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Xenia Community Schools
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Arnold, Tedd. I Spy Fly Guy! Scholastic, 2009. ISBN: 9780545110280
While playing hide-and-seek with Buzz, Fly Guy is taken away by a garbage man. RL 1.5
Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor

Aylesworth, Jim. The Mitten, illustrated by Barbara McClintock. Scholastic Press, 2009.
ISBN: 9780439925440
A retelling of the traditional tale of how a boy's lost mitten becomes a refuge from the cold for an increasing number of animals. RL 2.9

Baek, Matthew J. Panda & Polar Bear. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2009.
ISBN: 9780803733596
Curious to know what lies beyond his wintry world, a polar bear goes exploring, falls into a mud puddle, and is mistaken for a panda by a new playmate. RL 2.2

Banks, Kate. What's Coming for Christmas?, illustrated by George Hallensleben. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009. ISBN: 9780374399481
While a farm family bustles about, preparing for the arrival of Christmas, they do not notice the great anticipation spreading among the animals, who know that something very special is on its way. RL 3.5

Barnett, Mac. Oh No! (or How My Science Project Destroyed the World), illustrated by Dan Santat. Disney Hyperion, 2010. ISBN: 9781423123125
After winning the science fair with the giant robot she has built, a little girl realizes that there is a major problem. RL 2.7

Barton, Chris. The Day-Glo Brothers: the True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer's Bright Ideas and Brand-New Colors, illustrated by Tony Persiani. Charlesbridge, 2009.
ISBN: 9781570916731
The story of Joe and Bob Switzer who experimented with ultraviolet lights and fluorescent paints and invented a new kind of color called Day-Glo. RL 5.7 *Robert E. Sibert Informational Book Medal Honor*

Barton, Chris. Shark vs. Train, illustrated by Tom Lichtenfeld. Little, Brown and Co, 2010.
ISBN: 9780316007627
A shark and a train compete in a series of contests on a seesaw, in hot air balloons, bowling, shooting baskets, playing hide-and-seek, and more. RL 4.4

Bass, Hester. The Secret World of Walter Anderson, illustrated by E.B. Lewis. Candlewick Press, 2009. ISBN: 9780763635831
Residents along the Mississippi Gulf Coast thought Walter Anderson was odd, rowing across twelve miles of open water in a leaky skiff to reach Horn, an uninhabited island without running water or electricity. But this solitary artist didn't much care what they thought as he spent weeks at a time on his personal paradise, sleeping under his boat, sometimes eating whatever washed ashore, sketching and painting the natural surroundings and the animals that became his friends. Here Walter created some of his most brilliant watercolors, work he kept hidden during his lifetime. RL 5.5 *Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children*

Baum, L. Frank. The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus, illustrated by Charles Santone. RP Kids, 2009. ISBN: 9780762427963

A human foundling child, adopted by a wood-nymph and raised by the creatures who inhabit a magical forest, grows up to be the immortal Santa Claus. RL 3.1

Bennett, Kelly. Your Daddy Was Just Like You, illustrated by David Walker. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2010. ISBN: 9780399252587

A grandmother describes to her grandson how his father was just like him when he was a child, never wanting to take a bath, fearing the dark, and swooping through the house in a cape and mask. RL 1.7

Bildner, Phil. The Hallelujah Flight, illustrated by John Holyfield. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2010. ISBN: 9780399247897

In 1932, James Banning, along with his co-pilot Thomas Allen, make history by becoming the first African Americans to fly across the United States, relying on the generosity of people they meet in the towns along the way who help keep their "flying jalopy" going. RL 2.7

Bishop, Nic. Marsupials. Scholastic Nonfiction, 2009. ISBN: 9780439877589

Such animals as quolls and pademelons live on the continent of Australia, along with kangaroos, koalas, and many other marsupials. With breathtaking full-page images, including a double-gatefold spread, Bishop introduces the beauty and diversity of these amazing animals. RL 3.7

Blexbolex. Seasons. Enchanted Lion Books, 2010. ISBN: 9781592700950

Explores, through brief text and illustrations, various aspects of each season of the year.

Boniface, William. Lights Out, Night's Out, illustrated by Milena Kirkova. Accord Publishing, 2009. ISBN: 9780740784316

A whole other world begins to wake as you prepare for bed. Spiders spin their silky webs; bats do ballets in the sky. The nighttime landscape comes alive through AniMotion technology. RL 1.9

Bottner, Barbara. Miss Brooks Loves Books (and I Don't), illustrated by Michael Emberly. Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. ISBN: 9780375846823

A first-grade girl who does not like to read stubbornly resists her school librarian's efforts to convince her to love books until she finds one that might change her mind. RL 2.4

Bourke, Anthony. Christian the Lion. Henry Holt, 2009. ISBN: 9780805091823

Recounts the story of a lion cub purchased by two friends from a London department store, written from the point of view of Christian, the lion. He is ultimately sent to Kenya to be rehabilitated by George Adamson, for release into the wild. RL 3.3

Braun, Sebastien. The Ugly Duckling. Sterling Publishing Co., 2010.

ISBN: 9781907152047

Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale of belonging and self-discovery. An ugly duckling spends an unhappy year ostracized by the other animals before he grows into a beautiful swan. RL 2.2

Brett, Jan. The Easter Egg. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2010. ISBN: 9780399252389

Hoppi the bunny wants to win the egg-decorating contest so the Easter Bunny will choose him to help distribute Easter eggs, but instead, while everyone else is working on their decorations, he finds himself guarding an egg that has fallen from a robin's nest. RL 3.4

Broach, Elise. Gumption!, illustrated by Richard Egielski. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2010. ISBN: 9781416916284

When Peter goes on an African adventure with his beloved Uncle Nigel, who hopes to spot a rare gorilla, the oblivious Nigel urges Peter on by telling him to have gumption, while Peter keeps his eyes open and uses his ingenuity. RL 1.9

Brown, Don. Teedie: The Story of Young Teddy Roosevelt. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2009. ISBN: 9780618179992

As a young boy, Theodore "Teedie" Roosevelt was small, had weak eyes, and frail muscles. But Teedie was also inquisitive, brave, and self-sufficient. Determined to overcome his childhood ailments, Teedie changed from a timid homebody into an adventurous man. He explored the Wild West, fought in the Spanish-American War, served as president of the United States, and helped build the Panama Canal. RL 5.3

Brown, Don. A Wizard from the Start: The Incredible Boyhood & Amazing Inventions of Thomas Edison. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2010. ISBN: 9780547194875

From his humble boyhood as a farmer's son, selling newspapers on trains, reading through public libraries shelf by shelf, and dreaming of new inventions, Thomas Edison went on to create the light bulb, the phonograph, and the motion picture camera. RL 3.6

Brown, Margaret Wise. Goodnight Moon ABC, illustrated by Clement Hurd.

