

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 4:

Title	Author (Last Name, First Name)	Description	Text Type	Lexile
<i>A Mother for Choco</i>	Kasza, Keiko	Choco, the bird, sets out and searches high and low for his mother. When he meets a bear who nurtures and loves him, he accepts the bear as his mother and joins her other children: a pig, alligator, and hippo.	Literary	390L
<i>Basil's Birds</i>	Reed, Lynn Rowe	When Basil discovers a birds nest has been build on top of his head as he took a nap outside, he decides to not only allow the nest to remain, but he cares for the eggs like a father!	Literary	AD590L
<i>Fly Free!</i>	Thong, Roseanne	A young girl longs to do a good deed and set the sparrows in a Buddhist temple free, but setting them free costs money. Read how one good deed turns into another and then another and eventually cycles back to setting the sparrows free!	Literary	760L
<i>Forever Friends</i>	Berger, Carin	This simple and elegant story reveals the beauty of friendship when a bunny and a bird play all through the spring, summer, and fall. But, when winter comes and the bird must fly south, will the friendship resume in the spring?	Literary	

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<i>Happy Birthday Mr. Kang</i>	Roth, Susan L.	Told through collage illustrations and compelling text, Mr. Kang chooses to go to the park to set his beloved bird free out of love. but when he returns home, he finds the bird has returned home, too.	Literary	540L
<i>Horton Hatches the Egg</i>	Seuss, Dr.	Horton, the elephant, is coaxed into sitting atop a tiny nest with a tiny egg, and when others see him perched and in such a predicament he becomes the center of attention. Read about Horton's dedication and determination to hatch the egg and see the surprise that awaits him once it hatches.	Literary	460L
<i>Just a Baby Bird (Little Critter)</i>	Mayer, Mercer	Enjoy a shared reading experience with this easy to read Mercer Mayer story of a whole family rescuing and caring for a lost baby bird.	Literary	340L
<i>Lotus and Feather</i>	Jiang, Ji-li	When a young girl, Lotus, and her grandfather rescue a crane that has been shot by hunters, they could not imagine the healing and joy that Feather will bring to their lives and the community in which they live.	Literary	
<i>Loveykins</i>	Blake, Quentin	Angela Bowling has rescued a bird, whom she names Augustus. Taking her role seriously, Augustus gets the treatment: a stroller to ride in, blankets wrapped tightly to keep him warm, food galore, and a shed to call his own. But Augustus meant to be free, read how he gains his freedom while visiting Angela.	Informational	AD860L
<i>Puffling Patrol</i>	Lewin, Ted	Join a town in Iceland as they work together to protect puffins. The text is a rich read aloud, and also provides research facts and a glossary for further investigation of puffins.	Informational	910L
<i>Sparrow Girl</i>	Pennypacker, Sara	When war is declared on sparrows for eating the grain seeds, the farmers in a community decide to kill them off. Only one girl has the foresight to see that this would be devastating to other birds and their way of life, Secretly she hides and cares for seven sparrows, and eventually the farmers realize their mistake and hail the young girl as a hero for saving their way of life.	Literary	590L
<i>The Dead Bird</i>	Brown, Margaret Wise	Little children find a dead bird and are sure to provide a proper burial and tribute to it.	Literary	
<i>The Origami Master</i>	Lecheneyer, Nathaniel	When a warbler outdoes an origami master, he captures it to see how it makes such beautiful paper creations. However, while captive, the bird refuses to cooperate. Discover how the bird escapes and the lesson the master learned.	Literary	630L
<i>The Secret Message: Based On A Poem By Rumi</i>	Javaherbin, Mina	Based on a Persian poem, a parrot tricks his merchant owner into conveying a message to his fellow parrots when he embarks on the Silk Road. When the merchant returns home, having delivered a reply to the parrot's message, a surprise awaits the merchant.	Literary	

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<i>Vanilla Ice Cream</i>	Graham, Bob	In this beautifully illustrated story, a young sparrow from India finds himself on a journey across the world, only to encounter a dog, a toddler, and her grandparents. What happens next changes the toddlers life forever - her first taste of vanilla ice cream!	Literary	220
<i>Yeti and the Bird</i>	Shireen, Nadia	A lonely yeti is surprised when a lost bird flies in and bumps him on the head. Unsure of how to react, the yeti tries to scare the bird away, but the oblivious bird prattles on about his journey and how he is lost. When the yeti decides to care for the bird, they become friends, and the other animals of the forest see the yeti in a new light.	Literary	AD530L