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## **April: Determination & Diligence**



**March 29 – April 5, 2009**

***Horton Hatches the Egg* by Dr. Seuss**

Mayzie the lazy bird is tired of sitting on her egg. When she sees Horton the elephant she convinces him to give her a break and sit on the egg for a while. She promises to be back soon. What happens when she doesn't come back?



**April 5 – 12**

***Wilma Unlimited* by Kathleen Krull**

This is a true story. Wilma is born early (just 4 pounds), she gets sick often and then contracts polio—a disease the leaves her left leg useless. But Wilma is determined she will walk again. So with diligence she walks, then runs and soon is the world's fastest woman!

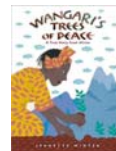


**April 12 – 19**

***Ron's Big Mission***

**by Rose Blue & Corinne Naden**

Another true story. Ron wants to check out books at his local library, but they have rules about that. Only white people can check out books. But Ron is determined. He is not leaving until he gets his special books about airplanes. (Ron is so determined that he keeps learning about aircraft and grows up to be an astronaut.)



**April 19 – 26**

***Wangari's Trees of Peace***

**by Jeanette Winter**

One more true story—from Africa. When Wangari was a young girl in Kenya there were trees everywhere. But when she comes back from college in America—the trees are gone! Wangari is afraid that all of the forests will be destroyed—so she plants nine tiny trees and changes Africa forever. (You plant a tree! Arbor Day is April 24.)



**April 26 – May 3**

***The Master's Apprentice* by Rick Jacobson**

Italy—1503. Marco is to be an artist's apprentice to the great Michelangelo. But when he arrives he is face to face with Ridolfo—another apprentice who does not want Marco to succeed. He does things to get Marco into trouble. But Marco is determined to do his best and let Michelangelo decide who will accompany him to Rome.

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