HarperCollins, 2010. ISBN: 9780061894848

This comforting alphabet book links words and phrases with familiar images from everyone's favorite bedtime book, Goodnight Moon. From kittens to stars to yarn, there are so many things that can be found in the great green room. Search for them all as you learn your ABCs. RL 0.8

Brun-Cosme, Nadine. Big Wolf & Little Wolf, illustrated by Olivier Tellec. Enchanted Lion Books, 2009. ISBN: 9781592700844

Big Wolf has always lived alone at the top of a hill under a tree, so when a little wolf suddenly arrives one day, he does not know what to think. RL 3.5 *Mildred L. Batchelder Honor*

Bryan, Ashley. All Things Bright and Beautiful. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2010. ISBN: 9781416989394

An illustrated version of the well-known hymn, which describes the marvels of God's creation. RL 2.1

Cadena, Beth. Supersister, illustrated by Frank W. Dormer. Clarion Books, 2009. ISBN: 9780547010069

A young girl does all kinds of things around the house to help her pregnant mother, proud that when the new baby comes she is going to be "a super sister." RL 2.3

Carter, David A. White Noise: A Pop-Up Book for Children of All Ages. Little Simon, 2009. ISBN: 9781416940944

Modern and elegant paper structures create displays to stimulate the senses. Poetic text guides readers through the bold and colorful paper structures that create their own unique sounds. RL 3.5

Cassino, Mark. The Story of Snow: The Science of Winter's Wonder. Chronicle Books, 2009. ISBN: 9780811868662

This book about the science of snow features photos of snow crystals in their beautiful diversity and includes how snow crystals are formed into different shapes and snow-crystal-catching instructions in the back of the book. RL 3.5

Christenson, Bonnie. Django: World's Greatest Jazz Guitarist. Roaring Brook Press, 2009. ISBN: 9781596434226

Born into a travelling gypsy family, young Django Reinhardt taught himself guitar at an early age. He was soon acclaimed as the "Gypsy Genius" and "Prodigy Boy," but one day his world changed completely when a fire claimed the use of his fretting hand. Folks said Django would never play again, but with passion and perseverance he was soon setting the world's concert stages ablaze. RL 3.1 *Schneider Family Book Award*

Cooper, Elisha. Farm. Orchard Books, 2010. ISBN: 9780545070751

Describes the activities on a busy family farm from the spring when preparations for planting begin to the autumn when the cats grow winter coats and the cold rains begin to fall. RL 2.5

Cooper, Helen. Dog Biscuit. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2009. ISBN: 9780374318123

A little girl eats a dog biscuit by mistake and worries about the consequences. Includes recipe for "human-being treats." RL 1.9

Cousins, Lucy. I'm the Best. Candlewick Press, 2010. ISBN: 9780763646844

When Dog's constant boasting makes his friends sad, they find a way to teach him what it means to be a good friend. RL 1.3

Crum, Shutta. Thunder-Boomer!. illustrated by Carol Thompson. Clarion Books, 2009. ISBN: 9780618618651

A farm family scurries for shelter from a violent thunderstorm that brings welcome relief from the heat and also an unexpected surprise. RL 2.1

Daly, Jude. Sivu's Six Wishes. Eerdman's Books for Young Readers, 2010.

ISBN: 9780802853691

Sivu, an African stonecarver, is not paid well for his work, but through his wishes to become more powerful and live as different people, like the mayor, and things, like the wind, he discovers where real power lies. RL 3.6

Deedy, Carmen Agra. 14 Cows for America, illustrated by Thomas Gonzales. Peachtree Publishers, 2009. ISBN: 9781561454907

Maasai tribal members, after hearing the story of the September 11th attacks from a young Massai, who was in New York on that day, decide to present the American people with fourteen sacred cows as a healing gift. RL 2.5

Dennis, Brian. Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2009. ISBN: 9780316053181

The story of a wild dog who befriended Marine Major Brian Dennis in Iraq, and, when they were separated, trekked seventy miles through the desert winter to rejoin his friend. RL 3.0

dePaola, Tomie. Strega Nona's Harvest. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2009.

ISBN: 9780399252914

After helping Strega Nona plant her vegetable garden just so, Big Anthony takes some extra seeds and sows another garden willy nilly, then must find a way to deal with the consequences. RL 2.3

Devlin, Jane. Hattie the Bad, illustrated by Joe Berger. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2010. ISBN: 9780803734470

A little girl tries to be good but soon discovers that being bad is ever so much more fun. RL 2.8

Dickens, Charles. A Christmas Carol, retold by Josh Greenhut and illustrated by Brett Helquist. HarperCollins, 2009. ISBN: 9780061650994
A miser learns the true meaning of Christmas when three ghostly visitors review his past and foretell his future. RL 3.2

Dickinson, Rebecca. Over in the Hollow, illustrated by S.britt. Chronicle Books, 2009. ISBN: 9780811850353
A counting book that features a variety of spooky Halloween creatures, from one spider to thirteen ghosts. RL 3.1

Donaldson, Julia. Stick Man, illustrated by Axel Scheffler. Scholastic, 2009. ISBN: 9780545157612
Stick Man ends up far away from his family tree when he is fetched by a dog, thrown by a child, used as a snowman's arm, and even put on a fire, but finally Santa Claus steps in to make sure that Stick Man and his family have a joyous Christmas. RL 1.8

Donaldson, Julia. What the Ladybug Heard, illustrated by Lydia Monks. Henry Holt, 2010. ISBN: 9780805090284
Although much quieter than the farm animals that moo, cluck, or oink, a gentle ladybug is instrumental in foiling a plan to steal the farm's prize-winning cow. RL 1.8

Ehlert, Lois. Boo to You! Beach Lane Books, 2009. ISBN: 9781416986256
When the neighborhood cat tries to crash the mice's harvest party, the mice have a plan to scare the intruder away. RL 1.9

Fern, Tracey E. Pippo the Fool, illustrated by Pau Estrada. Charlesbridge, 2009. ISBN: 9781570916557
In fifteenth-century Florence, Italy, a contest is held to design a magnificent dome for the town's cathedral, but when Pippo the Fool claims he will win the contest, everyone laughs at him. Based on a true story. RL 4.5

Fleischman, Sid. The Dream Stealer, illustrated by Peter Sís. Greenwillow Books, 2009. ISBN: 9780061755644
A plucky Mexican girl tries to recover her dream from the Dream Stealer who takes her to his castle where countless dreams and even more adventures await. RL 4.9

Fleming, Denise. Sleepy, Oh So Sleepy. Henry Holt, 2010. ISBN: 9780805081268
Depicts a number of animal babies sleeping as a mother puts her own baby to bed. RL 1.0

Florian, Douglas. Poetrees. Beach Lane Books, 2010. ISBN: 9781416986720
A collection of poems about trees. RL 2.7

Fucile, Tony. Let's Do Nothing. Candlewick Press, 2009. ISBN: 9780763634407
Frankie and Sal have run out of things to do: "We've played every sport ever invented" and "baked enough cookies to feed a small country--" Then Sal hits upon a solution: "Let's do nothing!" How hard could that be? RL 1.9

