

Fourth Grade

READING & WRITING WORKSHOP

POETRY AND PLAYS

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

“Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.”

Somewhere Among by Annie Donwerth-Chikamatsu

“A beautiful and haunting debut novel in verse about an American-Japanese girl struggling with the loneliness of being caught between two worlds when the tragedy of 9/11 strikes an ocean away.”

You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen by Carole Boston Weatherford

“I WANT YOU! says the poster of Uncle Sam. But if you’re a young black man in 1940, he doesn’t want you in the cockpit of a war plane. Yet you are determined not to let that stop your dream of flying. So when you hear of a civilian pilot training program at Tuskegee Institute, you leap at the chance.”

The Crossover: a basketball novel by Kwame Alexander

“Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.”

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child by J.K. Rowling and Jack Thorne

“As an overworked employee of the Ministry of Magic, a husband, and a father, Harry Potter struggles with a past that refuses to stay where it belongs while his youngest son, Albus, finds the weight of the family legacy difficult to bear.”

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai

“Hà has only ever known Saigon: the thrills of its markets, the joy of its traditions, and the warmth of her friends close by. But now the Vietnam War has reached her home. Hà and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed toward hope—toward America.” **Hate That Cat** by Sharon Creech

“Jack is only trying to save that fat black cat stuck in the tree by his bus stop—but the cat scratches him instead! At school Miss Stretchberry begins teaching new poems, everything from William Carlos Williams to Valerie Worth to T.S. Eliot.”

Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices by Paul Fleischman

“From the Newbery Medal-winning author of Seedfolks, Paul Fleischman, Joyful Noise is a collection of irresistible poems that celebrates the insect world. Funny, sad, loud, and quiet, each of these poems resounds with a booming, boisterous, joyful noise.”

SOCIAL ISSUES

Amina’s Voice by Hena Khan

“A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school after tragedy strikes her Community.”

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

“Set against the backdrop of the Black Panther movement, Delphine and her sisters visit their estranged mother in California, attend a Black Panther day camp, and discover their mother’s dedication to social justice issues.”

Operation Redwood by S. Terrell French

“When Julian is sent to stay with his disinterested aunt and uncle for four months, he discovers that his Uncle’s corporation plans to cut down a group of redwood trees at Big Tree Grove and decides to take a stand to save the trees.”

The Only Road by Alexandra Diaz

“Twelve-year-old Jaime makes the treacherous journey from his home in Guatemala to his older brother in New Mexico after his cousin is murdered by a drug cartel.”

Tua and the Elephant by R. P. Harris

“In Chiang Mai, Thailand, nine-year-old Tua releases an abused elephant from its chains--can she complete the rescue by getting it to an elephant refuge without being caught herself?”

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

“Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker.”

The Turtle of Oman by Naomi Shihab Nye

“When Aref, a third-grader who lives in Muscat, Oman, refuses to pack his suitcase and prepare to move to Michigan, his mother asks for help from his grandfather, his Siddi,

who takes Aref around the country, storing up memories he can carry with him to a new home.”

Wishtree by Katherine Applegate

“Red is an oak tree who is many rings old. Red is the neighborhood “wishtree”—people write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red’s branches. You might say Red has seen it all. Until a new family moves in. Not everyone is welcoming, and Red’s experiences as a wishtree are more important than ever.”

MATH

A Math Journey Through Extreme Sports by Hilary Koll and Steve Mills

A Math Journey Through the Animal Kingdom by Anne Rooney

Algebra & Geometry by Basher Science

Common Core Math Grade 4: Activities that Captivate, Motivate, & Reinforce by Marjorie Frank

Decimals and Fractions by Kumon

Division Building Blocks of Mathematics series

Fabulous Fractions: Games and Activities That Make Math Easy and Fun by Lynette Long

Fraction Building Blocks of Mathematics series

Fractions, Decimals, and Percents by David Adler

Fractions and Decimals by Rebecca Wingard-Nelson

Fun Food Word Problems

Starring Fractions by Rebecca Wingard-Nelson

Multiplication and Division by Rebecca Wingard-Nelson

Multiplication Building Blocks of Mathematics series

Multiplication by Kumon

School Rules! Math by American Girl

Star Wars Workbooks: 4th

Grade Math by Brain Quest

SCIENCE

SYSTEMS FOR SURVIVAL

Galapagos Islands by Clive Gifford

Animal Eggs by Dawn Cusick and Joanne O’Sullivan

Animal Homes by Barbara Tay

Animal Behavior by Joseph Midthun and Samuel Hiti

Invisible to the Eye: Animals in Disguise by Kendra Muntz

Attack and Defense by Kathy Riley

How Animals Work by David Burnie

Why Mammals Have Fur by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent

Superstats: Incredible Bugs by Moira Butterfield

Everything You Need to Know About Birds by Smithsonian

ENERGY

Energy by Dan Green

Energy Lab for Kids by Emily Hawbaker

Energy Building Blocks of Science series

Heating and Cooling by Carol Ballard

Heat Building Blocks of Science series

Heat & Energy by Steve Parker

Force and Motion Building Blocks of Science series

Electricity Building Blocks of Science series

Squishy Circuits by Kristin Fontichiaro and AnnMarie P. Thomas

Make it yourself! Bots & Circuits by Kelly Coss

Science Experiments with Electricity by Sally Nankivell-Aston and Dorothy Jackson

