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.

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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.

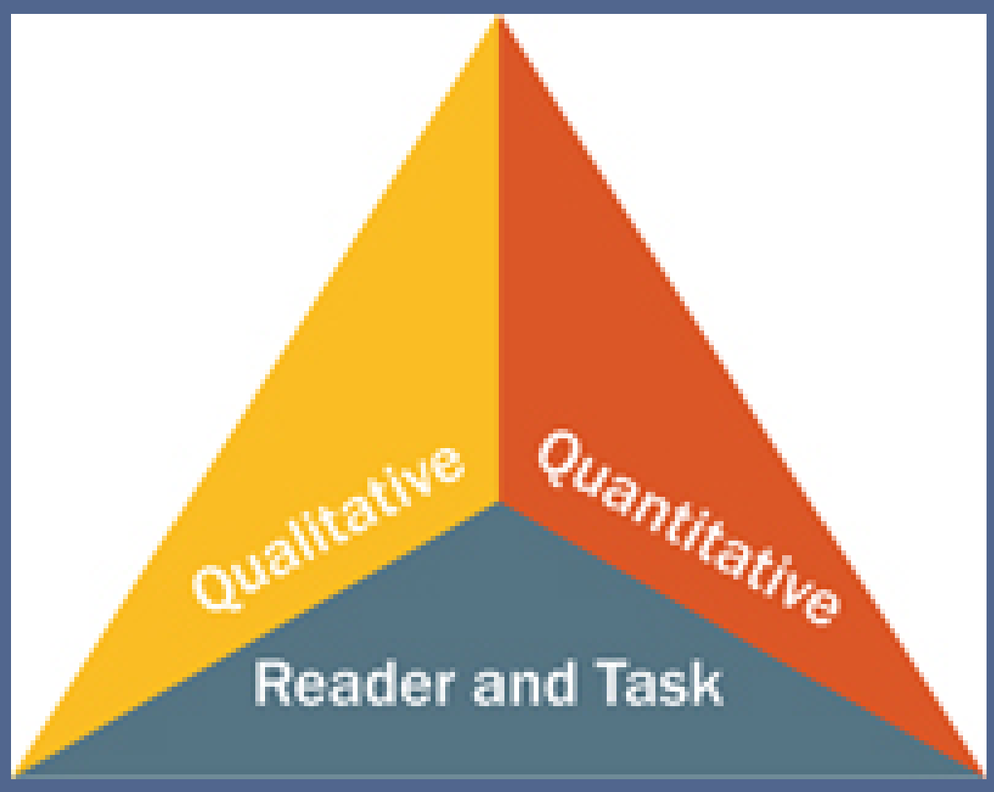


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THE POWER OF READING MORE

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.

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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 Aliki
- ***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

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UNIT 1: STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT: NURSERY RHYMES AND FABLES

- **Star Light, Star Bright** by Jane Cabrera
- **Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star**
- **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by Bill Martin Jr. & John Archambault
- **Giraffes Can't Dance** by Giles Andreae
- **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?** by Bill Martin Jr. & Eric Carle

UNIT 2: SEE, HEAR, SMELL, TASTE, TOUCH: THE FIVE SENSES

- **My Five Senses** by Aliki
- **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle
- **The Listening Walk** by Paul Showers
- **Eating the Alphabet** by Lois Ehlert
- **I Hear a Pickle** by Rachel Isadora

UNIT 3: UNDERDOGS AND HEROES: STORIES

- **The Gruffalo** by Julia Donaldson
- **Where the Wild Things Are** by Maurice Sendak
- **Goldilocks and the Three Bears**
- **Frog and Toad Are Friends** by Arnold Lobel
- **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!** by Mo Willems

UNIT 4: MOO, CLURK, OINK

- **Old MacDonald Had a Farm**
- **The Cow Whol Clucked** by Denise Fleming
- **Good Night, Farm** by Michelle Robinson
- **Farmyard Beat** by Lindsey Craig
- **Big Red Barn** by Margaret Wise Brown

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UNIT 5: DEEP ROOTS: INTRODUCTION TO NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURES

- **We Are Water Protectors** by Carole Lindstrom
- **Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story** by Kevin Noble Maillard
- **Thunder Boy Jr.** by Sherman Alexie
- **Jingle Dancer** by Cynthia Leitich Smith

UNIT 6: ALL AROUND THE WORLD: GEOGRAPHY

- **Me on the Map** by Jaon Sweeney
- **There's a Map on My Lap** by Tish Rabe
- **All in a Day** by Mitsumasa Anno
- **Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth** by Oliver Jeffers
- **If You Lived Here: Houses of the World** by Giles Laroche

