

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 2:

Title	Author (Last Name, First Name)	Description	Text Type	Lexile
<i>Anansi the Spider: A Tale from the Ashanti</i>	McDermott, Gerald	This folktale from the Ashanti in Ghana is sure to light up student imaginations. Read how Anansi, the spider, rewards his six sons with the moon after they collaborate to save him from trouble.	Literary	AD290
<i>Arrow to the Sun: A Pueblo Indian Tale</i>	McDermott, Gerald	When the Lord of the Sun sends a spark to Earth, a young boy is born. Eager to discover who his real father is, the boy travels throughout the world until he meets the Arrow Maker, who turns the boy into an arrow and shoots him into the sky.	Literary	480
<i>Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars: Space Poems and Paintings</i>	Florian, Doug	Learn about planets and other celestial bodies through poetry! This text may be read when emphasizing certain aspects of the sky, honing in on planets, stars, or the moon.	Poetry	

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<i>Fly Guy Presents: Space (Scholastic Reader, Level 2)</i>	Arnold, Tedd	When Buzz and Fly Guy visit a space museum, readers get to learn about the universe, the sun, space travel and more! In fun Fly Guy fashion, photographs mixed with illustrations and text to enhance the reader's understanding of space and the wonders it has to offer.	Informational	590
<i>Gravity</i>	Chin, Jason	What is gravity? Readers explore this topic while reading a simple text paired with captivating and revealing illustrations about this scientific marvel.	Informational	BR
<i>Henry's Stars</i>	Elliott, David	Excitement erupts around the farm when Henry the pig, Abigail the cow, Mr. Brown the horse, and other farmyard animals discover likenesses of themselves in the starry night sky.	Literary	AD500
<i>How the Stars Fell into the Sky</i>	Oughton, Jerrie	Who put the stars in the sky? Why were they put there so long ago? Discover the answers to these questions in the story presented in this Navajo legend.	Literary	780
<i>I Wonder Why the Sun Rises: and Other Questions About Time and Seasons</i>	Walpole, Brenda	Key portions of this text (such as day and night, the seasons, the moon, and time in space) offer rich read-aloud experiences and may be re-read for research purposes during Labs.	Informational	NC820
<i>If You Decide to Go to the Moon</i>	McNulty, Faith	What would you need if you want to go the moon one day? How could it feel to take off in a rocket on your way to the moon? Discover the answers to these questions and more as you read this handbook for dreamers planning to go to the moon.	Literary	AD690
<i>Many Moons</i>	Thurber, James	Oh, what could one possibly get Princess Lenore to make her well again? The moon, of course! But, how? Follow the King as he consults the wisest, smartest, and most magical in his kingdom to solve this problem, and discover the unlikely character who provides the answer.	Literary	790
<i>Moon Rope / Un lazo a la luna</i>	Ehlert, Lois	In this Peruvian folktale, Fox enlists the help of other animals in his quest to get up to the moon. After many tries and various approaches, Fox disappears never to be seen again.	Literary	
<i>Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11</i>	Floca, Brian	Told with simple elegance and captivating illustrations, this is the story of Apollo 11's mission to the moon. Readers follow the journey from preparation to take-off to ocean landing.	Informational	AD990
<i>On Earth</i>	Karas, G. Brian	A wonderful introductory text to many of the concepts students will learn about during this module: night and day, gravity, the seasons, and our galaxy.	Informational	AD660