Gall, Chris. Dinotrux. Little, Brown, 2009. ISBN: 9780316027779
Millions of years ago, the prehistoric ancestors of today's trucks, such as garbageadon, dozeratops, and craneosaurus, roamed the Earth until they rusted out and became extinct. RL 2.5

Giant Pop-Out Ocean. Chronicle Books, 2010. ISBN: 9780811874793
Simple clues and illustrations ask readers to guess which ocean animals are hiding under flaps and featured as pop-ups. RL 2.2

Gibbons, Gail. Tornadoes! Holiday House, 2009. ISBN: 9780823422166
Describes what tornadoes are, how they form, the scale used for classifying them, and what to do in case one approaches. RL 4.1

Gilmore, Dorina K. Lazo. Cora Cooks Pancit, illustrated by Kristi Valiant. Shen's Books, 2009. ISBN: 9781885008350
When all her older siblings are away, Cora's mother finally lets her help make pancit, a Filipino noodle dish. Includes recipe for pancit. RL 3.0 *Asian/Pacific American Illustrator Award*

Gravett, Emily. Dogs. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2010.
ISBN: 9781416987031
Big dogs, small dogs, stripy dogs, spotty dogs. There are so many different kinds of dogs. How can anyone pick one type of dog to love the most? RL 1.0

Greenberg, Jan. Ballet for Martha: Making Appalachian Spring, illustrated by Brian Floca. Flash Point, 2010. ISBN: 9781596433380
Tells the story behind the creation of "Appalachian Spring," describing Aaron Copland's composition, Martha Graham's intense choreography and Isamu Noguchi's set design. RL 5.1

Guiberson, Brenda Z. Life in the Boreal Forest, illustrated by Gennady Spirin. Henry Holt & Co., 2009. ISBN: 9780805077186
The boreal forest is buried in ice and snow during winter. But in summer lakes teem with fish, and bogs swarm with insects. Follow a snowshoe hare, beavers, a lynx, and other animals as they survive a year in this endangered landscape. RL 3.5

Guiberson, Brenda Z. Moon Bear, illustrated by Ed Young. Henry Holt, 2010.
ISBN: 9780805089776
Moon bears, or Asiatic black bears, get their name from the white moon-shaped blaze on their chests. Sadly, there are more moon bears in captivity than in the wild, as the animals are being farmed for their commercially valuable bile. This text pays tribute to the endangered species. RL 4.4

Hayes, Geoffrey. Benny and Penny in The Big No-No. Toon Books, 2009.
ISBN: 9780979923890
Two mice meet their new neighbor and discover that she is not as scary as they feared. RL 1.3 *Theodor Seuss Geisel Award*

Heide, Florence Parry. Princess Hyacinth: the Surprise Tale of a Girl who Floated, illustrated by Lane Smith. Schwartz & Wade Books, 2009. ISBN: 9780375845017
Princess Hyacinth is bored and unhappy sitting in her palace every day because, unless she is weighed down by specially-made clothes, she will float away, but her days are made brighter when kite-flying Boy stops to say hello. RL 2.5

Hendrix, John. John Brown: His Fight for Freedom. Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2009. ISBN: 9780810937987
In the late 1850s, at a time when many men and women spoke out against slavery, few had the same impact as John Brown, the infamous white abolitionist who backed his beliefs with unstoppable action. RL 6.7

Henkes, Kevin. My Garden. Greenwillow Books, 2010. ISBN: 9780061715174
After helping her mother weed, water, and chase the rabbits from their garden, a young girl imagines her dream garden complete with jellybean bushes, chocolate rabbits, and tomatoes the size of beach balls. RL 3.9

Himmelman, John. Pigs to the Rescue. Henry Holt, 2010. ISBN: 9780805086836
All week long the pigs help out around the farm in unexpected ways. RL 1.7

Hole, Stian. Garmann's Street. Eerdman's Books for Young Readers, 2010.
ISBN: 9780802853578
After succumbing to peer pressure from a bully, an unusual friendship between Garmann and the Stamp Man arises out of a near-disaster. RL 3.5

Jackson, Shelley. Mimi's Dada Catifesto. Clarion Books, 2010. ISBN: 9780547126814
In Zurich, Switzerland, an artistic cat finds the perfect owner in fellow Dadaist, Mr. Dada. Author's note provides background on the Dadaist art movement. RL 3.0

Jay, Alison. Red Green Blue: A First Book of Colors. Dutton Children's Books, 2010.
ISBN: 9780525423034
Characters from nursery rhymes populate this tale, which highlights the colorful aspects of the familiar poems. Includes a key to the nursery rhymes referenced in the story. RL 1.9

Jenkins, Steve. Bones: Skeletons and How They Work. Scholastic Press, 2010.
ISBN: 9780545046510
A guide to human and animal skeletons provides informative comparisons while sharing such facts as the number of bones in the human body and the ways that skeletal structures work. RL 6.1

Jenkins, Steve and Robin Page. How to Clean a Hippopotamus: A Look at Unusual Animal Partnerships. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2010. ISBN: 9780547245157
Learn about the ingenious lifestyles of some of the world's most unusual animal partners. RL 3.8

Johnson, D. B. Palazzo Inverso. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2010.
ISBN: 9780547239996
A young apprentice to a master builder does some mischief that causes a palace to be built upside-down, which creates all sorts of trouble--and fun. Inspired by the work of M.C. Escher and intended to be read front-to-back, then turned over and read back-to-front. RL 2.3

Johnston, Tony. My Abuelita, illustrated by Yuyi Morales. Harcourt Children's Books, 2009. ISBN: 9780152163303
With great gusto, a child's grandmother performs deep knee bends, consumes a breakfast of "huevos estrellados," and practices vocal exercises before going to work as a storyteller. RL 1.8 *Pura Belpre Illustrator Award Honor*

Josse, Barbara. Sleepover at Gramma's House, illustrated by Jan Jutte. Philomel Books, 2010. ISBN: 9780399252617
A little girl and her grandmother have a rollicking good time during a sleepover. RL 2.3

Karas, G. Brian. The Village Garage. Henry Holt, 2010. ISBN: 9780805087161
Throughout the seasons the workers at the Village Garage are busy taking care of the town and its residents. RL 2.1

Katz, Alan. Going, Gone, Gone! and Other Silly Dilly Sports Songs, illustrated by David Catrow. Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2009. ISBN: 9781416906964
Provides new, sports-themed lyrics to well-known songs, including "On Top of the Bleachers" and "When Jimmy Gets in the Batter's Box." RL 1.9

Kerby, Johanna. Little Pink Pup. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2010. ISBN: 9780399254352
Pink, a piglet who is the runt of the litter, is adopted by Tink, a dachshund who is nursing a litter of her own, and Pink is raised in the house along with the puppies. RL 2.3

