

Kindergarten: Labs Recommended Story Time and Research Book List

The recommended book list is designed to use in Labs for story time or research to enhance student understanding of module content or habits of characters. Teachers may choose to use these or similar books.

Module 1:

Title	Author (Last Name, First Name)	Description	Text Type	Lexile
<i>10 Little Rubber Ducks</i>	Carle, Eric	Readers follow ten rubber ducks from assembly at the rubber duck manufacturing plant, to a cargo ship headed to a far away destination, to lost at sea! The ten rubber ducks have their own new adventures as each one encounters a different animal.	Literary	
<i>A Stick is an Excellent Thing: Poems Celebrating Outdoor Play</i>	Singer, Marilyn	From sidewalk edges to sticks, this collection of poems brings to life outdoor play with engaging text paired with vibrant illustrations.	Poetry	NP
<i>Brown Paper Teddy Bear</i>	Allison, Catherine	A Teddy Bear comes to life and brings Jessica on a magical journey to meet other toys that come to life and play with her.	Literary	
<i>Corduroy</i>	Freeman, Don	As Corduroy sits on a department store shelf with all the other toys, he longs for a home and a friend. When a little girl sees him, she uses her own money to purchase him and give him the home and friendship he desires.	Literary	600
<i>For You Are A Kenyan Child</i>	Cunnane, Kelly	Imagination and discovery transforms a young boy's chores and distract him from his work.	Literary	AD760
<i>Galimoto</i>	Williams, Karen Lynn	Kondi decides to make a Galimoto, but others in his African village think he can't do it. Determined, he sets out to gather the materials he needs. He trades and scavenges until he has just what he needs.	Literary	520
<i>I Love My New Toy: Elephant & Piggie</i>	Willems, Mo	Piggy and Elephant try to figure out how Piggy's new toy works, but when it breaks they become mad, sad, and sorry. They realize that getting along and playing with friends is better than any toy!	Literary	10
<i>Jamaica's Find</i>	Havill, Juanita	Jamaica finds a stuffed dog at the park, and she wants to keep it. She learns to responsibly turn it in to the lost and found.	Literary	460

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<i>My Little Car</i>	Soto, Gary	Told in a mix of Spanish and English, Teresa receives a very cool, green, pedal-powered, low-rider toy car for her birthday. The car becomes damaged.	Literary	
<i>Not a Box</i>	Portis, Antoinette	With a little imagination, an ordinary box holds a world of wonder and play.	Literary	AD50
<i>Oliver</i>	Sif, Birgitta	Oliver is content to use his imagination and play alone with his puppets and stuffed animals. One day, while chasing his tennis ball into the neighbor's yard, Oliver meets a young girl. He discovers that playing with others isn't so bad after all.	Literary	
<i>Phoebe and Her Digger</i>	Springstubb, Tricia	Phoebe uses her imagination to build "mountains" and discover a "dangerous reptile" as she plays with her new toy, Digger, in the playground's dirt. When confronted with a bully, Phoebe learns about being kind.	Literary	
<i>Press Here</i>	Tullet, Herve	This story begins with a single yellow dot against a white background, but soon other dots of different colors join the fun, and then the background color begins to change offering a new and interesting contrast. Finally, the dots grow bigger and smaller as the reader continues to engage in the interactive text.	Literary	AD320
<i>The Day the Crayons Quit</i>	Daywalt, Drew	In this imaginative story, Duncan's crayons surprise him with letters that reveal their unique personalities and desires.	Literary	AD730
<i>The Mouse and the Motorcycle</i>	Cleary, Beverly	In this chapter book by Beverly Cleary, a mouse named Ralph peeks out from his mouse hole and spots a boy named Keith playing with a shiny, red toy motorcycle. Ralph waits for Keith to leave and takes a spin. Excitement, adventure, and danger await Ralph.	Literary	860
<i>The Nowhere Box</i>	Zupardi, Sam	When George needs a break from his annoying little brothers, he decorates a plain old box to transport him to "Nowhere" and away from his little brothers. While "Nowhere" is exciting and magical, George soon learns that playing with his brothers is more fun.	Literary	
<i>Too Many Toys</i>	Shannon, David	Spencer has toys that take up his whole house and he loves them all! When his mom finally says he has too many toys and must part with some, Spencer discovers that an ordinary box may just be the best toy ever!	Literary	AD600
<i>Toys Go Out: Being the Adventures of a Knowledgeable Stingray, a Toughy Little Buffalo, and Someone Called Plastic</i>	Jenkins, Emily	Lumphry, Stingray, and Plastic belong to the Little Girl. Through thick and thin, they face adventures and search for a birthday present for the Little Girl. Told in six connected stories in a chapter book format, readers will laugh and enjoy the escapades of these three friends.	Literary	730

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<i>Waiting</i>	Henkes, Kevin	Five toys wait patiently for different things they enjoy: Owl waits for the moon, Piggy waits for the rain, Bear waits for wind, Puppy waits for snow, and Rabbit waits for nothing in particular. Together they welcome other toys that come and go, but when a nesting cat arrives they welcome her to join in the waiting.	Literary	260
<i>What Can You Do with a Paleta</i>	Tafolla, Carmen	What can you do with an ordinary popsicle or paleta? Lots of things! Discover the ways a paleta can bring joy and fun in this bilingual text.	Literary	AD960
<i>William's Doll</i>	Zolotow, Charlotte	Even though his father buys him lots of toys he thinks boys should play with, all William wants is a doll to take care of, hold, and love. His father and brother don't think a boy should have a doll, but when William's grandmother gets involved she sees how a doll will teach William the important things he will need to know when he becomes a father.	Literary	840
<i>Winnie-the-Pooh</i>	Milne, A.A.	Readers enjoy the timeless characters of Winnie-the-Pooh, Piglet, Owl, Tigger, and Eeyore and their many adventures in the Hundred Acre Wood in this chapter book by A.A. Milne.	Literary	790