



On **April 28, 2015**, your children will be meeting with acclaimed author and poet Janet Wong. Ms. Wong is the author of twenty books, has been featured on The Oprah Winfrey Show and has read her books at the White House. Janet's work is distinctive in its range of topics and delightfully celebrates her Korean and Chinese origins.

Should you wish to purchase a book, to be autographed for your child, or as a gift for someone else, please fill in the information below. Kindly return orders by **March 18, 2015**. No Late orders can be accepted. Please make checks payable to **OTPTO**

PICTURE BOOKS:

YOU HAVE TO WRITE (hardcover) -----\$18.00_____

It's a class assignment. But you have nothing to write about. All the other kids seem to have something to tell because they start in right away. What can you do? Stop and think. No one else can tell *your* stories -- about your family, your dog or cat. No one else can tell how it was when your library book got soaked in the rain. But what if you don't like what you write? There are all sorts of ways to change it, to make it better. Keep on playing with your words, putting them together in different ways. You want whatever you write to be good. It will get better and better as you work on it.

ALEX AND THE WEDNESDAY CHESS CLUB (hardcover)-----\$18.00_____

Kindergarten is the perfect age to start playing chess, especially since studies have shown connections between chess and improved math and reading skills. This read-aloud will make children want to play this brain enriching game and see the value of perseverance. *Parents' Choice Silver Honor Award*

APPLE PIE 4TH OF JULY (paperback) ----- \$ 8.00_____

Celebrate diversity! Janet's parents owned a mini-mart in rural Oregon that sold Chinese food-to-go, even on the 4th of July.

TWIST: Yoga Poems (hardcover)----- \$18.00_____

Wong wrote this book as a gift for Julie Paschkis, the illustrator, who is passionate about yoga. "Finding the Center" compares Paschkis to Scorpion, and Wong to...a Doughnut. *Bank Street Best Books of the Year; Garden State Children's Book Award Nominee*

HOMEGROWN HOUSE (hardcover)----- \$17.00_____

It takes time to settle into a house, to learn to love it right, to make it feel homegrown. After the boxes are unpacked and the books are shelved (alphabetically), all a young girl wants to do is settle into her house. Grandmom says that it takes time to learn to love a house right, and this young girl is determined for hers to become homegrown. E. B. Lewis's warm, familial scenes pair with Janet S. Wong's yearning text for an intergenerational story of wishes, dreams, and a true sense of home.

KNOCK ON WOOD (hardcover)----- \$20.00_____

What superstitions do you follow?

In this collection of original poems, accomplished poet Janet S. Wong explores seventeen superstitions, some common, others that are less known, and delves into their origins as well as their lore. Rich, full-color illustrations by Julie Paschkis enhance each poem. The result from this award-winning team is sure to intrigue young readers and make them think again about things they often do, like opening an umbrella, walking under a ladder, or putting on a hat.

CHAPTER BOOKS:

ME AND ROLLY MALOO (paperback)-----\$9.00_____

An unpopular girl cheats on a math test when the most popular school asks her to give her answers. This semi-chapter book, semi graphic-novel subtly explores the pressures children face socially, emotionally and academically.

MINN AND JAKE (paperback)-----\$ 8.00_____

Friends don't let friends eat worms, but they do teach them to catch lizards! This story is about an unlikely friendship between nature-lover Minn and entrepreneurial cell-phone-toting Jake. *BCCB Blue Ribbon*

A TEACHER FAVORITE: -----\$30.00_____

THE POETRY FRIDAY ANTHOLOGY: Poems For The School Year With Connections to the Common Core

The Poetry Friday Anthology offers a set of 36 poems for each grade level, K-5 (a poem-a-week for the 9 months of the typical school year). Drawing on decades of experience in classrooms all over the world as well as volumes of academic research and writing, this book presents activities that are poem-specific, skill-based, developmentally appropriate for each weekly poem—and that connect to the Common Core standards for poetry instruction.

Student Name: _____ **Class/grade:** _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF BOOKS: _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK:** _____

RETURN FORMS TO YOUR TEACHER BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH!