

Grade 1: 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>Brick by Brick</i>	Smith, Charles R.	This wordless picture book shows if you collaborate, you can take a wall that divides and build a bridge that brings together.	Informational	
<i>Brush of the Gods</i>	Look, Lenore	Beautifully told and illustrated, this is the legendary story of China's greatest painter, Wu Daozi. Using a paintbrush as his tool, he creates paintings of animals so life-like that they turn into the real things. When tasked with creating a masterpiece, he awes the crowd and the emperor beyond belief.	Literary	580
<i>Building Our House</i>	Bean, Jonathan	What does it take to build a house? Follow one family's journey as they pour concrete for a foundation, raise the frame of the house, enclose the frame for the winter, and work tirelessly to finish the house until it becomes a home.	Literary	AD820
<i>Chopsticks</i>	Rosenthal, Amy Krouse	Help students as they learn to build relationships. Cleverly written with irresistible puns and allusions, this story teaches the treasure of friendship with a measure of independence.	Literary	AD240
<i>Lady Hahn and Her Seven Friends</i>	Heo, Yumi	Based on a traditional Korean story, the seven sewing tools of Lady Hahn argue about which one of them is the best. They quickly discover that each one of them plays an important role in working together to help Lady Hahn get her sewing done.	Literary	

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<i>Let's Build a Clubhouse</i>	Singer, Marilyn	A group of children and adults have a great idea: get together and collaborate to build a clubhouse! Learn about how they use a plan and the proper tools to get the job done.	Literary	
<i>Old MacDonald Had a Woodshop</i>	Shulman, Lisa	Written to the traditional tune of "Old MacDonald had a Farm," this fresh text features a female sheep as "Old MacDonald" and highlights different tools along with the sounds they make in the woodshop.	Literary	NP
<i>Peaceful Piggy Meditation</i>	MacLean, Kerry Lee	Piggy shows how meditation can help you create a peaceful place in your heart, so that you can take care of yourself and others. Especially when things don't go just the way you want.	Informational	AD860
<i>Rosie Revere, Engineer</i>	Beaty, Andrea	Rosie has great dreams of becoming an engineer. She collects all sorts of things for her magnificent inventions, but when she faces failure she is ready to give up. Her great-aunt encourages her to persevere.	Literary	
<i>Sam & Dave Dig a Hole</i>	Klassen, Jon	Sam and Dave work together as a team when they dig to find something spectacular. They learn that spectacular might be something different from what they first imagined.	Informational	310
<i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young Readers Edition</i>	Kamkwamba, William and Mealer, Bryan	In this young readers' edition of the New York Times bestseller, the inspiring story of how William overcomes famine and starvation through perseverance, creativity, imagination, and resourcefulness to save his community.	Literacy	860
<i>The Chickens Build A Wall</i>	Dumont, Jean-Francois	Faced with an unknown visitor, a hedgehog, chickens decide that they should protect themselves by building a wall of protection. They discover that the hedgehog has been hibernating inside their wall the entire winter.	Literary	AD850
<i>The Clever Stick</i>	Lechner, John	There once was a clever stick that had lots to say and share with the forest, but he could not speak. Find out how the clever stick finds his voice and his place in the forest.	Literary	
<i>The Eraserheads</i>	Banks, Kate	Beautifully illustrated, follow an owl, crocodile, and pig eraser heads as they fix mistakes and make some new ones.	Literary	
<i>The Pencil</i>	Ahlberg, Allan	What can an ordinary pencil do? Discover what the pencil does, how he creates other tools to help with his work, and the amazing things he creates.	Literary	AD540

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<i>Tools Rule!</i>	Meshon, Aaron	What happens when tools are left out in the yard? Well, they get to work and build themselves a toolshed! Each tool with a job to do, they zip, plunk, glop, and slop to work together and build their shed.	Literary	BR
<i>When Sophie Gets Angry—Really, Really Angry</i>	Bang, Molly	Sometimes when we play together, things don't go the way we want them to. This book addresses the anger children may feel, and opens the door for strategizing about ways to deal with anger and other difficult emotions.	Literary	BR
<i>Whose Tools Are These (Community Helper Mysteries)</i>	Tourville, Amanda Doering	Even animals use tools! Both beautifully illustrated and elegantly crafted with poetry and informational text, students explore the ways animals use tools for survival.	Informational	270
<i>Whose Tools Are These: A Look at Tools Workers Use - Big, Sharp and Smooth</i>	Cooper, Sharon Katz	What kinds of tools does it take to build a house? Read about the different house building roles discover the tools that get the job done.	Literary	AD670
<i>Yasmin's Hammer</i>	Malaspina, Ann	Day after day Yasmin works with her hammer on the bricks and dreams of going to school. Faced with the challenges at home, she never gives up on this dream.	Literary	AD610