

Supporting Readers at Home

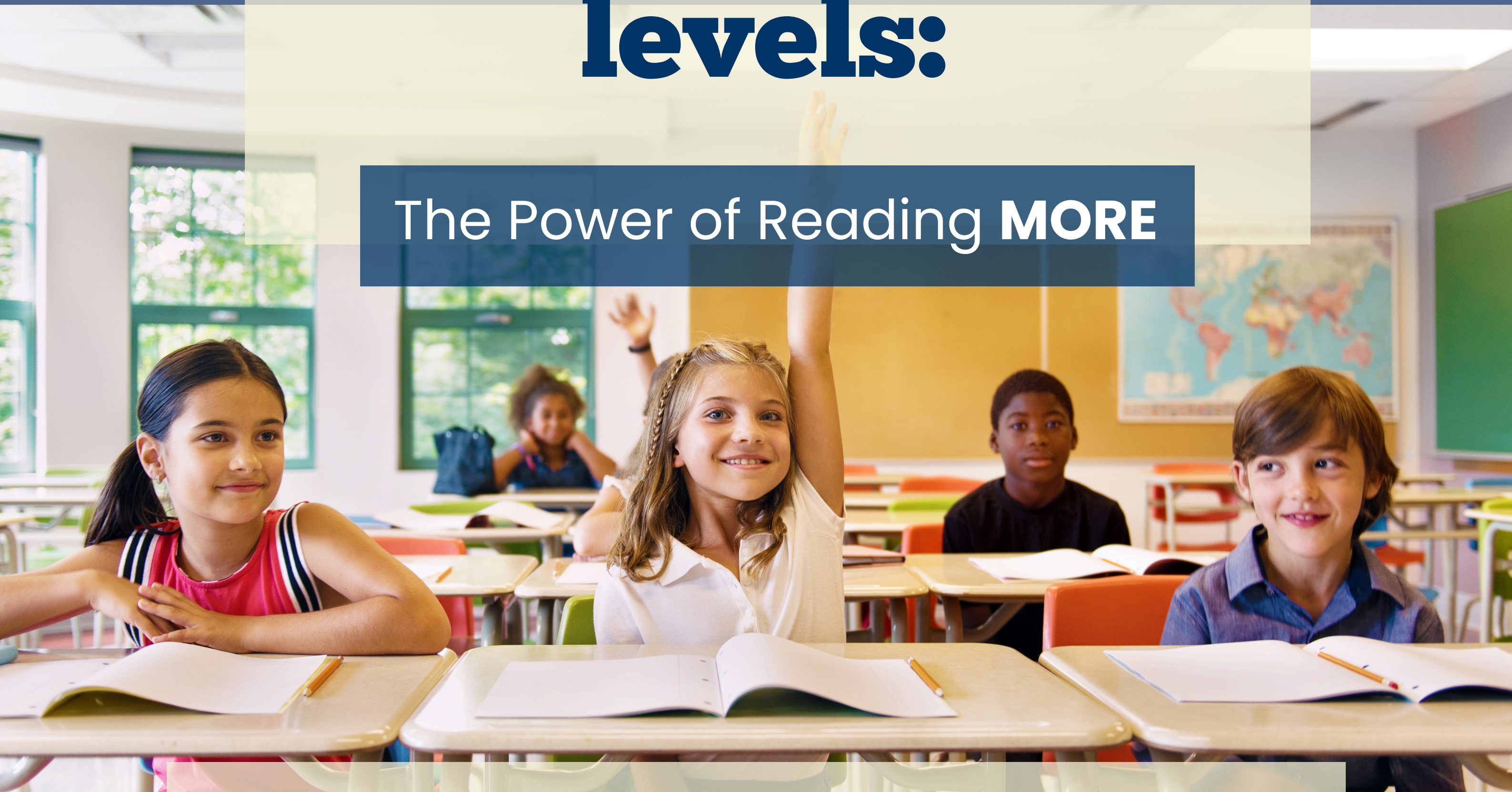
A guide for parents



Information & resources to
support at-home reading
for students of Daegu
International School

Beyond the levels:

The Power of Reading **MORE**



WHY READING LEVELS AREN'T THE WHOLE PICTURE

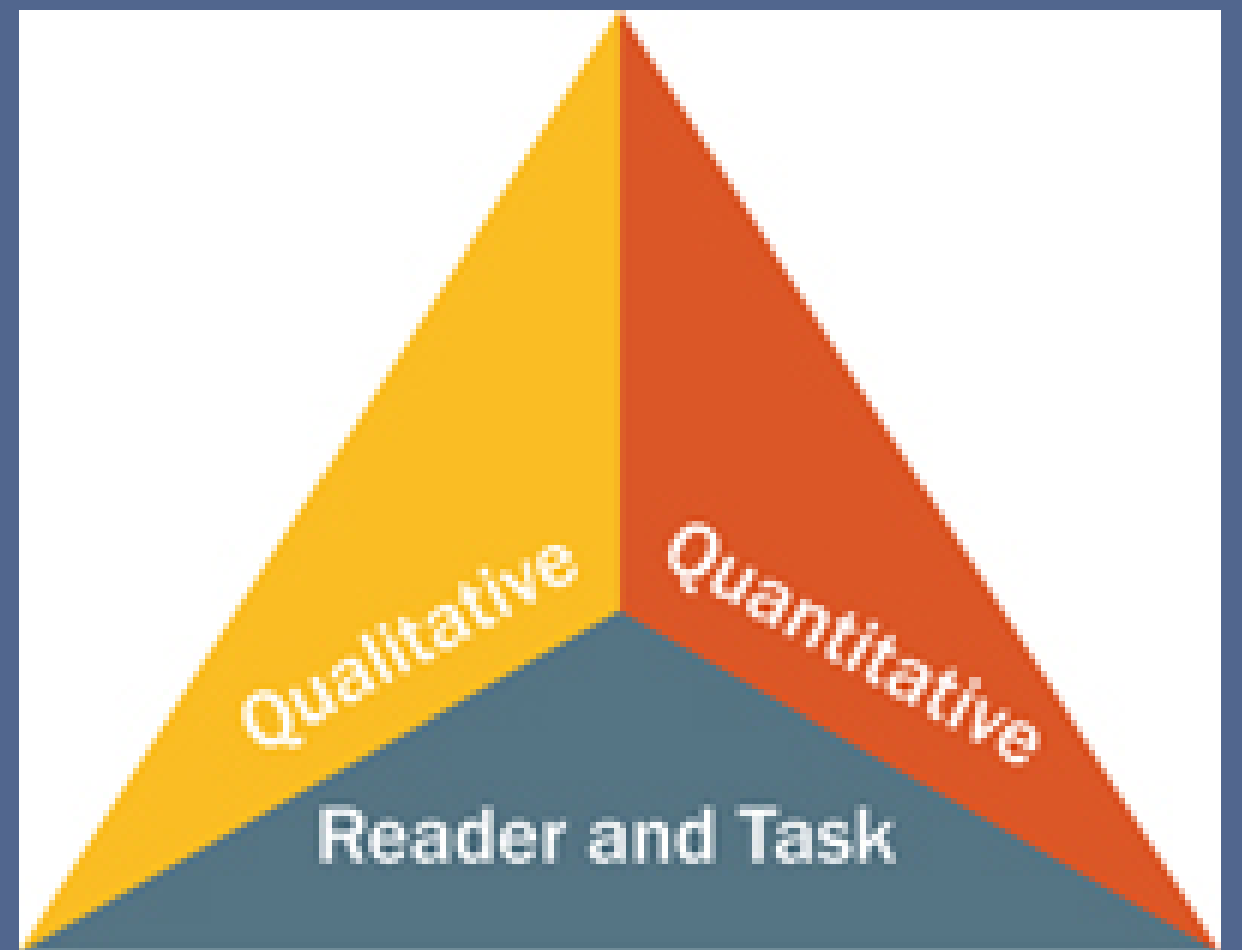
Parents often receive their child's Lexile score with test results, making it tempting to use that score as a guide for book selection. While tools like Lexile measure a book's difficulty based on word length, sentence structure, and vocabulary, they don't consider important factors like a book's theme, content, or the background knowledge a reader needs to fully understand it.

Relying solely on reading levels can lead students to pick books that are too difficult, uninteresting, or not appropriate for their age. So, while levels give some information, they don't give the whole picture.

UNDERSTANDING TEXT COMPLEXITY

Determining the right book for your child involves more than just a score. A book's complexity is influenced by both quantitative factors (like sentence length and word difficulty) and qualitative factors (like the themes, the background knowledge required, and the emotional maturity needed to handle certain content).

That's why it's important to consider more than just a book's level when helping your child choose what to read. Does the story interest them? Can they connect with the content? Is the book appropriate for their age and maturity level? These are just as crucial as how "hard" the words are.



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THE POWER OF READING MORE



Research shows that the more children read, the more they grow as readers. Reading "yields significant dividends for everyone—not just the strong readers" (Cunningham and Stanovich, 1998). Whether your child is an avid reader or just getting started, more reading helps them grow their vocabulary, improve their verbal skills, and gain knowledge about the world.

When children read more, they also build better cognitive structures, which support their reading comprehension. This means that even if the book is a little too easy, the act of reading itself is helping them grow. Encouraging your child to read more is one of the best ways to support their development as a reader.

Beyond the levels: The Power of Reading MORE

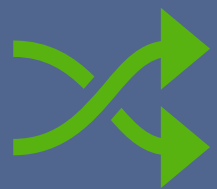
TIPS FOR PARENTS: HOW TO ENCOURAGE MORE READING



Let them choose: Allow your child to select books that interest them, even if they seem “too easy” or are outside their level.



Create reading routines: Set aside regular, relaxing reading times at home.



Mix it up: Encourage a mix of fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels, and magazines to keep it interesting.



Read together: Make reading a family activity by reading aloud or discussing books with your child.



Read in other languages: Help your child build background knowledge on what they are learning at school by also reading about it in your home language. Increasing a child’s background knowledge on a topic will help increase their comprehension of more complex English texts related to the topic.

GRADE-LEVEL BOOK LISTS

To help guide you in selecting books for your child, we are excited to share grade-level book lists tailored to students’ interests and the grade-level curriculum. These lists, curated by DIS faculty member Katie Shin, in coordination with classroom teachers, represent a wide range of genres and topics. **It is not expected that students read all the books on this list.** Rather, it’s simply a list of suggested texts for parents looking for books for their child to read at home. *Please note that many, but not all, of these book are available in the DIS library.*



Kindergarten

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Chez Bob** by Bob Shea
- **Oh No, the Aunts Are Here!** by Adam Rex
- **A Boy Named Isamu** by James Yang
- **Leave Me Alone!** by Vera Brosgol
- **I Am Enough** by Grace Byers
- **Locomotive** by Brian Floca
- **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle
- **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault
- **Where the Wild Things Are** by Maurice Sendak
- **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!** by Mo Willems
- **The Cat in the Hat** by Dr. Seuss
- **Make Way for Ducklings** by Robert McCloskey
- **The Day the Crayons Quit** by Drew Daywalt
- **Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale** by Mo Willems
- **Oh, the Places You'll Go!** by Dr. Seuss
- **Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes** by James Dean and Eric Litwin
- **I Want My Hat Back** by Jon Klassen
- **Giraffes Can't Dance** by Giles Andreae
- **The Kissing Hand** by Audrey Penn
- **There Was a Party for Langston** by Jason Reynolds
- **A Boy, a Dog, and a Frog** by Mercer Mayer
- **A Story, A Story** by Gail D. Haley
- **Pancakes for Breakfast** by Tomie DePaola
- **Kitten's First Full Moon** by Kevin Henkes
- **My Five Senses** by Alike
- **Truck** by Donald Crews
- **I Read Signs** by Tana Hoban
- **What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?** by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
- **Amazing Whales!** by Sarah L. Thomson

Kindergarten

RECOMMENDATIONS BY SUBJECT UNITS

<SOCIAL STUDIES>

COMMUNITY

- **Last Stop on Market Street** by Matt de la Peña
- **Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood** by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell
- **Those Shoes** by Maribeth Boelts
- **The Day You Begin** by Jacqueline Woodson
- **A Chair for My Mother** by Vera B. Williams

JOBS

- **Clothesline Clues to Jobs People Do** by Kathryn Heling and Deborah Hembrook
- **Whose Hands Are These? A Community Helpers Guessing Book** by Miranda Paul
- **The Most Magnificent Thing** by Ashley Spires
- **When I Grow Up** by Steve Antony
- **Someone Builds the Dream** by Lisa Wheeler

RULES

- **We Don't Eat Our Classmates** by Ryan T. Higgins
- **Shh, We Have a Plan** by Chris Haughton
- **Pink Is for Boys** by Robb Pearlman
- **No, David!** by David Shannon
- **What Does It Mean to Be Kind?** by Rana DiOrio

PRESENT/PAST

- **The House in the Night** by Susan Marie Swanson
- **When I Was Young in the Mountains** by Cynthia Rylant
- **The Little House** by Virginia Lee Burton
- **Grandfather's Journey** by Allen Say
- **Before We Eat: From Farm to Table** by Pat Brisson

Kindergarten

RECOMMENDATIONS BY SUBJECT UNITS

<SCIENCE>

ANIMAL NEEDS

- **Over in the Meadow** by Olive A. Wadsworth
- **The Lorax** by Dr. Seuss
- **We Are Water Protectors** by Carole Lindstrom
- **Bear Wants More** by Karma Wilson
- **Lost and Found** by Oliver Jeffers
- **Animal Architects** by Julio Antonio Blasco

PLANT NEEDS

- **The Curious Garden** by Peter Brown
- **The Tiny Seed** by Eric Carle
- **A Tree is Nice** by Janice May Udry
- **Over and Under the Pond** by Kate Messner
- **Miss Rumphius** by Barbara Cooney

WEATHER & SEVERE WEATHER

- **The Snowy Day** by Ezra Jack Keats
- **What Will the Weather Be?** by Lynda DeWitt
- **A Busy Day for Birds** by Lucy Cousins
- **Raindrops Roll** by April Pulley Sayre
- **The Weather Girls** by Aki Delphine Mach
- **Who Likes the Rain?** by Etta Kaner
- **Like a Windy Day** by Frank Asch

FORCES: Push and Pull

- **Push and Pull** by Patricia J. Murphy
- **Move It! Motion, Forces, and You** by Adrienne Mason
- **Magnets Push, Magnets Pull** by David A. Adler
- **Newton and Me** by Lynne Mayer
- **Oscar and the Cricket: A Book About Moving & Rolling** by Geoff Waring

Kindergarten

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SUNLIGHT & WARMTH

- **Sunshine Makes the Seasons** by Franklyn M. Branley
- **Sun Up, Sun Down** by Gail Gibbons
- **The Sun: Our Nearest Star** by Franklyn M. Branley
- **The Reasons for Seasons** by Gail Gibbons
- **Four Seasons Make a Year** by Anne Rockwell
- **The Sun Is My Favorite Star** by Frank Asch

Grade 1

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Green Eggs and Ham** by Dr. Seuss
- **Frog and Toad Are Friends** by Arnold Lobel
- **Corduroy** by Don Freeman
- **Waiting Is Not Easy!** by Mo Willems
- **The Lion and the Mouse** by Jerry Pinkney
- **The World Belonged to Us** by Jacqueline Woodson
- **The Book Hog** by Greg Pizzoli
- **The True Story of the Three Little Pigs** by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith
- **There's an Alligator Under My Bed** by Mercer Mayer
- **A Sick Day for Amos McGee** by Philip C. Stead and Erin E. Stead
- **The Relatives Came** by Cynthia Rylant
- **Freckle Juice** by Judy Blume
- **Madeline** by Ludwig Bemelmans
- **The Boy Who Loved Words** by Roni Schotter
- **Kitten's First Full Moon** by Kevin Henkes
- **There Is a Bird on Your Head!** by Mo Willems
- **Officer Buckle and Gloria** by Peggy Rathmann
- **Diary of a Wombat** by Jackie French
- **Hot Hot Hot** by Neal Layton
- **If You Give a Mouse a Cookie** by Laura Numeroff
- **Tuesday** by David Wiesner
- **365 Penguins** by Jean-Luc Fromental and Joëlle Jolivet
- **When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree** by Jamie L. B. Deenihan
- **If I Built a School** by Chris Van Dusen
- **The Day the Crayons Quit** by Drew Daywalt
- **"Mix a Pancake"** by Christina G. Rossetti
- **Mr. Popper's Penguins** by Richard Atwater
- **Little Bear** by Else Holmelund Minarik, illustrated by Maurice Sendak
- **Hi! Fly Guy** by Tedd Arnold

