Read Across America this month:

Lubna and Pebble addresses the refugee crisis and helps explain to young readers what it means to lose your home and friends, wonder about where you will live, and wait for change in an uncertain world. When sharing Lubna and Pebble, be prepared to help students understand what a refugee is and what their life is like. As they better understand, students will likely be ready to offer their help. Have them conduct research to learn what would be most helpful in your community or globally. Get them to keep in mind that, like Lubna, one of the simplest things they can do is to be kind and compassionate to others. Students can also:

• welcome new students with introductions, invitations, and conversations
• choose a cause to support, fundraise as a class for the group, and write letters of support
• educate and advocate by sharing books like Lubna and Pebble with others

Plan ahead for more Read Across America reading fun:

Words of caring and kindness can help people know they have value and that someone cares. Get students thinking about why small kindnesses matter and how to make them happen. Share books like Lubna and Pebble by Wendy Meddour and I Walk with Vanessa by Kerascoët that show students that their compassion really can make a difference. Then celebrate books, reading, and kindness for Read Across America by having students create bookmarks with kind words and inspirational phrases. Bring the bookmarks (and if possible, donated books) to caring centers of your community—your local hospital, food bank, children’s agency, or senior center—to spread kindness and the joys of reading.

June is:
• LGBT Month
• Immigrant Heritage Month
• National Audiobook Month

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