



PAWS BOOK CLUB

WEEKLY BOOK LISTS

WEEK #2: JUNE 26

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KINDERGARTEN: *Just Me and My Dad*

by Mercer Mayer

Mercer Mayer's Little Critter is going on a camping trip with his dad in this classic, funny, and heartwarming book. Whether he and his dad are canoeing, fishing, or building a campfire, parents and children alike will relate to this beloved story. A perfect gift for Father's Day . . . or any day!

1ST GRADE: *The Night Before Father's Day*

by Natasha Wing

It's the night before Father's Day, and Mom and the kids have a plan to surprise Dad with a special gift. When Dad goes for a bike ride, everyone gets to work. Dad wakes up the next day to find his garage newly organized and his car sparkly clean. So, of course, he celebrates by taking everyone for a spin!

2ND GRADE: *What Dads Can't Do*

by Douglas Wood

There are lots of things that regular people can do but dads can't.

Dads can't cross the street without holding hands.

They can push, but can't swing.

When dads play hide-and-seek they always get found, but they have a hard time finding you.

Dads really need to be kissed good night at bedtime.

It's a wonder they make it through life at all!

3RD GRADE: *My Dad*

by Anthony Browne

In an endearing homage to dads everywhere, a boy describes -- and exaggerates -- the many accomplishments and feats of his father. Among the traits praised are his enormous talent for singing, his near-professional wrestling skills, his extreme bravery in the face of danger (he's not even afraid of the Big Bad Wolf!), and his ability to -- quite literally, in Anthony Browne's world -- eat like a horse. All of the pictures feature the lovable pater in his signature plaid bathrobe, adding a further comfy layer to a book whose ultimate message is "I love my dad. And you know what? HE LOVES ME! (And he always will.)".

4 TH GRADE: *Hair Love*

by Matthew Cherry

Zuri's hair has a mind of its own. It kinks, coils, and curls every which way. Zuri knows it's beautiful. When Daddy steps in to style it for an extra special occasion, he has a lot to learn. But he LOVES his Zuri, and he'll do anything to make her — and her hair — happy.

Tender and empowering, *Hair Love* is an ode to loving your natural hair — and a celebration of daddies and daughters everywhere.

5 TH GRADE: *Weekends With Max and His Dad*

by Linda Urban

From acclaimed author Linda Urban comes a younger middle-grade novel about the weekend adventures of a boy and his dad, who each see "home" in new ways as they adjust to changes in their family.

Max and his dad love their weekends together. Weekends mean pancakes, pizza, spy games, dog walking, school projects, and surprising neighbors! Every weekend presents a small adventure as Max gets to know his dad's new neighborhood—and learns some new ways of thinking about home.

6 TH GRADE: *Testing the Ice*

by Sharon Robinson

Sharon Robinson, the daughter of baseball legend Jackie Robinson, has crafted a heartwarming, true story about growing up with her father. When Jackie Robinson retires from baseball and moves his family to Connecticut, the beautiful lake on their property is the center of everyone's fun. The neighborhood children join the Robinson kids for swimming and boating. But oddly, Jackie never goes near the water.

In a dramatic episode that first winter, the children beg to go ice skating on the lake. Jackie says they can go, but only after he tests the ice to make sure it's safe. The children prod and push to get Jackie outside, until hesitantly, he finally goes. Like a blind man with a stick, Jackie taps on the ice's surface, when suddenly howling and roaring sounds come out of the lake! It is only then that Sharon realizes why she's never seen her father in the water, Jackie doesn't know how to swim! But her horror changes to relief as Jackie bravely taps his way to the middle of the lake, and declare it safe!

In a stunning metaphor for Jackie Robinson's legendary breaking of the color barrier in Major League Baseball, Sharon Robinson honors her extraordinary father's memory with her warm graceful storytelling. Two-time Caldecott Honor Book artist Kadir Nelson has created richly rendered paintings that radiate with the beauty and spirit of one of America's finest heroes.