CHAPTER BOOKS

- **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** by Roald Dahl
- **Little House in the Big Woods** by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- **Charlotte's Web** by E.B. White
- **My Father's Dragon** by Ruth Stiles Gannett

Grade 1

RECOMMENDATIONS BY SUBJECT UNITS

<SOCIAL STUDIES>

GEOGRAPHY

- **Me on the Map** by Joan Sweeney
- **Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth** by Oliver Jeffers
- **Mapping Penny's World** by Loreen Leedy
- **Somewhere in the World Right Now** by Stacey Schuett
- **Home** by Carson Ellis
- **How People Learned to Fly** by Fran Hodgkins and True Kelley

GOVERNMENT

- **Duck for President** by Doreen Cronin
- **The Day Gogo Went to Vote** by Elinor Batezat Sisulu
- **Percy's Neighborhood** by Stuart J. Murphy
- **All Are Welcome** by Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman
- **Look Where We Live: A First Book of Community Building** by Scot Ritchie
- **Our Class is a Family** by Shannon Olsen

CULTURE

- **Blue Sky White Stars** by Sarvinder Naberhaus
- **This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from Around the World** by Matt Lamothe
- **Celebrations Around the World: The Fabulous Celebrations You Won't Want to Miss** by Katy Halford
- **Around the World: A Celebration of Children** by Tessa Strickland and Khoa Le
- **My Diwali Light** by Raakhee Mirchandani
- **Ramadan Moon** by Na'ima B. Robert
- **The Name Jar** by Yangsook Choi

SEL

- **Ramona the Pest** by Beverly Cleary
- **The Hundred Dresses** by Eleanor Estes
- **The Day You Begin** by Jacqueline Woodson
- **Room Enough for Daisy** by Debby Waldman

Grade 1

RECOMMENDATIONS BY SUBJECT UNITS

<SCIENCE>

ANIMAL TRAITS & SURVIVAL

- **In the Wild** by David Elliott
- **Over and Under the Pond** by Kate Messner
- **The Very Quiet Cricket** by Eric Carle
- **Small Wonder** by Matthew Clark Smith
- **Inheritance of Traits: Why Is My Dog Bigger Than Yours?** by Jen Green
- **They Just Know: Animal Instincts** by Robin Yardi
- **What If You Had Animal Teeth?** by Sandra Markle
- **Starfish** by Edith Thacher Hurd
- ***Follow the Water from Brook to Ocean*** by Arthur Dorros

PLANT TRAITS & SURVIVAL

- **Leaf Jumpers** by Carole Gerber
- **Going on a Tree Hunt** by Jodi Stiriz Bird
- **Crinkleroot's Guide to Knowing the Trees** by Jim Arnosky
- **Oh Say Can You Seed? All About Flowering Plants** by Bonnie Worth
- **Flip, Float, Fly: Seeds on the Move** by Joann Early Macken
- **Percy's Museum** by Sara O'Leary
- **And Then the Seed Grew** by Marianne Dubuc
- **A Tree Is a Plant by Clyde Robert Bulla, illustrated** by Stacey Schuett
- **From Seed to Pumpkin** by Wendy Pfeffer, illustrated by James Graham Hale

Grade 1

RECOMMENDATIONS BY SUBJECT UNITS

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DAY PATTERNS & NIGHT PATTERNS

- **On Earth** by G. Brian Karas
- **What Makes a Shadow?** by Clyde Robert Bulla
- **The Day I Met My Shadow** by Melissa Brun
- **There Was a Shadow** by Bruce Handy
- **Moon's First Friends: One Giant Leap for Friendship** by Susanna Leonard Hill
- **A Big Mooncake for Little Star** by Grace Lin
- **Owl Moon** by Jane Yolen
- **Why Do Stars Come Out at Night?** by Annalena McAfee
- **Oscar and the Moth: A Book About Light and Dark** by Geoff Waring

LIGHT, SOUND & COMMUNICATION

- **Sending Messages with Light and Sound** by Jennifer Boothroyd
- **Sounds All Around: The Science of How Sound Works** by Susan Hughes
- **All the Ways to Be Smart** by Davina Bell
- **Do You Really Want to Yell in a Cave?: A Book About Sound** by Daniel D. Maurer