Kerley, Barbara. The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According to Suzy), illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham. Scholastic Press, 2010. ISBN: 9780545125086
Thirteen-year-old Susy Clemens wants the world to know that her papa, Mark Twain, is more than just a humorist and sets out to write a comprehensive biography of the American icon. RL 4.9

Khan, Rukhsana. Big Red Lollipop, illustrated by Sophie Blackall. Viking, 2010. ISBN: 9780670062874
Having to take her younger sister along the first time she is invited to a birthday party spoils Rubina's fun, and later when that sister is asked to a party and baby sister wants to come, Rubina must decide whether to help. RL 1.6

Kibuishi, Kazu. Copper. Graphix, 2010. ISBN: 9780545098922
Copper is curious, and Fred is fearful. And together boy and dog are off on a series of adventures powered by Copper's limitless imagination. The two friends have a knack for getting into all sorts of odd situations, but Copper's good cheer always smoothes the way-- and Fred can usually be won over if there's food involved. RL 3.7

Kimmelman, Leslie. The Little Red Hen and the Passover Matzah, illustrated by Paul Meisel. Holiday House, 2010. ISBN: 9780823419524
No one will help the Little Red Hen make the Passover matzah, but they all want to help her eat it. RL 2.2

Kladstrup, Kristin. The Gingerbread Pirates, illustrated by Matt Tavares. Candlewick Press, 2009. ISBN: 9780763632236
When Jim's gingerbread pirate, Captain Cookie, comes alive, the tasty treat prepares to battle Santa Claus, who likes to eat cookies on Christmas Eve. RL 2.2

Klise, Kate. Stand Straight, Ella Kate: The True Story of a Real Giant. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2010. ISBN: 9780803734043
A fictionalized biography of Ella Kate Ewing, born in 1872, who was eight feet tall by the age of seventeen and who became financially independent by traveling the country for nearly twenty years appearing at museums, exhibitions, and in circus shows. RL 2.9

Komiya, Teruyuki. Life-Size Zoo. Seevn Foot Kids, 2009. ISBN: 9781934734209
See life-size photographs of various animals, with fold-out pages and charts of interesting facts. RL 2.6

Kroll, Steven. Stuff!: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, illustrated by Steve Cox. Marshall Cavendish Children, 2009. ISBN: 9780761455707
Pinch is a pack rat who does not want to give up the possessions that are cluttering his house, but when he finally is persuaded to sell them at a neighborhood tag sale, he discovers the beauty of recycling. Includes tips on "reducing, reusing, and recycling." RL 1.6

Krull, Kathleen. The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth, illustrated by Greg Couch. Alfred A. Knopf, 2009. ISBN: 9780375845611
This picture-book biography explains how Farnsworth held on to his dream to develop television and the scientific concepts behind it. RL 5.5

Krull, Kathleen. Lincoln Tells a Joke: How Laughter Saved the President (and the Country), illustrated by Stacy Innerst. Harcourt Children's Books, 2010. ISBN: 9780152066390
This biography reveals many reasons why Lincoln was a towering president. He had a rich sense of humor that helped him in tough times. RL 4.5

Lázaro, Georgina. Federico García Lorca, illustrated by Enrique S. Moreira. Lectorum, 2009. ISBN: 9781933032399
Both a rhyming picture book and an illustrated biography, this tale recreates the early experiences of world-famous Spanish poet Federico García Lorca. *Pura Belpre Author Award Honor*

Lewis, J. Patrick. Kindergarten Cat, illustrated by Ailie Busby. Schwartz & Wade Books, 2010. ISBN: 9780375988073
A stray cat finds a happy home in a kindergarten classroom. RL 3.4

Lichtenfeld, Tom. Bridget's Beret. Henry Holt, 2010. ISBN: 9780805087758
When Bridget loses the beret that provides her with artistic inspiration like other great artists, she thinks she will never be able to draw again. RL 3.6

Lin, Grace. Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same! Little, Brown, 2010. ISBN: 9780316024525
Ling and Ting are identical twins that people think are exactly the same, but time and again they prove to be different. RL 1.4

Long, Loren. Otis. Philomel Books, 2009. ISBN: 9780399252488
When a big new yellow tractor arrives, Otis the friendly little tractor is cast away behind the barn, but when trouble occurs Otis is the only one who can help. RL 3.4

Lord, Cynthia. Hot Rod Hamster, illustrated by Derek Anderson. Scholastic Press, 2010. ISBN: 9780545035309
A hamster, with the help of a canine junkyard dealer and his mouse assistants, builds a hot rod and drives it in a race against some very large dogs. RL 1.9

Lowry, Lois. Crow Call, illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline. Scholastic Press, 2009. ISBN: 9780545030359
Nine-year-old Liz accompanies the stranger who is her father, just returned from the war, when he goes hunting for crows in Pennsylvania farmland. RL 3.5

Mahy, Margaret. Bubble Trouble, illustrated by Polly Dunbar. Clarion Books, 2009. ISBN: 9780547074214
Mabel blows a bubble that captures Baby and wafts him away, resulting in a wild chase that involves the whole neighborhood. RL 3.2 *Boston Globe/Horn Book Award*

Markle, Sandra. Animal Heroes: True Rescue Stories. Millbrook Press, 2009. ISBN: 9780822578840
Learn about animals, both domestic and wild, who have become heroes when they came to the rescue of humans. RL 5.4

Markle, Sandra. How Many Baby Pandas? Walker & Co., 2009. ISBN: 9780802797834
Looks at the eight panda pairs that were born at China's Wolong Giant Panda Breeding and Research Center in 2005, examining how they live, grow, and play and the steps that are being taken to prepare them for their release into the wild. RL 2.8 *Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children Honor*

McCarty, Peter. Henry in Love. Balzer & Bray, 2010. ISBN: 9780061142888
On the first day of school, Henry the cat vies for the attention of the most amazing girl in class, Chloe Rabbit. RL 2.3

McCully, Emily Arnold. Wonder Horse: The True Story of the World's Smartest Horse. Henry Holt, 2010. ISBN: 9780805087932
A fictionalized account of Bill "Doc" Key, a former slave who became a veterinarian, trained his horse, Jim Key, to recognize letters and numbers and to perform in skits around the country, and moved the nation toward a belief in treating animals humanely. Includes an author's note. RL 3.9

McDonough, Yona Zeldis. Louisa: The Life of Louisa May Alcott, illustrated by Bethanne Andersen. Henry Holt and Co., 2009. ISBN: 9780805081923
Louisa came from a family that was poor but freethinking, and she started teaching when she was only seventeen years old. But writing was her passion. This biography captures the life of a compassionate woman who left an indelible mark on literature for all ages. RL 5.6

McElligott, Matthew. The Lion's Share: A Tale of Halving Cake and Eating It, Too. Walker & Co., 2009. ISBN: 9780802797698
Ant is honored to receive an invitation to lion's annual dinner party, but is shocked when the other guests behave rudely and then accuse her of thinking only of herself. RL 4.0

