Books of the Month

**Dreamers** by Yuyi Morales
A mother and her baby journey to a better life full of promise and hope and magic in this gorgeous love song to immigrants and dreamers. Lushly illustrated and rich with symbolism, it celebrates courage, optimism, and learning in a beautiful and accessible way. An American story.

Other fun books about People in Our World

**To Be a Kid** by Maya Ajmera — A beautiful photographic journey around the world showing what life is like for children everywhere. Preschool.

**Whoever You Are** by Mem Fox—This is a simple, rhyming celebration of children. All ages.

**Call Me Tree** by May Christina Gonzalez—a child compares the beauty and uniqueness of children to the beauty and uniqueness of trees, in this poetic book. Preschool and young school age.

**One World, One Day** by Barbara Kerley—A stunning photographic look at one day in our world. All ages.

**Drawn Together** by MINH LÊ—A young boy finds communicating with his grandfather challenging since they do not speak the same language. But when they discover a mutual talent for drawing, everything changes. Young school-age.

**Elsina’s Clouds** by Jeanette Winter—A young

Rhyme of the Month

**Up to the Moon**
Up to the Moon
*(Stretch arms up high)*
Down to the Ground
*(Touch the ground)*
Out to the Earth
*(Stretch arms to the side)*
She spins around.
*(Bring arms to your sides and turn in a circle)*

Poem of the Month

**My People**
The night is beautiful.
So the faces of my people
The stars are beautiful
So the eyes of my people
Beautiful, also, is the sun
Beautiful, also, are the souls of my people.

- Langston Hughes

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Learning Ideas for December:

Calming Colors

Supplies:
1. Jars of clear glass
2. Water
3. Food coloring

Fill the jars with water and add a few drops of food coloring to achieve vibrant colors. Place them in the windows as decoration. Use them to talk about colors with very young children.

Box Play

Bring some cardboard boxes into the classroom and use them in different ways:

- Cut a section out of the top of the box and turn it over to create a sort of cave. Perhaps place some glowsticks or glow balls into it for added fun.
- Place a selection of blankets, pillows, and stuffed animals into the box for children to lounge and relax in. Add a stack of books for quiet reading time.
- Cut some windows and a door into a box and place it in a play zone for the children to explore.
- Cut a large hole in the front of the box and decorate it to look like a television so the children can pretend to be on tv.
- Decorate boxes to look like cars and leave them out for the children to sit in or when you watch a movie together.
- Duct tape many boxes together and create a tunnel maze.

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(in the parents/caregivers section of the Kids/Teens menu)