Grade 2

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- **The Invisible Boy** by Patrice Barton
- **Enemy Pie** by Derek Munson
- **The Day the Crayons Quit** by Drew Daywalt
- **Rosie Revere, Engineer** by Andrea Beaty
- **The Bad Seed** by Jory John and Pete Oswald
- **Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream** by Michael Jordan and Roslyn M. Jordan
- **Hello Lighthouse** by Sophie Blackall
- **The Most Magnificent Thing** by Ashley Spires
- **What Do You Do with an Idea?** by Kobi Yamada and Mae Besom
- **Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems** by Paul B. Janeczko and Melissa Sweet
- **The Paper Bag Princess** by Robert Munsch
- **Billy Twitters and His Blue Whale Problem** by Mac Barnett and Adam Rex
- **Joseph Had a Little Overcoat** by Simms Taback
- **The Lion and the Mouse** by Jerry Pinkney
- **The Princess and the Warrior: A Tale of Two Volcanoes** by Duncan Tonatiuh
- **Julian, Secret Agent** by Ann Cameron
- **"Who Has Seen the Wind?"** by Christina G. Rossetti
- **Charlotte's Web** by E. B. White
- **Sarah, Plain, and Tall** by Patricia MacLachlan
- **Tops and Bottoms** by Janet Stevens
- **Poppleton in Winter** by Cynthia Rylant, illustrated by Mark Teague

NOVEL BOOKS / SERIES BOOKS

- **The One and Only Ivan** by Katherine Applegate
- **The Cricket in Times Square** by George Selden
- **The BFG** by Roald Dahl
- **Shiloh** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- **My Father's Dragon** by Ruth Stiles Gannett
- **Matilda** by Roald Dahl

Grade 2

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<SOCIAL STUDIES>

GEOGRAPHY

- **Me on the Map** by Joan Sweeney
- **How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World** by Marjorie Priceman
- **If You Lived Here: Houses of the World** by Giles Laroche
- **This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from Around the World** by Matt Lamothe
- **Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures** by Jeff Brown
- **Magic Tree House: A Big Day for Baseball** by Mary Pope Osborne
- **The Scrambled States of America** by Laurie Keller

GOVERNMENT (RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES)

- **We the Kids: The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States** by David Catrow
- **Grace for President** by Kelly DiPucchio and LeUyen Pham
- **If I Ran for President** by Catherine Stier and Lynne Avril
- **I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark** by Debbie Levy and Elizabeth Baddeley
- **Liberty Porter, First Daughter** by Julia DeVillers
- **EllRay Jakes Stands Tall** by Sally Warner

CULTURE

- **Henry's Freedom Box** by Ellen Levine and Kadir Nelson
- **The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family** by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali
- **All the Colors of the Earth** by Sheila Hamanaka
- **Where's Halmoni?** by Julie Kim
- **A Big Mooncake for Little Star** by Grace Lin
- **Last Stop on Market Street** by Matt de la Peña and Christian Robinson
- **Islandborn** by Junot Díaz and Leo Espinosa
- **A Medieval Feast** by Aliki
- **The Story of Ruby Bridges** by Robert Coles

Grade 2

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◀SOCIAL STUDIES▶

WORLD RELIGION

- **Festival of Colors** by Kabir Sehgal and Surishtha Sehgal
- **Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim Book of Colors** by Hena Khan and Mehrdokht Amini
- **The Barefoot Book of Children** by Tessa Strickland and Kate DePalma
- **A Gift for Amma: Market Day in India** by Meera Sriram and Mariona Cabassa
- **Many Ways: How Families Practice Their Beliefs and Religions** by Shelley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly
- **Meet Yasmin!** by Saadia Faruqi and Hatem Aly
- **The Blessing Cup** by Patricia Polacco
- **Sam and the Lucky Money** by Karen Chinn and Salina Yoon
- **A Sweet Smell of Roses** by Angela Johnson and Eric Velasquez

ACTIVISM

- **Peaceful Fights for Equal Rights** by Rob Sanders and Jared Andrew Schorr
- **Malala's Magic Pencil** by Malala Yousafzai and Kerascoët
- **Speak Up** by Miranda Paul and Joy Ang
- **Sometimes People March** by Tessa Allen
- **Kamala and Maya's Big Idea** by Meena Harris and Ana Ramírez González
- **Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa** by Jeanette Winter
- **The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a Young Civil Rights Activist** by Cynthia Levinson and Vanessa Brantley-Newton
- **Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez** by Kathleen Krull and Yuyi Morales
- **Lola Levine and the Vacation Dream** by Monica Brown and Angela Dominguez
- **Stella Díaz Has Something to Say** by Angela Dominguez
- **Marley Dias Gets It Done: And So Can You!** by Marley Dias and Brianna Davion

Grade 2

RECOMMENDATIONS BY SUBJECT UNITS

CONNECTIONS AND CONFLICTS (SEL)

- **You Are Home** by Evan Turk
- **Thank You, Omu!** by Oge Mora
- **The Name Jar** by Yangsook Choi
- **My Name Is Yoon** by Helen Recorvits and Gabi Swiatkowska
- **The Other Side** by Jacqueline Woodson and E.B. Lewis
- **Each Kindness** by Jacqueline Woodson and E.B. Lewis
- **Judy Moody Gets Famous** by Megan McDonald and Peter H. Reynolds
- **Big Red Lollipop** by Rukhsana Khan and Sophie Blackall

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<SCIENCE>

ANIMAL BIODIVERSITY

- **The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest** by Lynne Cherry
- **Animalia** by Graeme Base
- **The Animal Book: A Collection of the Fastest, Fiercest, and Funniest Animals on Earth** by Steve Jenkins
- **National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Animals** by Catherine D. Hughes and Franco Tempesta
- **The Magic School Bus Presents: The Wild Leaf Ride** by Eva Moore and Carolyn Bracken
- **Maggie and the Wish Fish** by Virginia Kroll and Wendi Silvano
- **The Tale of Despereaux** by Kate DiCamillo

