The National Consortium for Teaching About Asia

Fall 2023 National Webinar

A Big Mooncake for Little Star

with author Grace Lin

October 24, 2023 - 7:00 – 8:00 pm ET

A Professional Development Webinar for Teachers

The Program for Teaching East Asia and the Five College Center for East Asian Studies offers a webinar with Grace Lin, author and illustrator of A Big Mooncake for Little Star. Join us to hear directly from the author about this beautifully crafted book that features a celebration of the Chinese Mid-Autumn Moon Festival and a creative way of teaching about the phases of the moon.

“The relationship between Little Star and her mother offers a message of empowerment and reassurance. Lin’s loving homage to the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival is sure to become a bedtime favorite.” - School Library Journal

Award-winning and NY Times bestselling author/illustrator, Grace Lin, was the only Asian girl (except for her sisters) going to her elementary school in Upstate New York. That experience, good and bad, has influenced her books—including her Newbery Honor Where the Mountain Meets the Moon, her Geisel Honor Ling & Ting, her National Book Finalist When the Sea Turned to Silver and her Caldecott Honor A Big Mooncake for Little Star. But, it also causes Grace to persevere for diversity as an occasional New England Public Radio commentator and when she gave her TEDx talk “The Windows and Mirrors of Your Child’s Bookshelf,” as well as her PBSNewHour video essay “What to do when you realize classic books from your childhood are racist?” She currently hosts two other podcasts: Book Friends Forever and Kids Ask Authors. In 2016, Grace’s art was displayed at the White House and Grace, herself, was recognized by President Obama’s office as a Champion of Change for Asian American and Pacific Islander Art and Storytelling. In 2022, Grace was awarded the Children’s Literature Legacy Award from the American Library Association. Grace is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and lives in Northampton, Massachusetts with her husband, daughter and five chickens.

Teachers nationwide are invited to register. Participation is free.

Register online at https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIucuyoqz0tEt1pwL45k0uGHzbskO57_QvJ

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