UNIT 7: ROYAL TALES: MONARCHS

- **Paddington at the Palace** by Michael Bond & R. W. Alley
- **The King's Pants** by Nicholas Allan
- **The Queen's Hat** by Steve Antony
- **Cinderella** by Marcia Brown

UNIT 8: OUR PLANET: TAKING CARE OF THE EARTH

- **The Lorax** by Dr.Seuss
- **We Are Water Protectors** by Carole Lindstrom
- **We Planted a Tree** by Diane Muldrow
- **Eco Baby Where Are You Koala?** by DK

UNIT 9: SHAPED BY NATURE: ART AND THE WORLD AROUND US

- **Wonder Walkers** by Micha Archer
- **Dog Loves Drawing** by Louise Yates
- **Not a Box** by Antoinette Portis
- **The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse** by Eric Carle

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RECOMMENDATIONS BY SUBJECT UNITS

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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

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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

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UNIT 1: The Moral of the Story: Fables and Tales

- **The Lion and the Mouse** by Jerry Pinkney
- **The Little Red Hen** by Jerry Pinkney
- **Town Mouse, Country Mouse** retold by Jan Brett
- **Ant and Grasshopper** by Luli Gray

UNIT 2: From Nose to Toes: How Your Body Works

- **See Inside Your Body** by Katie Daynes & Colin King
- **Funnybones** by Allan Ahlberg & Janet Ahlberg
- **How Your Body Works** by Oceane Mecklenburg & Rosie Dickins
- **Bodies Are Cool** by Tyler Feder
- **The Magic School Bus Inside the Human Body** by Joanna Cole & Bruce Degen

UNIT 3: Common Threads: Different Lands, Similar Stories

- **The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs** by Jon Scieszka
- **The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig** by Eugenios Trivizas
- **Interrupting Chicken** by David Ezra Stein
- **It’s Not Jack and the Beanstalk** by Josh Funk

UNIT 4: Reach for the Stars: Astronomy

- **OA Big Mooncake for Little Star** by Grace Lin
- **Eight Spinning Planets** by Brian James
- **Hello, World! Solar System** by Jill McDonald

UNIT 5: Charting Our World; Geography

- **Me on the Map** by Joan Sweeney
- **Follow That Map! A First Book of Mapping Skills** by Scot Ritchie
- **Henry’s Map** by David Elliott
- **My Map Book** by Sara Fanelli
- **There’s a Map on My Lap! All About Maps** by Tish Rabe

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UNIT 6: A New Nation: American Independence

- **Saving the Liberty Bell** by Megan McDonald
- **On the Fourth of July** by Maggie C. Rudd
- **Our Flag Was Still There** by Jessie Hartland
- **Fourth of July Mice!** by Bethany Roberts

UNIT 7: Our Planet: The History of the Earth

- **The Pebble in My Pocket: A History of Our Earth** by Meredith Hooper
- **National Geographic Kids Readers: Rocks & Minerals**
- **If you find a rock** by Peggy Christian
- **North Pole South Pole** by Nancy Smiler Levinson
- **All About the North and South Poles** by Christina Mia Gadensky

UNIT 8: From Babylon to the Nile: Early World Civilizations

- **Mummies Made in Eghypt** by Aliki
- **Mummies Unwrapped** by Tom Froese
- **Brownstone's Mythical Collection: Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx** by Joe Todd-Stanton
- **Pharaoh's Fate: Solve the Ancient Egyptian Mystery** by Camile Gautier & Stephanie Vernet

UNIT 9: Adventure Stories: Tales from the Edge

- **If I Built a Car** by Chris Van Allsburg
- **How to Build a Car** by Martin Sodomka
- **The Astronaut with a Song for the Stars: The Story of Dr.Ellen Ochoa** by Julia Finley Mosca
- **Where the Wild Things are** by Maurice Sendak
- **Henry Hikes to Fitchburg** by D.B.Johnson
- **Do Princesses Wear Hiking Boots?** by Carmela LaVigna Coyle
- **Lost and Found** by Oliver Jeffers

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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 b**y 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

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

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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

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

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UNIT 1: FAIRY TALES AND TALL TALES