PLANT ADAPTATION

- **The Reason for a Flower** by Ruth Heller
- **A Seed Is Sleepy** by Diana Hutts Aston and Sylvia Long
- **Miss Maple's Seeds** by Eliza Wheeler
- **The Tiny Seed** by Eric Carle
- **How a Seed Grows** by Helene J. Jordan and Loretta Krupinski
- **The Growing Story** by Ruth Krauss and Crockett Johnson
- **A Drop of Water: A Book of Science and Wonder** by Walter Wick

EROSION & EARTH'S SURFACE

- **The Earth's Layers** by David A. Adler
- **Why Do Things Fall?** by Mark Weakland
- **Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and Tsunamis** by Susan H. Gray
- **Rivers and Streams** by Susan H. Gray
- **Rivers** by Franklyn M. Branley
- **Landslides** by Emily Sohn
- **Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11** by Brian Floca

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MATERIAL PROPERTIES

- **The Three Little Aliens and the Big Bad Robot** by Margaret McNamara and Mark Fearing
- **Amazing Materials: From Wool to Plastic** by David Macaulay
- **Materials Matter** by Doreen Gonzales
- **Science for Kids: Properties of Matter** by Molly McDonald
- **Melting and Freezing** by Emily Sohn

Grade 3

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

NOVELS / CHAPTER BOOKS

- **Junie B. Jones Series** by Barbara Park
- **The Magic Tree House Series** by Mary Pope Osborne
- **Ivy + Bean Series** by Annie Barrows and Sophie Blackall
- **The Book of Boy** by Catherine Gilbert Murdock
- **The Penderwicks** by Jeanne Birdsall
- **The Man Who Walked Between the Towers** by Mordicai Gerstein
- **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** by Jeff Kinney
- **The Twits** by Roald Dahl
- **From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler** by E.L. Konigsburg
- **The Tale of Despereaux** by Kate DiCamillo
- **The Wild Robot** by Peter Brown
- **The Boy Who Grew Dragons** by Andy Shepherd and Sara Ogilvie
- **The Iron Man** by Ted Hughes and Chris Mould
- **The Worst Witch** by Jill Murphy
- **Diary of a Big Bad Wolf** by Ben Miller
- **Charlie Changes into a Chicken** by Sam Copeland and Sarah Horne

GRAPHIC NOVELS

- **Dog Man Series** by Dav Pilkey
- **Amari and the Night Brothers** by B.B. Alston
- **El Deafo** by Cece Bell
- **Smile** by Raina Telgemeier
- **Dream Jumper** by Greg Grunberg and Lucas Turnbloom

Grade 3

RECOMMENDATIONS BY SUBJECT UNITS

<SOCIAL STUDIES>

GEOGRAPHY

- **One Well: The Story of Water on Earth** by Rochelle Strauss and Rosemary Woods
- **The Wondrous Workings of Planet Earth** by Rachel Ignatofsky
- **Refugee** by Alan Gratz
- **Inside Out and Back Again** by Thanhha Lai
- **The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (Young Readers Edition)** by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer
- **The Journey** by Francesca Sanna

GOVERNMENT

- **What Is the Constitution?** by Roberta Edwards and Barbara Kawa
- **If I Ran for President** by Catherine Stier and Lynne Avril
- **The Kid's Guide to the President and the Executive Branch** by Kira Freed
- **The United States Constitution: A Graphic Adaptation** by Jonathan Hennessey and Aaron McConnell
- **Democracy for Kids: The 7 Principles of Democracy** by Red Ted Art
- **A Kid's Guide to Voting** by Kira Freed

CONNECTION & CONFLICT

- **The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest** by Lynne Cherry
- **One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference** by Katie Smith Milway and Eugenie Fernandes
- **The Name Jar** by Yangsook Choi
- **If You Lived Here: Houses of the World** by Giles Laroche
- **The World Is Not a Rectangle: A Portrait of Architect Zaha Hadid** by Jeanette Winter

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CULTURE

- **If You Lived Here: Houses of the World** by Giles Laroche
- **Kids Around the World Celebrate: A Close-Up Look at Celebrations in 14 Countries** by Marcia Schonberg
- **National Geographic Kids: Everything Culture** by National Geographic Kids
- **A Day in the Life of a Colonial Girl** by Jean M. Westcott
- **The Family Book** by Todd Parr
- **Countries Around the World: A Cultural Encyclopedia** by DK

Grade 3

RECOMMENDATIONS BY SUBJECT UNITS

<SCIENCE>

FOSSILS AND CHANGING ENVIRONMENTS

- **National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Dinosaurs** by Catherine D. Hughes and Franco Tempesta
- **Digging Up Dinosaurs** by Alik
- **The Magic Tree House: Dinosaurs Before Dark** by Mary Pope Osborne and Sal Murdocca
- **The Case of the Missing Dinosaur Bones** by Judy Donnelly and Jim McMullan
- **The Last Kids on Earth** by Max Brallier and Douglas Holgate

