



### Three Terrific Authors Are Coming to Neil Cummins on Readathon Day — January 28!

Support our school and our visiting authors by **purchasing a book in advance**. After each presentation, authors will take time to sign books and visit with our students. If you would like your child to have a book signed, **please preorder through Book Passage** using the links provided below. The deadline for preordering books is Friday, January 16, 2026.

**You do not need to pick up the books.** Readathon volunteers will collect all preordered books and deliver them directly to classrooms on **Readathon Day**.

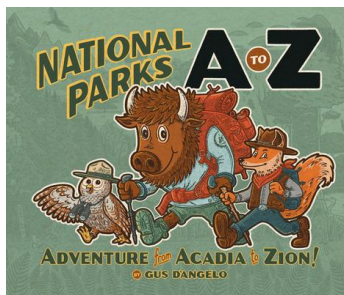
These special links allow Book Passage to track our orders, and Book Passage will donate 15% of all Readathon 2026 book purchases back to Neil Cummins.

### How to Order

1. Use the grade-level links below to purchase online from Book Passage.
2. Select **"In-store pickup."**
3. In the **comments section**, please include:
  - Student name
  - Teacher's name
  - "Neil Cummins Readathon"

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### Kindergarten

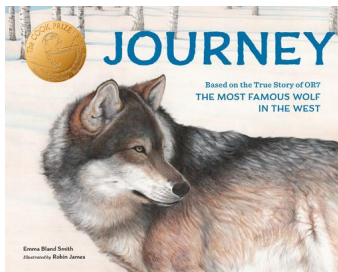


Back by popular demand, we are honored to have **Gus D'Angelo**, author and illustrator of *National Parks A–Z* on campus for Readathon 2026. Gus will visit Kindergarten classrooms to share an interactive presentation featuring illustration, storytelling, sound, hands-on props, and his own photography. Students will take a virtual journey through America's national parks.

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## 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grades

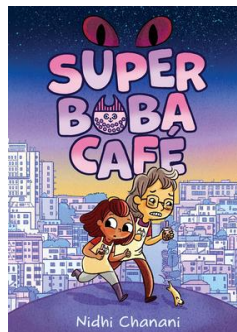


We are thrilled to welcome back **Emma Bland Smith**, local author of many beloved books including *Claude* and *The Gardener of Alcatraz*. This year she will share her new book, *Journey*, the true story of OR7, the first wild wolf in California in nearly a century. This award-winning picture book follows his remarkable 2,000-mile, three-year trek, imagined through details recorded by Fish & Wildlife scientists. Emma is a gifted storyteller and presenter. We are fortunate to have her back!

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## 4th and 5th Grades



For her first time at Neil Cummins, local author and illustrator **Nidhi Chanani** will present her graphic novels *Super Boba Café* and *Super Boba Café: Home Sea Home*—the first two books in a magical, full-color middle-grade series set in the foggy hills of San Francisco. The books feature a secret teashop, an earthquake-creating monster, and two unforgettable summers. We are so excited to introduce Nidhi to our school community.

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