

## **TACT RECOMMENDED READING LIST: K-1**

Listed in ascending order of difficulty within each topic

### **Historical Fiction**

23. *Pie-biter*. Ruthanne Lum McCunn. Tall tale of Chinese railroad builders
24. *Pop's Bridge*. Eve Bunting. Two boys compete over whose father has the more important job building the Golden Gate Bridge
25. *Chang's Paper Pony*. Eleanor Coerr. Chinese miners face discrimination
26. *Ghosts for Breakfast*. Stanley Todd Terasaki. A Japanese American boy in 19<sup>th</sup> century California is frightened of ghosts in his backyard

### **Food**

27. *Bee-Bim-Bop*. Linda Sue Park. Great rhyme for making Korean dish
28. *Cora Cooks Pancit*. Dorina Lazo Gilmore. Girl tries to make Filipino dish
29. *Apple Pie Fourth of July*. Janet S. Wong. Girl does not want ethnic food on an "American" holiday
30. *Plenty Saimin*. Feng Feng Hutchins. Chinese boy's friends in Hawaii (Japanese, Filipino, Korean, and Hawaiian) contribute ingredients for his birthday saimin

### **Family Members**

#### *Sisters*

31. *Big Sister, Little Sister*. LeUyen Pham. Little sister compares herself to big sister
31. *I Have a Sister; My Sister is Deaf*. Jeanne Whitehouse Peterson. A loving sister
32. *Best Older Sister*. Yangsook Choi. Girl is jealous of sibling, a beginning chapter book
33. *Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same*. Grace Lin. A series of beginning chapter books about twin sisters.

#### *Parents*

34. *Father's Rubber Shoes*. Yumi Heo. Korean immigrant boy has difficulties adjusting to America
35. *The Heart's Language*. Lois-Ann Yamanaka. Autistic boy communicates with parents

#### *Grandparents*

36. *Dear Juno*. Soyung Pak. A boy sends letters to Korean grandmother
37. *The Trip Back Home*. Janet S. Wong. Girl visits grandparents in Korea
38. *Filipino Friends*. Liana Romulo. Children visit the Philippines for the first time
39. *My Dadima Wears a Sari*. Kashmiri Sheth. An Indian American grandmother shares stories about her saris with her 2 granddaughters
40. *Sachiko Means Happiness*. Kimiko Sakai. Grandmother has dementia

41. *Mr. Miyataki's Marvelous Machine* (2004) . Tandy Newsome. Japanese boy in Hawaii helps his grandfather to deal with retirement

### **Celebrations**

42. *Lion Dancer: Ernie Wan's Chinese New Year*. Kate Waters and Madeline Slovenz-Low a first lion dance performance

43. *New Clothes for New Year's Day*. Hyn-joo Bae Girl gets dressed in Korean hanbok

44. *Henry's First Moon Birthday*. Lenore Look and Yumi Heo. Baby's first month party

45. *Uncle Peter's Amazing Chinese Wedding*. Lenore Look and Yumi Heo

46. *Sokita Celebrates the New Year: A Cambodian American Holiday*. Barbara Lau.

### **School and Friends**

47. *I'm New Here*. Anne Sibley O'Brien. Children from Guatemala, Korea and Somalia have to learn new words and new ways in their first U.S. school

48. *The Name Jar*. Yangsook Choi. A girl wants another name, not her Korean one.

49. *My Name is Yoon*. Helen Recorvits. Girl struggles to write her name, simple explanation of Korean writing for young children

50. *Lissy's Friends*. Grace Lin. Girl makes paper cranes when no one plays with her

51. *Juna's Jar*. Jane Bahk . Girl imagines fantastic worlds at night from simple leaves, fish, and bugs in her kimchee jars after her best friend moves away

52. *Malia in Hawaii: Celebrating All the Parts of Me*. Karyn Hopper. A girl celebrates her long name (Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, and Hawaiian)

### **Folktales/Myths**

53. *Monkey King*. Ed Young. Monkey's early acrobatic adventures and showing off

54. *The Closet Ghost* . Uma Krishnaswami. Girls calls on Hanuman to help her adjust to new school and new closet full of imagined ghosts

55. *Roses Sing on New Snow: A Delicious Tale*. Paul Yee. Two brothers take all the credit for their sister's cooking in their father's Chinese restaurant

### **Also Recommended**

56. *Gravity*. Jason Chin. Beautiful simple book about how gravity affects us all

57. *At the Beach*. Huy Voun Lee. Chinese characters written in sand.