- **The Amazing Bone** by William Steig
- **John Henry** by Dona Rice
- **Cut From the Same Cloth: American Women of Myth, Legend, and Tall Tale** by Robert D. San Souci
- **The Classic Collection of Fairy Tales from the Brothers Grimm & Hans Christian Andersen** by Nicola Baxter
- **Fairy Tale Feasts: A Literary Cookbook for Young Readers and Eaters** by Jane Yolen

UNIT 2: ANCIENT GREECE CIVILIZATION

- ***The Orchard Book of First Greek Myths*** *by Saviour Pirotta*
- **Magic Tree House: Hour of the Olympics** by Mary Pope Osborne
- **King Midas: The Golden Touch** by Demi
- ***So You Think You've Got It Bad? A Kid's Life in Ancient Greece*** *by Chae Strathie and Marisa Morea*
- ***The Ancient Olympic Games*** *by Jhonny Núñez*

UNIT 3: GREEK MYTHS

- ***My Little Golden Book About Greek Gods and Goddesses*** *by John Sazaklis*
- ***Illustrated Stories from the Greek Myths: A Collection of Six Classic Greek Myths and Legends Retold for Kids*** *by Lesley Sims*
- ***See Inside Ancient Greece*** *by Rod Lloyd Jones*
- **Once Upon a Starry Night: a Book of Constellations** by Jacqueline Mitton

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UNIT 4: INSECTS

- **Insects: Biggest! Littlest!** by Sandra Markle
- **Du Iz Tak?** by Carson Ellis
- **Bugs and Bugsicles: Insects in the Winter** by Amy Hansen
- **Big Bug Surprise** by Julia Gran
- **Insect Detective** by Steve Voake

UNIT 5: THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

- **Magic Tree House: Abe Lincoln at Last!** by Mary Pope Osborne
- **Abraham Lincoln: Lawyer, President, Emancipator** by Pamela Hill Nettleton
- **You Wouldn't Want to Be a Civil War Soldier!** by Thomas Ratliff
- **An American Story** by Kwame Alexander
- **Follow the Drinking Gourd** by Jeanette Winter

UNIT 6: SOUNDS AND STANZAS: POETRY

- **The Random House Book of Poetry for Children** by Jack Prelutsky
- **Chicken Scratches: Poultry Poetry and Rooster Rhymes** by George Shannon
- **Red Sings from Treetops: a Year in Colors** by Joyce Sidman
- **A Child's Introduction to Poetry** by Michael Driscoll

UNIT 7: CREATING CHANGE

- **Last Stop on Market Street** by Matt de la Peña
- **Stone Soup** by Jessica Stockham
- **People Who Help Us** by Rebecca Rissman
- **Malala's Magic Pencil** by Malala Yousafzai
- **Change Sings: a Children's Anthem** by Amanda Gorman

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UNIT 8: EARLY ASIAN CIVILIZATION: INDIA AND CHINA

- **A Grain of Rice** by Helena Clare Pittman
- **Ruby's Wish** by Shirin Yim Bridges
- **The Drum: A Folktale from India** by Rob Cleveland
- **Chinese Fables & Folktales** by Ma Zheng

UNIT 9: TAKING FLIGHT: THE AGE OF AVIATION

- **Amelia Earhart: Flying into Adventure** by Tamara Hollingsworth
- **The Wright Brothers: Inventors Whose Ideas Really Took Flight** by Mike Venezia
- **Why Do Airplanes Fly? All About Flight** by Rob Moore
- **The Glorious Flight: Across the Channel with Louris Bleriot** by Alice and Martin Provensen
- **Fearless Flyer: Ruth Law and Her Flying Machine** by Heather Lang

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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

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UNIT 1: CLASSIC STORIES

- **The Wind in the Willows** by Kenneth Grahame
- **Alice in Wonderland** by Mallory Loehr
- **Aladdin and His Magical Lamp** by Katie Daynes
- **The Jungle Book** by Lisa R. Church
- **Peter Pan** by Tania Zamorsky

UNIT 2: ANIMAL CLASSIFICATION

- **Uno's Garden** by Graeme Base
- **Let's Classify Animals!** by Emma Huddleston
- **What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?** by Steve Jenkins & Robin Page
- **The Animal Book** by Steve Jenkins
- **What is the Animal Kingdom?** by Bobbie Kalman

UNIT 3: POETRY

- **Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors** by Joyce Sidman
- **Dark Emperor & Other Poemr of the Night** by Joyce Sidman
- **Where the Sidewalk Ends** by Shel Silverstein
- **The Random House Book of Poetry for Children** by Jack Prelutsky
- **A Child's Introduction to Poetry** by Michael Driscoll