McGinty, Alice B. Darwin, illustrated by Mary Azarian. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2009. ISBN: 9780618995318
A picture book biography which reveals the assembling of Darwin's most profound idea: the survival of the fittest. RL 4.7 *Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children*

McMullan, Kate. Pearl and Wagner: One Funny Day, illustrated by R. W. Alley. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2009. ISBN: 9780803730854
April Fools' Day is not a happy one for Wagner the mouse because his best friend, Pearl the rabbit, and other children and adults at school keep tricking him. RL 2.0 *Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor*

Meyers, Susan. Bear in the Air, illustrated by Amy Bates. Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2010. ISBN: 9780810983984
When a teddy bear is lost by the child who loves him, the bear begins an adventurous journey to get back home again. RL 3.0

Mora, Pat. Book Fiesta!: Celebrate Children's Day/Book Day, illustrated by Rafael López. Rayo, 2009. ISBN: 9780061288777
Children read aloud in various settings to celebrate of El día de los niños, or Children's Day, in this bilingual story. Includes facts about Mexico's annual celebration of children and the book fiestas that are often included. RL 3.3 *Pura Belpre Illustrator Award*

Mora, Pat. Gracias/Thanks, illustrated by John Parra. Lee & Low Books, 2009. ISBN: 9781600602580
A young multiracial boy celebrates family, friendship, and fun by telling about some of the everyday things for which he is thankful. RL 3.8 *Pura Belpre Illustrator Award Honor*

Moss, Marissa. Sky High: The True Story of Maggie Gee, illustrated by Carl Angel. Tricycle Press, 2009. ISBN: 9781582462806

Presents the life and career of the Chinese American woman who dreamed of flying as a child and who went on to become one of only two Chinese American Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) to serve during World War II. RL 3.8

Myers, Walter Dean. Looking Like Me, illustrated by Christopher Myers. Egmont USA, 2009. ISBN: 9781606840016

Jeremy sets out to discover all of the different "people" that make him who he is, including brother, son, writer, and runner. RL 1.7

Myron, Vicki. Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library!, illustrated by Bret Witter. Little, Brown, 2009. ISBN: 9780316074056

When librarian Vicki Myron finds a young kitten abandoned in the Spencer Library return box, she nurses him back to health, deciding then and there that he will be their library cat, and naming him, appropriately, Dewey Readmore Books. RL 2.0

Na, II Sung. A Book of Sleep. Alfred A. Knopf, 2009. ISBN: 9780375862236

While other animals sleep at night, some quietly and others noisily, some alone and others huddled together, a wide-eyed owl watches. RL 1.6

Nelson, Marilyn. Sweethearts of Rhythm, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney. Dial Books, 2009. ISBN: 9780803731875

A look at a 1940s all-female jazz band, that originated from a boarding school in Mississippi and found its way to the most famous ballrooms in the country, offering solace during the hard years of the war. RL 5.1

Nelson, S. D. Black Elk's Vision: A Lakota Story. Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2010. ISBN: 9780810983991

A simple biography of Lakota-Oglala medicine man Black Elk, from his childhood vision which shaped his life through his battles with the whites and his travels with Buffalo Bill's Wild West show. RL 4.0

Nelson, Vaunda Micheau. Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie. Carolrhoda Books, 2009. ISBN: 9780822567646

This biography profiles the life of Bass Reeves, a former slave who was recruited as a deputy United States Marshal in the area that was to become Oklahoma. RL 5.5 *Coretta Scott King Author Award*

Neuschwander, Cindy. Pastry School in Paris: An Adventure in Capacity, illustrated by Bryan Langdo. Henry Holt, 2009. ISBN: 9780805083149

Twins Bibi and Matt learn about different liquid measurements when they go to Les Jumelles Coccinelle International Pastry Academy while on a trip to Paris with their parents and dog. RL 2.3

Neuschwander, Cindy. Sir Cumference and All the King's Tens: A Math Adventure, illustrated by Wayne Geehan. Charlesbridge, 2009. ISBN: 9781570917271

When Sir Cumference and his wife, Lady Di of Ameter, host a massive surprise birthday party for the king, they must figure out quick a way to count all the guests that are in attendance.

RL 5.5

Numeroff, Laura. Would I Trade My Parents?, illustrated by James Bernardin. Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2009. ISBN: 9780810906372

A young boy considers what is special about all of his friends' parents, and realizes that his own are the most wonderful of all. RL 2.9

O'Brien, Patrick. You Are the First Kid on Mars. G.P. Putnam's Son, 2009. ISBN: 9780399246340

As we look back to the beginnings of the space race, 2009 is also the year for looking forward to humankind's next step toward the stars. In the spirit of books that once imagined colonies on the moon, Patrick O'Brien has created a unique look at your first trip to Mars. RL 3.2

O'Connor, Jane. Fancy Nancy: Poet Extraordinaire!, illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser. HarperCollins, 2010. ISBN: 9780061896439

Fancy Nancy and her class learn about poetry and write their own poems to read on Family Day at school. RL 3.0

O'Connor, Jane. Fancy Nancy: Splendiferous Christmas, illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser. HarperCollins, 2009. ISBN: 9780061235900

Nancy is devastated, which is even worse than heart-broken, when her fancy Christmas tree topper breaks, threatening to ruin Christmas. RL 2.3

Oldland, Nicholas. Big Bear Hug. Kids Can Press, 2009. ISBN: 9781554534647

A bear who loves to hug everything meets a human who is about to chop down a tree, and the bear must make a decision on how to save his forest. RL 2.5

O'Malley, Kevin. Animal Crackers Fly the Coop. Walker & Co., 2010. ISBN: 9780802798374

In this humorous take-off of "The Bremen Town Musicians," four animals that aspire to make it big as comedians leave their owners and seek their fortunes. RL 2.7

Parish, Herman. Amelia Bedelia's First Valentine, illustrated by Lynne Avril. Greenwillow Books, 2009. ISBN: 9780061544583

Literal-minded even as a child, Amelia Bedelia muddles through Valentine's Day with her heart on her sleeve, trying to make sense of strange greetings at school and home, and ever on the look-out for the arrows of Cupid. RL 2.9

Petrovic, Svetlana. Brown Bear, White Bear, illustrated by Vincent Hardy. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2009. ISBN: 9780802853530

Alice likes the teddy bears she receives for her birthday from each of her grandmothers, but soon the bears are fighting for her attention. RL 2.9

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down, illustrated by Brian Pinkney. Little, Brown, 2010. ISBN: 9780316070164

This picture book is a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the momentous Woolworth's lunch counter sit-in, when four college students staged a peaceful protest that became a defining moment in the struggle for racial equality and the growing civil rights movement. RL 2.9

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. Sojourner Truth's Step-Stomp Stride, illustrated by Brian Pinkney. Disney/Jump at the Sun Books, 2009. ISBN: 9780786807673

