



# 2016 Sequoyah Book Awards

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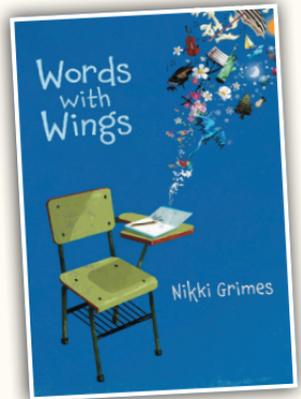
### Focusing on the Children's Masterlist of books for grades 3-5



Visit [bit.ly/1kC6na7](http://bit.ly/1kC6na7) for background on this Oklahoma honor—the third oldest youth-choice literary award in the nation. You'll also find the masterlists, activities and promotional help to get your students reading and involved in selecting the next winning authors.

### Books Give Us Wings!

Author Nikki Grimes' book *Words With Wings* is all about imagination, and the power of words, reading, and writing. It's an ideal springboard for some fun lessons and activities!



### What's in a Name?

At the beginning of the story, Gabby shares how her parents named her. In this lesson, children will investigate the meaning of their names, why their parents chose this name, and how the name can represent them.

**What does your name mean?** Instruct children to ask their parents the meaning of their names and why they were given their name. Let children take turns looking up their names in a baby names book or online. Have children write a short paragraph about the meaning of their name, if they think it represents them, and how it could represent them.

**Who else has my name?** Have children discover other people – from famous people to family members and friends – who share their name.

### Outside My Window

Gabby spends a lot of time staring out the window of her classroom. Many things – from blue skies to snowflakes to butterflies – distract her.

- **Brainstorming:** On one sheet of paper have children write down what they see outside the classroom window. They should describe the object, an activity it reminds them of, and how they feel about the object. For example: green grass, games, cartwheels, picnics, anthills, rolling down the hill, the grass is soft like a bed, it makes me itchy.
- **Writing Poetry:** On a separate sheet of paper, have children write a poem using the descriptive words from the first sheet. The poem can be in any form and any length.
- **Reading:** Have children read and share their poems with the class.

Visit [bit.ly/1LRZ6jb](http://bit.ly/1LRZ6jb) to download the annotated masterlist of children's Sequoyah titles, reading certificates, and a smorgasbord of info on all of the 2016 books.

Visit [nie.newsok.com/educators/curriculum/Sequoyah-week-2015](http://nie.newsok.com/educators/curriculum/Sequoyah-week-2015) for another activity related to *Words With Wings*. Plus, you'll find more information and resources to launch a Sequoyah reading program in your school, class, or library. Sequoyah week continues tomorrow!

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