Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop described books as windows, mirrors, and sliding glass doors. Through reading, kids see themselves reflected in books, and they see into the hearts and minds of others. In MNPS, we celebrate Read Across America during the month of March by connecting students with a variety of guest readers and activities to celebrate the power that reading has to expand our hearts and minds. Our culminating activity is a virtual visit with award winning author/illustrator Yuyi Morales, which focuses on her book Dreamers. Our love for reading never ends in MNPS, and we are proud of the many ways our teachers, librarians, and students connect through the power of story all year long.

CHOOSE YOUR READING ADVENTURE!

Use #MNPSReads, tag @metroschools, @MNPS_ELA, @MNPSLibraries, or email communications@mnps.org and share your reading adventures!

- Share books based on a theme. Visit NEA’s Read Across America Calendar and select any theme and use the related book suggestions and activities from this year or a previous year.

- Start each day with a story. (Start each class by reading a picture book, a chapter of a book, sharing a booktalk or book trailer.)

- Invite your school librarian to share a story or booktalks with your students!

- Invite a guest reader or set up a mystery reader.

- Connect with the ProjectLIT community and access resources and virtual events.

- Read 2020 Nashville Reads selection DREAMERS by Yuyi Morales and use any of these activities to connect to the reading.

- Register your students to attend the broadcast with Yuyi Morales on March 30, 2021, 9:30AM. SIGN UP HERE.

- Participate in our DREAMERS Beanstack reading challenge starting March 1.

- Set up a free virtual author visit.

- Create a reading buddies partnership between older readers and younger readers. Check out ebooks from MackinVIA or the Nashville Public Library, share your screen, and read the story!

- Dive deep into the work of an author. Share a book by this author each day. Read a book together or share excerpts. Watch an interview with the author.

- Participate in March Book Madness! Brackets for Elementary, Middle, and High School are based on Volunteer State Book Award nominees. Starts March 1!