Text and illustrations tell the life story and describe the work of African-American abolitionist and women's rights activist Sojourner Truth. RL 2.4

Pinkney, Jerry. The Lion and the Mouse. Little, Brown, 2009. ISBN: 9780316013567
In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the Jungle.
Caldecott Award

Plourde, Lynn. Field Trip Day, illustrated by Thor Wickstrom. Dutton Children's Books, 2010. ISBN: 9780525479949
Juan Dore-Nomad, a boy who has a tendency to wander, provokes mayhem on a field trip to the farm. RL 3.7

Polacco, Patricia. January's Sparrow. Philomel Books, 2009. ISBN: 9780399250774
After a fellow slave is beaten to death, Sadie and her family flee the plantation for freedom through the Underground Railroad. RL 4.4

Portis, Antoinette. Kindergarten Diary. HarperCollins, 2010. ISBN: 9780061456916
Annalina's diary entries reflect her feelings and experiences as she goes from being afraid to go to kindergarten to loving it during her first month of school. RL 1.9

Preller, James. A Pirate's Guide to First Grade, illustrated by Greg Ruth. Feiwel and Friends, 2010. ISBN: 9780312369286
A young pirate and his crew embark on a grand adventure when they board the bus for the first day of first grade. RL 3.3

Proimos, James. Todd's TV. Katherine Tegen Books, 2010. ISBN: 9780061709852
When Todd's parents are too busy to take care of him, his television steps in to handle the parenting. RL 2.1

Ransom, Jeanie Franz. What Really Happened to Humpty?, illustrated by Stephen Axelson. Charlesbridge, 2009. ISBN: 9781580891097
Detective Joe Dumpty rushes to investigate the mysterious circumstances under which his older brother, Humpty, fell from a wall on his first day as captain of the new Neighborhood Watch program. RL 2.2

Ray, Deborah Kogan. Dinosaur Mountain: Digging into the Jurassic Age. Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 2010. ISBN: 9780374317898
This is the story of Earl Douglass and his discovery of the first almost complete skeleton of an Apatosaurus, one of the largest dinosaurs ever to roam Earth. RL 6.9

Ray, Jane. Snow White: A Three-Dimensional Fairy-Tale Theater. Candlewick Press, 2009. ISBN: 9780763644734
Retells, in six dioramas with accompanying text, the tale of the beautiful princess whose lips were red as blood, skin was white as snow, and hair was black as ebony. RL 3.7

Reinhart, Matthew. A Pop-Up Book of Nursery Rhymes. Little Simon, 2009. ISBN: 9781416918257
Matthew Reinhart adapts Mother Goose's nursery rhymes, as the characters spring to life as intricate pop-up surprises. RL 1.7

Reinhart, Matthew, and Robert Sabuda. Gods & Heroes. Candlewick Press, 2010. ISBN: 9780763631710
A volume of centuries-old myths and legends that takes the reader from the banks of the Nile to the clouds above Greece to Mount Olympus; up to Odin's frozen north and into the Far East; into Oceania and many more lands and times. Pop-up book. RL 7.6

Rodríguez, Rachel. Building on Nature: The Life of Antoni Gaudi, illustrated by Julie Paschkis. Henry Holt, 2009. ISBN: 9780805087451

Inspired by the natural beauty of his homeland of Catalonia, Antoni Gaudi became a celebrated and innovative architect through the unique structures he designed in Barcelona, having a significant impact on architecture as it was known. RL 2.2

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. Little Oink, illustrated by Jen Corace. Chronicle Books, 2009. ISBN: 9780811866552

Little Oink is a neat little pig, but his parents will not allow him to play until he is messy, as pigs should be. RL 1.9

Rubini, Julie K. Hidden Ohio, illustrated by Diana Magnuson. Mackinac Island Press, 2009. ISBN: 9781934133477

Part history book and part travel, Rubini's book offers an overview of a variety of places to visit in Ohio while providing relevant historical facts. RL 5.6

Ruddell, Deborah. A Whiff of Pine, a Hint of Skunk: A Forest of Poems, illustrated by Joan Rankin. Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2009. ISBN: 9781416942115

An illustrated collection of whimsical poems about life in the forest through the seasons. RL 4.8

Ruelle, Karen Gray. The Grand Mosque of Paris: A Story of How Muslims Rescued Jews During the Holocaust, illustrated by Deborah Durland DeSaix. Holiday House, 2009. ISBN: 9780823421596

During the Nazi occupation of Paris, no Jew was safe from arrest and deportation to a concentration camp. Few Parisians were willing to risk their own lives to help. Yet many Jews found refuge in an unlikely place, the sprawling complex of the Grand Mosque of Paris. Not just a place of worship but also a community center, this hive of activity was an ideal temporary hiding place for escaped prisoners of war and Jews of all ages, including children. RL 7.2

Saint-Exupéry, Antoine de. The Little Prince: A Deluxe Pop-up Book. HMH Books, 2009. ISBN: 9780547260693

An aviator whose plane is forced down in the Sahara Desert encounters a little prince from a small planet who relates his adventures in seeking the secret of what is important in life. RL 4.5

Sanderson, Ruth. The Nativity from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2010. ISBN: 9780802853714

Selections from the gospels of Matthew and Luke that tell of the birth of Christ. RL 5.9

Scanlon, Liz Garton. All the World, illustrated by Marla Frazee. Beach Lane Books, 2009. ISBN: 9781416985808

Follow a circle of family and friends through the course of a day from morning till night as they discover the importance of all things great and small in our world, from the tiniest shell on the beach, to warm family connections, to the widest sunset sky. RL 1.8

Schertle, Alice. Button Up!: Wrinkled Rhymes, illustrated by Petra Mathers. Harcourt Children's Books. ISBN: 9780152050504

From undies to jammies to a much-loved hand-me-down sweatshirt, the talking clothes in these poems know just who they are and who's wearing them. RL 2.1

Schoenherr, Ian. Read It, Don't Eat It! Greenwillow Books, 2009. ISBN: 780061724558
Animal readers give rhyming advice on how to take care of a library book. RL 1.8

Schories, Pat. When Jack Goes Out. Boyds Mills Press, 2010. ISBN: 9781590786529
Jack the dog plays happily in his backyard with visitors from outer space, but is not so sure that he wants to go home with them. Wordless book

Scieszka, Jon. Robot Zot, illustrated by David Shannon. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2009. ISBN: 9781416963943
On a mission to conquer planet Earth, tiny but fearless Robot Zot and his mechanical sidekick leave a path of destruction as they battle kitchen appliances. RL 2.1

Scotton, Rob. Merry Christmas, Splat. HarperCollins, 2009. ISBN: 9780060831608
Splat the cat is worried that he has not been good enough to deserve a visit and a present from Santa Claus. RL 2.2

Seder, Rufus Butler. Star Wars: A Scanimation Book. Workkan Publishing, 2010. ISBN: 9780761158462
Presents eleven scenes and quotations from the six Star Wars motion pictures. Striped acetate overlays on board pages give illustrations the illusion of movement. RL 5.3

Seder, Rufus Butler. Waddle: A Scanimation Picture Book. Workman Publishing, 2009. ISBN: 9780761151128
Text asks if the reader can move like a variety of animals. Striped acetate overlays on board pages give illustrations the illusion of movement. RL 1.9

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. What If? Roaring Brook Press, 2010. ISBN: 9781596433984
What if a boy found a beach ball and kicked it into the ocean? What if two seals found it and began to play? What if a third seal appeared on the beach looking for a friend? Enjoy this visit to the beach and the chance to guess what happens when different choices are made.