Grade 1: Labs: Module 2

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<i>Out of This World: Poems and Facts about Space</i>	Sklansky, Amy	Come learn about our amazing universe and the wonders of space travel in this book of poems with accompanying facts and illustrations. Students may return to this text as they embark on their on space research during Labs.	Poetry	NC1030
<i>Owl Moon</i>	Yolen, Jane	What kind of moon do you need to go “owling?” A moon so bright it makes the sky shine bright. Join a young child and his Pa as they trek through the moonlight woods on their “owling” quest.	Literary	630
<i>Raven: A Trickster Tale from the Pacific Northwest</i>	McDermott, Gerald	In this classic trickster tale, discover how Raven brightens the world when he places the sun in the sky.	Literary	AD380
<i>Starry Messenger: Galileo Galilei</i>	Sis, Peter	A long time ago people believed Earth was the center of the universe, but not Galileo! His curiosity, along with his use of mathematics and physics, opened his eyes to the universe when he built a telescope. Read about Galileo's discovery and how the people responded.	Informational	830
<i>Sun and Moon</i>	Yankey, Lindsey	When Moon wishes to see all the wonderful things Sun must see during the day, he quickly discovers all the magical and wondrous things that can be seen during the night.	Literary	
<i>Sun Up, Sun Down</i>	Gibbons, Gail	The sun is an important part of our lives. It provides light and heat during the daytime, and lights up the moon at night. Discover more about the sun's role with the weather and interesting facts about the sun in this information-packed text.	Informational	490
<i>Sunshine Makes the Seasons (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science 2)</i>	Branley, Frankyn M.	Why do we have the seasons? Why makes night and day? Discover the answers to these questions as this text is read aloud. Students may also follow-up with this text in Labs when they perform the interesting and simple experiments embedded in the text.	Informational	AD510
<i>The Earth Under Sky Bear's Feet: Native American Poems of the Land</i>	Bruchac, Joseph	Listen to the beauty and reverence of Native American poetry as each tale pays tribute to the night sky and is accompanied by captivating illustrations, which will ignite the imagination of readers and listeners.	Poetry	
<i>The Librarian who Measured the Earth</i>	Lasky, Kathryn	Could it be possible to measure the earth? How about measuring it thousands of years ago? Read about the Eratosthenes and his remarkable mathematical insights, which he used to measure the earth.	Informational	840

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<i>The Moon Book</i>	Gibbons, Gail	Enjoy this text as both a read aloud and a research text. The informative yet simple text for read aloud includes illustrations and features that provide research facts for students to discover.	Informational	740
<i>The Moon Seems to Change (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science 2)</i>	Branley, Frankyn M.	If you look in to the night sky, it looks like the moon changes. But is it really changing? Learn about the phases of the moon engage in the experiments in the book to really bring this learning to life.	Informational	470
<i>The Other Side</i>	Woodson, Jacqueline	When a fence separates a white family from a black family, Clover and Annie decide they will sit together on that fence and get to know each other anyway. This read aloud text offers students the opportunity to discuss getting to know others who may be different and how sometimes there are invisible fences that divide us.	Literary	AD300
<i>The Sun Our Nearest Star (Let's Read and Find Out Science Level 2)</i>	Branley, Frankyn M.	What is sun made of? How far away is it? How does it impact life on Earth? Read about the answers to these questions and more! Plus, students may engage in an experiment to really bring to life the power of the sun.	Informational	AD570
<i>Thirteen Moons on Turtle's Back: A Native American Year of Moon</i>	Bruchac, Joseph	According to Native American culture, there are thirteen moons just as there are thirteen sections on the turtle's shell. Enjoy reading about the special stories associated with each moon.	Literary	960
<i>What Makes Day and Night (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science 2)</i>	Branley, Frankyn M.	An in-depth yet simple text in which students can learn about how it becomes daytime and nighttime on Earth. The text is enhanced with revealing illustrations and text details, as well as simple experiments.	Informational	230
<i>What the Moon is Like (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science, Stage 2)</i>	Dayrell, Elphinstone	What is the moon like? How is it different from Earth? Discover the attributes of the moon by reading this text, examining the illustrations and photographs, and studying the informational text features.	Literary	570
<i>Zoo in the Sky: A Book of Animal Constellations</i>	Mitton, Jacqueline	If you use your imagination, you can see the zoo in the sky! With each animal captured in shimmering illustrations, read about the animal constellations and when to see them in the night sky.	Informational	750