Dear NEA Members:

Since 1998, NEA’s Read Across America has generated enthusiasm for reading nationwide, raised public awareness for children’s literacy, and supported educators, parents, and others in their ongoing efforts to motivate and teach children to read.

But we can — and will — do more to:

• Encourage adults to spend more time reading to children
• Share stories that raise up the many voices that need to be amplified and heard
• Use books to help students discover their own voices and learn from the voices of others
• Encourage readers to believe in themselves and use their voices and stories for positive change

NEA’s Read Across America starts with books that reflect everyone in your community. The titles and resources featured in this calendar include books that students can see themselves reflected in, as well as books that allow readers to see a world or a character that might be different than them. Readers who feel included, recognized, and a part of the world are engaged readers. We hope that you’ll be able to share these recommended titles—and many others—to celebrate Read Across America in March and throughout the year.

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NEA’s Read Across America Advisory Committee (2018-19)

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NEA’s Read Across America Advisory Committee reviews and provides feedback on NEA’s work to “Celebrate a Nation of Diverse Readers” by highlighting diverse authors and books for an increasingly diverse student population across America.

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