Seuss, Dr. Oh, the Places You'll Go Pop-Up! Robin Corey Books, 2010. ISBN: 9780375852275
A twentieth anniversary, pop-up version of Dr. Seuss's "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" in which he offers humorous, rhyming advice on how to proceed in life, conquer fear, loneliness, and confusion, and take charge of one's own destiny. RL 3.2

Shange, Ntozake. We Troubled the Waters, illustrated by Rod Brown. Amistad/Collins, 2009. ISBN: 9780061337352
Poetry and paintings in tribute to the many individuals who acted with courage for justice and change during the civil rights movement. RL 5.1

Sharpe, Leah Marinsky. The Goat-Faced Girl: A Classic Italian Folktale, illustrated by Jane Marinsky. David R. Godine, 2009. ISBN: 9781567923933
When Isabella, a beautiful but lazy young woman, agrees to marry an equally lazy prince, the sorceress who raised her gives her the head of a goat in hopes that she will learn to do things for herself. RL 6.4

Shea, Bob. Oh, Daddy! Balzer & Bray, 2010. ISBN: 9780061730801
A young hippopotamus shows his father the right way to do things, such as getting dressed, watering the flowers, and especially giving big hugs. RL 1.5

Shea, Pegi Deitz. Noah Webster: Weaver of Words, illustrated by Monica Vachula. Calkins Creek, 2009. ISBN: 9781590784419
This book is an exploration of the life and work of Noah Webster, which discusses his promotion of a living American language and universal education for all, career as a

newspaper publisher, and creation of America's first insurance company. RL 6.0 *Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children Honor*

Sherman, Pat. Ben and the Emancipation Proclamation, illustrated by Floyd Cooper. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2010. ISBN: 9780802853196

Ben, a young slave, uses every chance he gets to teach himself to read. But after the Civil War breaks out. . . Ben finds himself in a slave prison. One night, the prisoners bribe a guard to get their hands on a newspaper. . . Ben reads aloud the momentous news of Mr. Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. RL 4.9

Shiga, Jason. Meanwhile. Amuel Books, 2010. ISBN: 9780810984233

In this choose-your-own adventure graphic novel, a boy stumbles on the laboratory of a mad scientist who asks him to choose between testing a mind-reading device, a time machine, and a doomsday machine. RL 3.0

Sidman, Joyce. Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors, illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2009. ISBN: 9780547014944

The names of colors are woven into unrhymed poems that celebrate the seasons. RL 2.4

Sidman, Joyce. Ubiquitous: Celebrating Nature's Survivors, illustrated by Beckie Prange. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2010. ISBN: 9780618717194

Poems and factual information about some of the creatures that live on Planet Earth. RL 6.8

Siminovich, Lorena. Alex and Lulu: Two of a Kind. Templar Books, 2009.

ISBN: 9780763644239

Meet best friends Alex and Lulu. Alex loves having noisy, exciting adventures, and Lulu likes painting and making things. Even though they are different, they always have fun together. Until Alex begins to worry that they might be too different, that they might actually be opposites! Discover what opposites really are in this quirky story that celebrates differences. RL 2.0

Singer, Marilyn. Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse, illustrated by Josée Masse. Dutton Children's Books, 2010. ISBN: 9780525479017

A collection of short poems which, when reversed, provide new perspectives on the fairy tale characters they feature. RL 4.1

Smith, Charles R., Jr. Black Jack: The Ballad of Jack Johnson, illustrated by Shane W. Evans. Roaring Brook Press, 2010. ISBN: 9781596434738

Art and poetry combine to tell the story of boxer Jack Johnson, who became the first African-American world heavyweight boxing champion in the early part of the twentieth century, RL 2.4

Smith, Jeff. Little Mouse Gets Ready. Toon Books, 2009. ISBN: 9781935179016

Little Mouse gets dressed to go to the barn with his mother, brothers, and sisters. RL 1.3
Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor

Solheim, James. Born Yesterday: The Diary of a Young Journalist, illustrated by Simon James. Philomel Books, 2010. ISBN: 9780399251559

A baby who plans to grow up to be a writer records thoughts and events in a private journal. RL 3.1

Spinelli, Eileen. Do You Have a Cat? Eerdmacns Books for Young Readers, 2010. ISBN: Simple, rhyming text introduces historical figures through the cats each owned. Includes facts about each person. RL 1.8

Spinelli, Jerry. I Can Be Anything!, illustrated by Jimmy Liao. Little, Brown, 2010. ISBN: 9780316162265
A little boy ponders the many possible jobs in his future, from paper-plane folder and puppy-dog holder to mixing-bowl licker and tin-can kicker. RL 2.4

Spirin, Gennady. The Twelve Days of Christmas. Marshall Cavendish, 2009. ISBN: 9780761455516
On each of the twelve days of Christmas, unusual and fanciful gifts arrive to celebrate the season. RL 3.3

Stein, David Ezra. Pouch! G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2009. ISBN: 9780399250514
A baby kangaroo takes his first tentative hops outside of his mama's pouch, meeting other creatures and growing bolder each time. RL 0.8 *Charlotte Zolotow Award Honor book*

Stewart, Melissa. Under the Snow, illustrated by Constance R. Bergum. Peachtree, 2009. ISBN: 9781561454938
A journey through the fields, forests, ponds and wetlands to see how animals survive in the snowy winter months, and when the sun's rays grow stronger, join all the animals as they get ready for springtime. RL 3.4

Stilton, Geronimo. The Discovery of America. Papercutz, 2009. ISBN: 9781597071581
Geronimo Stilton travels back in time to join Christopher Columbus on his voyage from Italy to America in 1492 in order to stop the Pirate Cats from becoming supreme rulers of Mouse Island. RL 2.5

Tafolla, Carmen. What Can You Do with a Paleta?, illustrated by Magaly Morales. Tricycle Press, 2009. ISBN: 9781582462219
A young Mexican American girl celebrates the paleta, an icy fruit popsicle, and the many roles it plays in her lively barrio. RL 3.8 *Charlotte Zolotow Award*

Tavares, Matt. Henry Aaron's Dream. Candlewick Press, 2010. ISBN: 9780763632243
Biography of Henry Aaron's young life - from his sandlot days through his time in the Negro leagues to the day he played his first spring-training game for the Braves. RL 2.8