UNIT 4: ANCIENT ROME CIVILIZATION

- **Magic Tree House: Ancient Rome and Pompeii** by Mary Pope Osborne
- **See Inside Ancient Rome** by Katie Daynes
- ***Meet the Ancient Romans*** *by James Davies*
- ***What It Was Like to Be an Ancient Roman*** *by David Long*
- **How the Ancient Romans Lived** by Anita Ganeri

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UNIT 5: NATIVE AMERICANS

- **Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story** by Kevin Noble Maillard
- **We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga** by Traci Sorell
- **The History and Activities of Native Americans** by Lisa Klobuchar
- **A Visual Dictionary of Native Communities** by Boggie Kalman
- **Before Columbus: the Americas of 1491** by Charles C. Mann

UNIT 6: STELLA DÍAZ HAS SOMETHING TO SAY

- **Alma and How She Got Her Name** by Juana Martinez-Neal
- **Say My Name** by Joanna Ho
- **Gracias** by Pat Mora
- **The Name Jar** by Yangsook Choi

UNIT 7: THE HUMAN BODY

- **Human Body** by Caroline Bingham
- **Under Your Skin: Your Amazing Body** by Mick Manning
- **See Inside Your Body** by Katie Daynes
- **Organs!: How They Work, Fall Apart, and Can Be Replaced (Gasp!)** by Nancy Winslow Parker
- **Why Does My Heart Pump? All About the Human Body** by Helen Bethune

UNIT 8: ALL THAT JAZZ

- **Before John Was a Jazz Giant: A Song of John Coltrane** by Carole Boston Weatherford
- **Sweet of Rhythm: The Story of the Greatest All-Girl Swing Band in the World** by Marilyn Nelson
- **Piano Starts Here: the Young Art Tatum** by Robert Andrew Parker
- **Who was Louis Armstrong?** by Yale R. Hirschfeld
- **Bebop Express** by H. L. Panahi

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FOSSILS AND CHANGING ENVIRONMENTS

- **National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Dinosaurs** by Catherine D. Hughes and Franco Tempesta
- **Digging Up Dinosaurs** by Aliki
- **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

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
- M**agnets: Pulling Together, Pushing Apart** by Natalie Rosinsky and K. Marie Adams

Grade 3

RECOMMENDATIONS BY SUBJECT UNITS

<SCIENCE>

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

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 Star**s 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
- **Sounder** 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

Grade 4

RECOMMENDATIONS BY SUBJECT UNITS

‹AMPLIFY KNOWLEDGE›

UNIT 1: PERSONAL NARRATIVES

- **Malala's Magic Pencil** by Malala Yousafzai
- **Owl Moon** by Jane Yolen
- **Dreamers** by Yuyi Morales
- **El Deafo** by Cece Bell
- **Fly Away Home** by Eve Bunting

UNIT 2: EUROPE'S MIDDLE AGES

- **Did Castles Have Bathrooms? And Other Questions about the Middle Ages** by Ann Kerns
- **Everyday Life in Medieval Europe** by Kathryn Hinds
- **The Middle Ages** by Mike Corbishley
- **The Book of Boy** by Catherine Gilbert

UNIT 3: POETRY

- **The Random House Book of Poetry for Children** by Jack Prelutsky
- **A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams** by Jennifer Bryant
- **Pizza, Pigs, and Poetry How to Write a Poem by Jack Prelutsky**
- **A Bad Case of the Giggles: Kids' Favorite Funny Poems** by Bruce Lansky
- **Breathe and Be: a Book of Mindfullness Poems** by Kate Coombs

UNIT 4: EUREKA! STUDENT INVENTOR

- **Ada Twist, Scientist** by Andrea Beaty
- **Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions** by Chris Barton
- **Mr. Ferris and His Wheel** by Kathryn Gibbs Davis
- **Mistakes That Worked: 40 Familiar Inventions & How They Came to Be** by Charlotte Foltz Jones
- **Inventions and Inventors** by Darren Sechrist

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UNIT 5: THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

- **George vs. George: The American Revolution as Seen from Both Sides** by Rosalyn Schanzer
- **What Do You Know About the American Revolution?** by Lynn George
- **American Revolution: a Nonfiction Companion to Revolutionary War on Wednesda**y by Mary Pope Osborne
- **Independent Dames: What You Never Knew About the Women and Girls of the American Revolution** by Laurie Halse Anderson