LIFE CYCLES

- **The Life Cycle of a Butterfly** by Gail Gibbons
- **From Seed to Pumpkin** by Wendy Pfeffer and James Graham Hale
- **From Seed to Plant** by Gail Gibbons
- **The Magic School Bus Plants Seeds: A Book About How Living Things Grow** by Joanna Cole and Bruce Degen
- **The Life Cycle of a Plant** by Bobbie Kalman and Kristen J. Lewis

HEREDITY, SURVIVAL, AND SELECTION

- **What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?** by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
- **Arctic Lights, Arctic Nights** by Debbie S. Miller and Jon Van Zyle
- **Our Family Tree: An Evolution Story** by Lisa Westberg Peters and Robert Roth
- **Gregor Mendel: The Friar Who Grew Peas** by Cheryl Bardoe and Josie Yee
- **The Magic School Bus: The Wild Whale Watch** by Joanna Cole and Bruce Degen
- **Adaptations: The Way Animals Survive** by Megan Kopp

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WEATHER AND CLIMATE

- **Oh Say Can You Say What's the Weather Today?** by Tish Rabe and Aristides Ruiz
- **Freddy the Frogcaster** by Janice Dean and Mark Astrella
- **What Will the Weather Be?** by Lynda DeWitt and John Ward
- **Over in the Wetlands: A Hurricane-On-the-Bayou Story** by Caroline Starr Rose and Rob Dunlavey
- **The Water Cycle** by Robin Nelson
- **All the Water in the World** by George Ella Lyon and Katherine Tillotson

FORCES, MOTION, AND MAGNETS

- **Oscar and the Cricket: A Book About Moving and Rolling** by Geoff Waring
- **Move It! Motion, Forces, and You** by Adrienne Mason and David Parkins
- **Magnet Max** by Monica Lozano Hughes
- **Magnets: Pulling Together, Pushing Apart** by Natalie Rosinsky and K. Marie Adams

Grade 4

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

NOVELS / CHAPTER BOOKS

- **James and the Giant Peach** by Roald Dahl
- **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing** by Judy Blume
- **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe** by C.S. Lewis
- **Number the Stars** by Lois Lowry
- **Bud, Not Buddy** by Christopher Paul Curtis
- **The Giver** by Lois Lowry
- **Island of the Blue Dolphins** by Scott O'Dell
- **The Tale of Despereaux** by Kate DiCamillo
- **The Whipping Boy** by Sid Fleischman
- **Caddie Woodlawn** by Carol Ryrie Brink
- **Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures** by Kate DiCamillo
- **Sunder** by William H. Armstrong
- **Cosima Unfortunate Steals A Star** by Laura Noakes
- **Dave Pigeon (Kittens!)** by Swapna Haddow
- **The Girl Who Wasn't There** by Jacqueline Wilson
- **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane** by Kate DiCamillo

GRAPHIC NOVELS

- **Dog Man** by Dav Pilkey
- **Smile** by Raina Telgemeier
- **Amulet** by Kazu Kibuishi
- **The Baby-Sitters Club Graphic Novels** by Ann M. Martin and various illustrators
- **The Bad Guys** by Aaron Blabey
- **New Kid** by Jerry Craft
- **Roller Girl** by Victoria Jamieson
- **The Crossover** by Kwame Alexander and Dawud Anyabwile
- **When Stars Are Scattered** by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed
- **The Lightning Thief: The Graphic Novel** by Rick Riordan and Robert Venditti

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<SOCIAL STUDIES>

GEOGRAPHY

- **The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest** by Lynne Cherry
- **Pax** by Sara Pennypacker
- **Julie of the Wolves** by Jean Craighead George
- **Journey to the River Sea** by Eva Ibbotson
- **Esperanza Rising** by Pam Muñoz Ryan
- **Out of the Dust** by Karen Hesse
- **A Long Walk to Water** by Linda Sue Park

GOVERNMENT

- **D is for Democracy: A Citizen's Alphabet** by Elissa Grodin
- **Shh! We're Writing the Constitution** by Jean Fritz
- **Grace for President** by Kelly DiPucchio
- **We the Kids: The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States** by David Catrow
- **The U.S. Constitution and You** by Syl Sobel
- **Liberty's Journey** by Kelly DiPucchio
- **If I Ran for President** by Catherine Stier

CONNECTION & CONFLICTS

- **Johnny Tremain** by Esther Forbes
- **My Brother Sam Is Dead** by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier
- **What Was the Boston Tea Party?** by Kathleen Krull
- **George Washington's Socks** by Elvira Woodruff
- **Sarah, Plain and Tall** by Patricia MacLachlan
- **The Sign of the Beaver** by Elizabeth George Speare
- **The Pilgrims' First Thanksgiving** by Ann McGovern

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<SOCIAL STUDIES>

CULTURE

- **The History of Korea** by Michael J. Seth
- **Korean Culture: An Introduction** by Michael C. Rogers
- **If You Lived At the Time of Martin Luther King** by Ellen Levine
- **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane** by Kate DiCamillo
- **The Secret of the Buddha** by Kate Banks
- **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever** by Barbara Robinson

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<SCIENCE>

HUMAN BODY, VISION, & THE BRAIN

- **The Brain: The Nervous System** by Kay Manolis
- **The Science of the Brain** by Ruth Owen
- **Your Fantastic Elastic Brain** by JoAnn Deak
- **The Magic School Bus Explores the Senses** by Joanna Cole
- **Eye Wonder: Human Body** by DK
- **How the Body Works** by DK

