

# rally to read 100



## Jessica Kulekjian

Jessica Kulekjian first discovered her love for storytelling during a young author's contest in elementary school. Even though she lost (three times!), she didn't give up writing. After years of practice, and with lots of encouragement from family, friends, teachers, and other storytellers, Jessica became the author of picture books, including *First Notes of Spring* and *Before We Stood Tall: From Small Seed to Mighty Tree*. Jessica has an MA in teaching and teaches second grade English Language Arts. She lives with her husband and three kids in Central California. Connect with her at [jessicakulekjian.com](http://jessicakulekjian.com), on Instagram @jessicakulekjian, and Twitter @jesskulekjian.

