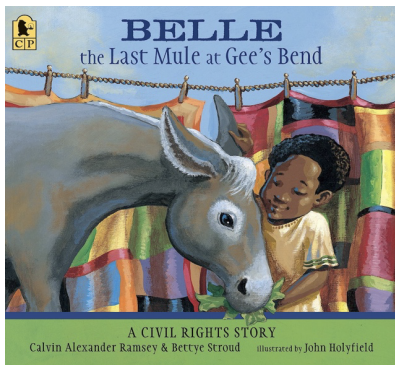
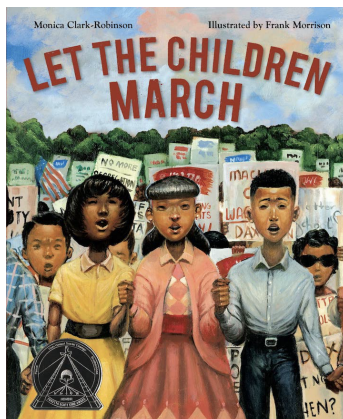


Book of Month:



Written by Calvin Alexander Ramsey & Bettie Stroud, illustrated by John Holyfield



Written by Monica Clark-Robinson, illustrated by Frank Morrison

Where to find them: SWS, DC Public Library, Sora, Epic, YouTube

These books have themes of Martin Luther King Jr's legacy, Civil Rights Movement, racial justice, voting rights, desegregation, protests and demonstrations, nonviolent resistance, civil disobedience, courage, and unexpected heroes.

Participate in the Second Annual SWS MLK Day of Service!

On Monday, January 16th at 10 AM in the SWS Multipurpose Room, we will be honoring Dr. King's legacy with a family service day. Participate by contributing funds/supplies or attending. Learn more and RSVP at: swsidea.org/swsmilk2023

Think About It:

What feelings did you feel when you read the story? Why?
What did you learn about Dr. King from these books?

The heroes in this story are not the people with the most power and influence in their worlds, and yet they are able to make a big difference. What do you learn from this book about what it takes to be a hero?

These stories celebrate people who were inspired by Dr. King to bring about racial justice by standing up for what was right. What unfairness/injustice still exists today? How can you follow Dr. King's lead by standing up for what's right in your world?

What current movement for civil rights and equality do you know about? How are people working to create positive change today? How is Dr. King's legacy being continued in this work?

Do Something:

Think of someone you know who's done something brave to stand up for what's right. Write or illustrate a book or poem to tell their story.

In the spirit of the Gee's Bend quilters, cut strips of paper and/or fabric and glue or sew them into a collage/quilt. What story can you tell by the shapes, colors, and materials you choose?

Think about something in this world that is unfair or unjust. Draw a picture, or write a letter or song, to make your voice heard. Show or send it to others to get them to join you in working to craft a better world.

Ask a family member to share their connections with the story, especially any personal memories they might have of the time.