

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to share with you the 2020 Neev Book Award Shortlist.

If you are looking for high quality children’s literature for your children, we encourage you to explore this rich and varied shortlist. Here are some great ways to get your children to engage with the books:

- **Pick Your Winner:** Encourage your child to read as many of the books as possible in the age appropriate category. Let your child decide which book they think deserves the Neev Award. Most importantly, children can share their rankings and reviews of the shortlist with the jury. We’d love to hear what children think, and have them write into us at literaturefestival@neevschools.com.
- **Literature Circles or Student Book Clubs:** Get your child to form a small reading group with friends. The group can choose books off the shortlist to read and discuss. Make it a social event with food!
- **Read Together:** Choose books to read and discuss together as a family. Make reading a priority by setting aside “family reading time.” Share with your child your thoughts on the book’s big themes and what you think is the author’s message.
- **Read Aloud** (for the picture book category): Use these wonderful picture books for your night-time read aloud. Cuddle up with your younger child, read aloud the book, and then discuss it together. Some picture books also work well for older children – we believe that there is no better way to bond with your child than to read together.

If you’d like to purchase the shortlist books for your home, you can purchase them individually using the Amazon link provided [here](#).

As author Kate DiCamillo said, “Reading should not be presented to children as a chore, a duty. It should be offered as a gift.” It is our hope that the Neev Book Award shortlist is a gift that brings the joy of reading to children everywhere.

Warm regards,

The Neev Book Award Jury