UNIT 6: FROM THE MIXED-UP FILES OF MRS. BASIL E. FRANKWEILER

- **Ms. Krup Cracks Me Up!** by Dan Gutman
- **The Time Museum** by Matthew Loux
- **The Mystery of the Mummy's Curse** by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- **No Bones About It by Nancy E. Krulik**
- **Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Dinosaur Bones** by David A. Adler

UNIT 7: A WORLD OF TALES

- **Golden Tales: Myths, Legends, and Folktales from Latin America** by Lulu Delacre
- **Tikki Tikki Tembo** by Arlene Mosel
- **Aesop's Fables** by Brad Sneed
- **American Fairy Tales** by Lyman Frank Baum

UNIT 8: AMERICAN INNOVATION

- **Inventions and Inventors** by Darren Sechrist
- **Alexander Graham Bell: Called to Invent** by Jennifer L. Kroll
- **Who Was George Washington Carver?** by Jim Gigliotti
- **Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions** by Chris Barton
- **The Revolution in Industry** by John Perritano

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RECOMMENDATIONS BY SUBJECT UNITS

<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

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
- **Electricity and Magnetism** by Peter Adamczyk and Paul-Francis Law

Grade 5

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

Grade 5

RECOMMENDATIONS BY SUBJECT UNITS

<AMPLIFY KNOWLEDGE>

UNIT 1: PERSONAL NARRATIVES

- **Brown Girl Dreaming** by Jacqueline Woodson
- **El Deafo** by Cece Bell
- **A First Time for Everything** by Dan Santat
- **Boy: Tales of Childhood** by Roald Dahl

UNIT 2: EARLY AMERICAN CIVILIZATIONS: MAYA, AZTEC, AND INCA

- **DK Eyewitness Books: Aztec, Inca & Maya** by Elizabeth Baquedano
- **Before Columbus: the Americas of 1491** by Charles C. Mann
- **Arts and Crafts of the Aztecs and Maya** by Ting Morris
- **Secret of the Andes** by Ann Nolan Clark
- **Mystery of the Maya** by R. A. Montgomery

UNIT 3: VISIONS IN VERSE: POETRY

- **Love That Dog** by Sharon Creech
- **The Crossover** by Kwame Alexander
- **Ubiquitous: Celebrating Nature's Survivors: Poetry** by Joyce Sidman
- **Dark Emperor & Other Poems of the Night** by Joyce Sidman
- **A Pot o' Gold: A treasury of Irish Stories, Poetry, Folklore, and (Of Course) Blarney** by Kathleen Krull

UNIT 4: A KNIGHT'S TALE: DON QUIXOTE

- **Eyewitness Books: Castle** by Christopher Gravett
- **Knights & Castles: Exploring History Through Art** by Alex Martin
- ***Rise of the Knight (Doña Quixote #1)*** *by Rey Terciero*
- ***Don Quixote for Kids: Illustrated Abridged Classic*** *by Miguel de Cervantes*

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UNIT 5: NATIVE AMERICANS

- **Who Was Sacagawea?** by Dennis B. Fradin
- **Everyday Life of the Native Americans** by Neil Morris
- **Famous North Americans** by Bobbie Kalman
- **We are Water Protectors** by Carole Lindstrom
- **A Visual Dictionary of Native Communities** by Bobbie Kalman

UNIT 6: THE SCIENCE OF BREAKABLE THINGS

- **Save Me a Seat** by Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan
- **Fish in a Tree** by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- **Wonder** by R.J. Palacio
- **Ghost** by Jason Reynolds
- **Bridge to Terabithia** by Katherine Paterson

UNIT 7: ARTS AND CULTURE: THE RENAISSANCE

- **Art and Culture of the Renaissance World** by Lauren Murphy
- **Who was Leonardo Da Vinci?** by Roberta Edwards
- **Who was Galileo?** by Patricia Demuth
- ***DaVinci's Cat*** *by Catherine Gilbery Murdock*
- ***Magic Tree House #25: European Festivals*** *by Mary Pope Osborne*

UNIT 8: BUILDING UP THE WORLD: GLOBAL ARCHITECTURE

- **Young Frank, Architect** by Frank Viva
- **Who was Frank Lloyd Wright?** by Ellen Labrecque
- **Built to Last** by David Macaulay
- ***Atlas of Amazing Architecture: The Most Incredible Buildings You've (Probably Never Heard Of)*** *by Peter Allen*
- ***13 Architects Children Should Know*** *by Florian Heine*

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RECOMMENDATIONS BY SUBJECT UNITS

<SCIENCE>

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

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

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<SCIENCE>

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