, a boy from Ghana who turns a small loan into a thriving farm and a livelihood for many. After his father died, Kojo had to quit school to help his mother collect firewood to sell at the market. When his mother receives a loan from some village families, she gives a little money to her son. With this tiny loan, Kojo buys a hen. A year later, Kojo has built up a flock of 25 hens. With his earnings Kojo is able to return to school. Soon Kojo's farm grows to become the largest in the region.

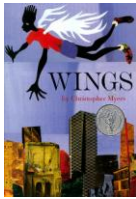
## February – Courage/Bravery

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***The Bravest Woman in America*** by Marissa Moss Tells the true story of Ida Lewis, explaining how she learned to tend a lighthouse from her father, discussing her responsibilities as the lighthouse keeper, and describing her heroic rescues.

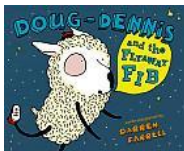
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***Wings*** by Christopher Myers Are you brave enough to be your true self? Ikarus Jackson is. But it isn't always easy. The people in his neighborhood point at his wings. The kids at school laugh. The teachers call him a distraction. One girl identifies with him, but she is too shy to speak up. Finally, when his classmates' taunts send Ikarus drifting into the sky, the girl sets out in search of him, and so begins her own journey of self-discovery -- leaving both of them transformed.

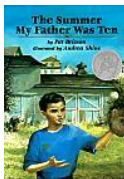
## March – Honesty

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***Doug Dennis and the Flyaway Fib*** by Darren Farrell Having fibbed about stealing his best friend's popcorn at the circus, Doug-Dennis the sheep finds himself carried far away to a place filled with lies and liars of all sorts and must discover a way to return.

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***The Summer My Father Was Ten*** by Pat Brisson A father tells his daughter the story of how he damaged a neighbor's tomato garden when he was a boy and what he did to make amends.

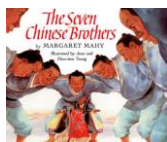
## April – Cooperation

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***The Way back Home*** by Oliver Jeffers Stranded on the moon after his extraordinary airplane takes him into outer space, a boy meets a marooned young Martian with a broken spacecraft, and the two new friends work together to return to their respective homes.

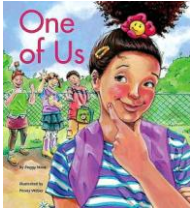
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***The Seven Chinese Brothers*** by Margaret Mahy Seven Chinese brothers elude execution by virtue of their extraordinary individual qualities.

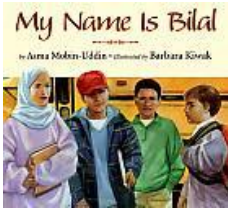
## May – Acceptance/Understanding

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**One of Us** by Peggy Moss Roberta is welcomed by different groups on her first day at a new school, only to be told she does not fit in with them for some reason, but by the next day, members of each group have begun to see that they do not have to be alike in every way.

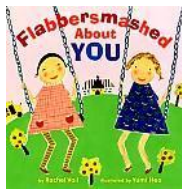
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**My Name is Bilal** by Asma Mobin-Uddin Bilal worries about being teased by his classmates for being Muslim. He thinks maybe it would be better if people don't know he is Muslim. Maybe it would be best if he tells kids his name is Bill rather than Bilal. Then maybe they would leave him alone. Mr. Ali, one of Bilal's teachers and also Muslim, sees how the boy is struggling. He gives Bilal a book about the first person to give the call to prayer during the time of the Prophet Muhammad. That person was another Bilal: Bilal Ibn Rabah. What Bilal learns from the book forms the compelling story of a young boy wrestling with his identity.

## June – Self Confidence

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**Flabbersmashed About You** by Rachel Vail When Katie's best friend Jennifer plays with Roy at recess instead of with her, Katie is surprised and angry.

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**The Junkyard Wonders** by Patricia Polacco Inspired by a teacher who believes each of them is a genius, a class of special-needs students invents something that could convince the whole school they are justifiably proud to be "Junkyard Wonders."