ANIMAL & PLANT ADAPTATIONS

- **What If You Had Animal Adaptations?** by Sandra Markle
- **A Seed Is Sleepy** by Dianna Hutts Aston and Sylvia Long
- **Who Would Win? Ultimate Animal Rumble** by Jerry Pallotta
- **Plant Adaptations** by Julie K. Lundgren
- **How Plants and Trees Work** by Christiane Dorion

EARTH'S FEATURES & PROCESSES

- **Earth's Changing Surface** by Conrad J. Storad
- **Volcanoes** by Seymour Simon
- **Mountain Dance** by Thomas Locker
- **National Geographic Kids: Everything Volcanoes and Earthquakes** by Kathy Furgang
- **If You Lived 100 Million Years Ago** by Ann McGovern
- **Landslides** by Sally M. Walker
- **Geology: The Study of Rocks** by Susan Heinrichs Gray
- **Erosion: Changing Earth's Surface** by Robin Koontz

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SOUND, WAVES, ENERGY & COMMUNICATION

- **The Magic School Bus and the Electric Field Trip** by Joanna Cole
- **Sound: Loud, Soft, High, and Low** by Natalie M. Rosinsky
- **Waves: Physical Science for Kids** by Andi Diehn
- **Energy: Physical Science for Kids** by Andi Diehn
- **The Science of Sound: Projects and Experiments with Music and Sound Waves** by Steve Parker
- **Electricity and Magnetism** by Peter Adamczyk and Paul-Francis Law

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GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

NOVELS / CHAPTER BOOKS

- **We Dream of Space** by Erin Entrada Kelly
- **Stamped (for Kids)** by Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi
- **I Can Make This Promise** by Christine Day
- **A Wrinkle in Time** by Madeleine L'Engle
- **Maniac Magee** by Jerry Spinelli
- **Coraline** by Neil Gaiman
- **Bridge to Terabithia** by Katherine Paterson
- **Wonder** by R.J. Palacio
- **The Chronicles of Narnia Series** by C.S. Lewis
- **A Long Walk to Water** by Linda Sue Park
- **The Hobbit** by J.R.R. Tolkien
- **Number the Stars** by Lois Lowry
- **Gregor the Overlander** by Suzanne Collins
- **Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH** by Robert C. O'Brien
- **Matilda** by Roald Dahl
- **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon** by Grace Lin
- **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** by J.K. Rowling
- **Hatchet** by Gary Paulsen

GRAPHIC NOVELS

- **Bomb: The Race to Build – and Steal – the World's Most Dangerous Weapon** by Steve Sheinkin
- **The Stonekeeper** by Kazu Kibuishi
- **Invisible** by Christina Diaz Gonzalez

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<SOCIAL STUDIES>

GOVERNMENT

- **We the Kids: The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States** by David Catrow
- **Be a Digital Citizen** by Jennifer Moore-Mallinos
- **Digital Citizenship: Staying Safe and Responsible Online** by Jennifer W. Sheehan
- **The Kid Who Ran for President** by Dan Gutman
- **Class President** by Johanna Hurwitz
- **Vote for Me!** by Ben Clanton
- **The Year of Miss Agnes** by Kirkpatrick Hill

CONNECTION & CONFLICTS

- **Malala: My Story of Standing Up for Girls' Rights** by Malala Yousafzai
- **I Have the Right to Be a Child** by Alain Serres
- **We Are All Born Free: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Pictures** by Amnesty International
- **Esperanza Rising** by Pam Muñoz Ryan
- **The Breadwinner** by Deborah Ellis
- **Number the Stars** by Lois Lowry

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ECOSYSTEMS & THE FOOD WEB

- **The Magic School Bus Gets Eaten: A Book About Food Chains** by Patricia Relf
- **The Wild Robot** by Peter Brown
- **Who Eats What? Food Chains and Food Webs** by Patricia Lauber
- **Energy in an Ecosystem** by Jennifer Boothroyd
- **A Place for Butterflies** by Melissa Stewart

WATER CYCLE AND EARTH'S SYSTEMS

- **A Drop Around the World** by Barbara McKinney
- **The Water Cycle: Evaporation, Condensation, and Precipitation** by Rebecca Olien
- **Earth's Water Cycle (Science Readers)** by Emily Sohn
- **Natural Disasters (A True Book)** by Ker Than
- **Flush** by Carl Hiaasen
- **The Water Princess** by Susan Verde
- **Escaping the Giant Wave** by Peg Kehret

EARTH AND SPACE PATTERNS

- **The Moon Book** by Gail Gibbons
- **What Makes Day and Night** by Franklyn M. Branley
- **The Sun and the Moon** by Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano
- **Midnight on the Moon** by Mary Pope Osborne
- **Every Soul a Star** by Wendy Mass

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STARS AND PLANETS

- **The Solar System** by Emily Bone
- **Our Solar System** by Seymour Simon
- **Gravity** by Jason Chin
- **The Wild Robot Escapes** by Peter Brown
- **George's Secret Key to the Universe** by Stephen Hawking & Lucy Hawking

CHEMICAL REACTIONS AND PROPERTIES OF MATTER

- **Changing Matter: Understanding Chemical Reactions** by Jennifer Viegas
- **Chemical Reactions: The Private Eye Science Series** by Chris Oxlade
- **Properties of Matter: A Look at Solids, Liquids and Gases** by Lynn Van Gorp
- **The Candy Smash** by Jacqueline Davies
- **Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor** by Jon Scieszka