What are Waves? by Heather Hudak

Waves and Information Transfer by Heather Hudak

The Science of Sound Waves by Robin Johnson

What Is a Circuit? by Ethan Weingarten

THE CHANGING EARTH

DK Find Out! Earth by Maryam Sharif-Draper

Planet Earth by John Woodward

The Earth and How It Works by Steve Parker

The Earth Book by Jonathan Litton

The Big Earth Book by Mark Brake and Brendan Kearney

The Science of Tsunamis by Leon Gray

The Science of Volcanoes by Angela Royston

Tsunamis and Floods by Jayne Keedle

Geology Lab for Kids by Garret Romaine

Fault Lines & Tectonic Plates by Kathleen M. Reilly

Forces of Nature by World Book

Inside Volcanoes by Melissa Stewart

Volcano by Susanna Van Rose

Volcanoes: Journey to the Crater's Edge by Philippe Bourseiller

Volcanoes by Jayne Keedle

Earthquakes by Anna Prokos

Inside Earthquakes by Melissa Stewart

Eyewitness Fossil by Paul D. Taylor

How Does a Bone Become a Fossil? by Melissa Stewart

Revealing the Secrets of Dinosaurs by World Book

Fossil Hunting Extinct Species series

SOCIAL STUDIES

COLONIAL NEW JERSEY AND AMERICA; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Life in the Thirteen Colonies: New Jersey by Jon Sterngass and Matthew Kachur

New Jersey by Craig A. Doherty and Katherine M. Doherty

The Colony of New Jersey by Susan Whitehurst

New Jersey History by Mark Stewart

The Lenapes by Robert S. Grumet

The Lenape or Delaware Indians by Herbert C. Kraft

The Lenape Indians by Josh Wilker

NEW JERSEY AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

An Overview of the American Revolution through *Primary Sources* by John Micklos Jr.

Washington's Crossing the Delaware and the Winter at Valley Forge through *Primary Sources*
by John Micklos Jr.

Why We Won the American Revolution through *Primary Sources* by John Micklos Jr. **The Making of the United States from Thirteen Colonies through *Primary Sources*** by John Micklos Jr.

American Indians and African Americans of the American Revolution Through *Primary Sources* by John Micklos Jr.

Colonists and Independence by Sally Senzell Isaacs

A Kids Guide to the American Revolution by Kathleen Krull

Molly Pitcher by Rick Burke

They Called Her Molly Pitcher by Anne Rockwell

The American Revolution: Experience the Battle for Independence by Judy Dodge Cummings

The American Revolution by Deborah DeFord

Who Was Ben Franklin? by Dennis Brindell Fradin

Who Was Thomas Jefferson? by Dennis Brindell Fradin

Guts & Glory: The American Revolution by Ben Thompson

Thrifty Guide to the American Revolution by Jonathan W. Stokes

The Crossing: How George Washington Saved the American Revolution by Jim Murphy

The Battle of Trenton by Lewis K. Parker

The Battle of Monmouth by Lewis K. Parker

AMERICAN CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT IN NEW JERSEY

The Mayflower Compact by Kristen Rajczak

The Mayflower Compact by Jamie Callio

What are the Articles of Confederation? by Laura Hamilton Waxman

What was the Continental Congress? by Laura Hamilton Waxman

The Articles of Confederation by Blair Belton

Documents of Freedom: A Look at the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the U.S. Constitution by Gwennyth Swain

Our Nation's Documents by Time Kids

Shh! We're Writing the Constitution by Jean Fritz

The United States Constitution by Karen Price Hossell

US Government Through Infographics by Nadia Higgins and Alex Sciuto

The U.S. Constitution: Discover How Democracy Works by Carla Mooney **This is Our Constitution** by Khizr Khan

FORGING A NEW JERSEY OF FREEDOM

Celebrate the States: New Jersey by Wendy Morgane and Tamra B. Orr

It's My State! New Jersey by David C. King

The Trail of Tears by D.L. Birchfield

The Trail of Tears by Michael Burgan

The Underground Railroad by Lucia Raatma

Freedom Roads: Searching for the Underground Railroad by Joyce Hansen and Gary McGowan

American Archaeology Uncovers the Underground Railroad by Lois Miner Huey

Slavery and the Civil War by Linda R. Wade

What Was the Underground Railroad? by Yona McDonough

Slavery: Real People and Their Stories of Enslavement by R. G. Grant

Immigrants to America by Linda Thompson

The Young Nation: America 1787-1861 by David M. Brownstone and Irene M. Franck

Roses and Radicals: the Epic Story of How American Women Won the Right to Vote by Susan Zimet

Gay & Lesbian History for Kids: The Century-Long Struggle for LGBT Rights by Jerome Pohlen

The Story of the Selma Voting Rights Marches by David Aretha

Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott by Russell Freedman **Streetcar to Justice** by Amy Hill Hearth

