

# Suggested College and Career Exploration Reading List

CFWV has curated a reading list for elementary students to help them envision themselves as future college students and help them dream big! Consider utilizing this list during College Application and Exploration Week for your read aloud time. The following descriptions are from Goodreads.com and Amazon.com.

## **“The College Kids: Taking You On A Journey About College” by Joe Johnson**

“The College Kids help to teach our youth about college and other areas of life. The College Kids: Taking You On A Journey About College, meets two kids who drop their older brother off at college. The little brother and sister are interested in learning more about college and “The College Kids” takes them on a journey to visit several colleges in the state of Michigan. This journey allows the little brother and sister the opportunity to learn about college living, how to apply for college, the different ways to pay for college, necessary steps to make it to college, and other vital information about the college experience.”

## **“What is College?” by Mr. Henry Kopia Keculah, Jr**

“It’s never too early to start learning about college or the career of your dreams. Follow Uche and BJ as they explore what college is. These two students share dialogue on how to prepare for college. This book aims to help elementary students see the big picture.”

## **“What Shoes Will You Wear?” by Julia Cook**

“There’s a job for every personality!” Spark children’s imaginations by determining what they enjoy and how that could turn into a career.”

## **“Mahalia Mouse Goes to College” by John Lithgow**

“Mahalia Mouse and her family live underneath Dunster House, an old Harvard dormitory. Foraging for food for her younger brothers and sisters, Mahalia gets trapped in a backpack and find herself inside a classroom far from home. Mahalia, intrigued by the lecture, starts attending classes and soon becomes a full-time student- all the while wondering about the fate of her family. But when graduation day finally arrives, Mahalia has a wonderful surprise waiting for her.”

## **“Mae Among The Stars” by Roda Ahmed**

**Inspired by the life of the first African American woman to travel in space, Mae Jemison.** When Little Mae was a child, she dreamed of dancing in space. She imagined herself surrounded by billions of stars, floating, gliding, and discovering. She wanted to be an astronaut. Her mom told her, “If you believe it, and work hard for it, anything is possible.” Little Mae’s curiosity, intelligence, and determination, matched with her parents’ encouraging words, paved the way for her success at NASA as the first African American woman to travel in space.