Teague, Mark. Firehouse!. Orchard Books, 2010. ISBN: 9780439915007
Edward and his cousin Judy come for a visit to the firehouse and learn how everything works, with some unexpected results. RL 2.8

Thomas, Jan. Here Comes the Big, Mean Dust Bunny! Beach Lane Books, 2009. ISBN: 9781416991502
Dust bunnies who enjoy rhyming games and a boisterous cat who likes to chase and grab learn how to play together. RL 1.9

Thompson, Lauren. The Christmas Magic, illustrated by Jon J. Muth. Scholastic Press, 2009. ISBN: 9780439774970
As Santa prepares for the upcoming holiday season, it is the Christmas magic that truly makes everything happen. RL 3.1

Tillman, Nancy. The Spirit of Christmas. Feiwel and Friends, 2009.
ISBN: 9780312549657

Despite the arrival of the Spirit of Christmas, who brings all sorts of trimmings and reminders of seasonal joys, something is still lacking. RL 2.1

Tolpa, Beegee. Everyone Says I Love You, paper engineering by Michael Caputo. Price Stern Sloan, 2009. ISBN: 9780843189520

How to say "I love you" in America, Italy, Holland, Japan, Kenya, and France. Pop-up book. RL 2.1

Underwood, Deborah. The Quiet Book, illustrated by Renata Liwska. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2010. ISBN: 9780547215679

From the quiet of being the first one awake in the morning to "sweet dreams quiet" when the last light is turned off, simple text explores the many kinds of quiet that can exist during the day. RL 1.8

Van Lieshout, Maria. Peep: A Little Book about Taking a Leap. Feiwel and Friends, 2009. ISBN: 9780312369156

Peep is afraid of jumping off the curb, but with a little encouragement from his mother and sisters, he finally gives it a try. RL 1.4

Vernick, Audrey. Is Your Buffalo Ready for Kindergarten?, illustrated by Daniel Jennewein. Balzer & Bray, 2010. ISBN: 9780061762758

Although kindergarten provides unique challenges for a young buffalo, one who follows the rules and tries his best will get along fine. RL 3.3

Weatherford, Carole Boston. The Beatitudes: From Slavery to Civil Rights, illustrated by Tim Ludwig. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2010. ISBN: 9780802853523

Carole Weatherford's free-verse poem traces the African American journey from slavery to civil rights. RL 4.8

Weeks, Sarah. Sophie Peterman Tells the Truth, illustrated by Robert Neubecker. Beach Lane Books, 2009. ISBN: 781416986867

A disgruntled big sister reveals unpleasant facts about babies. RL 4.3

Werner, Sharon. Alphabeasties and Other Amazing Types, illustrated by Sarah Forss. Blue Apple Books, 2009. ISBN: 9781934706787

Animals of all types show what they're made of - from A to Z. RL 2.9

Wick, Walter. Can You See What I See?: Treasure Ship. Scholastic, 2010. ISBN: 9780439026437

A pirate ship and a chest of gold take readers on a journey through time that leads to the location of purloined treasures. Beginning with a zoom of a gold coin, photographs pull back to reveal the story of the coin's travels from the hull of a pirate ship in the 1700s to the shore of a beach town today. RL 3.3

Willems, Mo. Big Frog Can't Fit In. Hyperion, 2009. ISBN: 9781423114369

Big Frog really wants to fit in. But how? After much frustration, and with her friends' help, she finds out how. RL 0.8

Willems, Mo. Cat the Cat, Who is That? Balzer + Bray, 2010. ISBN: 9780061728402

An exuberant cat introduces readers to her friends. RL 0.7

Willems, Mo. City Dog, Country Frog, illustrated by Jon J. Muth. Hyperion Books for Children, 2010. ISBN: 9781423103004

Through the seasons, whenever City Dog visits the country he runs straight for Country Frog's rock to play games with him, but during the winter things change for them both. RL 2.1

Willems, Mo. Pigs Make Me Sneeze! Hyperion Books for Children, 2009.

ISBN: 9781423114116

Gerald believes he is allergic to his best friend! Will he have to stay away from Piggie forever? RL 1.3

Wing, Natasha. An Eye for Color: The Story of Josef Albers, illustrated by Julia Breckenreid. Henry Holt and Co., 2009. ISBN: 9780805080728

The painter Joseph Albers saw art in simple things. Late in his career, he began painting squares of solid, unmixed color, one within another. RL 3.0

Winter, Jonah. Here Comes the Garbage Barge! Schwartz & Wade Books, 2010.

ISBN: 9780375852183

In the spring of 1987, the town of Islip, New York, with no place for its 3,168 tons of garbage, loads it on a barge that sets out on a 162-day journey along the East Coast, around the Gulf of Mexico, down to Belize, and back again, in search of a place willing to accept and dispose of its very smelly cargo. RL 3.7

Wright, Maureen. Sleep, Big Bear, Sleep, illustrated by Will Hillenbrand. Marshall Cavendish Children, 2009. ISBN: 9780761455608

As winter comes and Big Bear prepares to hibernate, he keeps thinking he hears Old Man Winter giving him exhausting orders that prevent him from sleeping. RL 2.7

Yee, Wong Herbert. Mouse and Mole, Fine Feathered Friends. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2009. ISBN: 9780547152226

When spring arrives, Mole and Mouse find a unique way to bird watch. RL 1.8 *Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor*

Yolen, Jane. All Star! Honus Wagner and the Most Famous Baseball Card Ever, illustrated by Jim Burke. Philomel Books, 2010. ISBN: 9780399246616

Discusses the life and career of the Pittsburgh Pirates legend who was one of the greatest hitters and fielders in baseball history. RL 3.0

Yolen, Jane. My Uncle Emily, illustrated by Nancy Carpenter. Philomel Books, 2009.

ISBN: 9780399240058

In 1881 Amherst, Massachusetts, six-year-old Gilbert finds it both challenging and wonderful to spend time with his aunt, the reclusive poet Emily Dickinson, who lives next door. RL 4.0

Yolleck, Joan. Paris in the Spring with Picasso, illustrated by Marjorie Priceman. Schwartz & Wade Books, 2010. ISBN: 9780375837562

Describes how some of Paris's famous artists and writers, such as Pablo Picasso, Max Jacob, and Guillaume Apollinaire, spend their day before preparing to attend a party at Gertrude Stein's apartment. RL 4.2

Young Shelton, Paula. Child of the Civil Rights Movement, illustrated by Raul Colón. Schwartz & Wade Books, 2010. ISBN: 9780375843143

Paula Young Shelton shares her memories of the civil rights movement and her involvement in the historic march from Selma to Montgomery. RL 2.8

Zalben, Jane Breskin. Baby Shower. Roaring Brook Press, 2010. ISBN: 9781596434653
Zoe's desire for a pet, along with her participation in her aunt's baby shower, causes her to
have dreams about showers of pets falling from the sky. RL 3.0

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