



### Literacy Week

January 22-26  
Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>,  
Vocabulary Parade@  
\*8:45 in Axson's Car  
Loop!

**Early Dismissal:**  
Wednesday, Jan.31  
Starts at 12:45

**Mid-Year Stakeholder's  
SAC Meeting @ 9 am-**  
10:30 Friday, February  
23,2024

# JAAMS

## Weekly Parent Communication

Quarter 3 #2

January 19-26,2024

## Literacy Week

- M 1/22 TRANSPLANT YOUR LOVE OF READING**  
BRING YOUR FAVORITE BOOK TO SHARE WITH YOUR CLASS.
- T 1/23 CULTIVATE YOUR LOVE OF READING**  
BUDDY READING IN YOUR CLASS GARDEN.
- W 1/24 PHOTOSYNTHESIS FLASHLIGHT READING**  
READ BOOKS IN THE DARK WITH FLASHLIGHTS.
- TH 1/25 PLANT YOURSELF INTO READING**  
READ A NONFICTION BOOK ABOUT PLANTS.
- F 1/26 GROW YOUR VOCABULARY PARADE**  
DRESS UP AS A NEW VOCABULARY WORD.

Literacy Week: M 1/22 Transplant Your Love of Reading – Bring your favorite book to share with your class. T 1/23 Cultivate Your Love of Reading – Buddy reading in your class garden. W 1/24 Photosynthesis Flashlight Reading – Read books in the dark with flashlights. Th 1/25 Plant Yourself Into Reading – Read a nonfiction book about plants. F 1/26 Grown Your Vocabulary Parade – Dress up as a new vocabulary word.



Jacksonville Public Library  
Start Here. Go Anywhere.

### A Story of Grief, Love & Hope

When her father dies, Amie's ability to play music dies, too. Nothing short of a miracle can bring back what she has lost. With hope and harmony lighting the way – and with help from the people who care about her most – Amie must find the strength to carry on.

Karen S. Chow's lyrical narrative, *Miracle*, is a story about the complexity of grief – told in a way that's accessible to children.

Learn more about this remarkable book at a special Junior Lit Chat author talk **intended for kids, ages 5-12.**



Karen is an engineer by day and middle-grade novelist by night. Her debut middle-grade novel, *Miracle*, has earned praise from Booklist, Publisher's Weekly, and others. She was also awarded the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators Desert Sunrise Scholarship for OwnVoices in 2021 and the Out from the Margins Award in 2022. When she is not writing, she loves spending times with her three

kids, hiking all over Arizona, and applying her electrical engineering know-how on rotorcraft (aka helicopters) at her day job. She lives in Gilbert, AZ. She invites you to visit her at [kchowrites.com](http://kchowrites.com).



### Junior Lit Chat with Karen Chow, *Miracle* Monday, January 22 at 3:30pm Willow Branch Library

Karen S. Chow is a Taiwanese-American author, who started writing novels as a college sophomore at Arizona State University while earning a degree in electrical engineering. She wrote and queried several books (mostly YA fiction), before discovering a love for writing middle grade contemporary fiction.

[Register NOW](#)

### FREE Book

A limited number of copies of *Miracle* will be given away to participants, on a first come, first served basis. Arrive early to secure a copy for your child.



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CISV is a global non-profit organization dedicated to educating and inspiring action for a more just and peaceful world. In over 60 years, CISV has given countless young people the experience of their lives and the opportunity to build lasting friendships through international educational programs. Please see the flier for 2024 program locations and ages and visit [cisvjax.org](http://cisvjax.org) for more information.

Summer Camp information for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade attached.

**Spirit Rock Guidelines and Rental Agreement Link Below**

[Microsoft Word - JAA Spirit Rock Guidelines and Rental Agreement updated 3-9-23 \(duvalschools.org\)](http://duvalschools.org)

To reserve the JAA Spirit Rock, please see Gina Allmond, School Bookkeeper, between 8:30am and 3:30pm. She can also be reached at [allmondg@duvalschools.org](mailto:allmondg@duvalschools.org) or by calling 992-3600 option 3. If you take a pic of your child with the Spirit Rock, you are welcome to send it to me for my Weekly Parent Communication. [vanhoec@duvalschools.org](mailto:vanhoec@duvalschools.org)



to any and all students who had a birthday the weeks of January 8 to the 19<sup>th</sup>!



Cecilia & Amy