

Grade 2: 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 character. Teachers may choose to use these or similar books.

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Title	Author (Last Name, First Name)	Description	Text Type	Lexile
<i>A Mysterious Egg: The Dino Files #1</i>	McAnulty, Stacy	Frank's grandma is a paleontologist, and when she finds a fossil of an egg, Frank and Sam can't resist sneaking into the dino lab to take a peek. Read about what they discover while also learning more about dinosaurs.	Literary	440
<i>Barnum's Bones: How Barnum Brown Discovered the Most Famous Dinosaur in the World</i>	Fern, Tracy	Barnum Brown was quite a character! His parents had high hopes for him, and he sure did deliver. Discover Barnum's amazing dino fossil digging adventures, including his impressive contribution to the world of dinosaur finds.	Informational	1010
<i>Boy, Were We Wrong About Dinosaurs!</i>	Kudlinski, Kathleen V.	There are so many facts about dinosaurs that experts once believed to be true, but science and further discoveries have shown are inaccurate. Learn about these fun details while also gaining new knowledge about the physical features and behaviors of various dinosaurs.	Informational	AD900
<i>Buried Sunlight: How Fossil Fuels Have Changed the Earth</i>	Bang, Molly and Chisholm, Peggy	Learn how fossils are made and how they impact the Earth. This text may be a helpful research resource during Labs.	Informational	NC860
<i>Curious About Fossils</i>	Waters, Kate	If you're curious about fossils, you'll love reading about paleontologist who study dinosaur fossils and what they learn about the history of the Earth. This text may be a research resource during Labs.	Informational	NC780
<i>Digging Up Dinosaurs (Let's Read and Find Out Science Stage 2)</i>	Aliki	How did those dinosaur displays make it to the museum? Who put them together? How did they know how the bones fit together? From digging to drawing and from collaborating to connecting those bone, read how scientists work to bring dinosaurs back to life in museums.	Informational	490

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<i>Dinosaur Detectives</i>	Chrisp, Peter	In this collection of notable dinosaur detectives, students will learn about remarkable finds and the amazing people who have studied dinosaurs. In true DK fashion, this text makes use of various text features to convey the interesting information it has to offer. Portions of this may be read aloud to learn more about what a paleontologist does, and it may also serve as a research text during Labs.	Informational	770
<i>Dinosaur Discoveries</i>	Gibbons, Gail	Packed with information and details, discover characteristics of different non-bird dinosaurs through vibrant illustrations, text features, and paragraph-length descriptions. This text may be useful as a research text during Labs.	Informational	IG760
<i>Dinosaur Tracks (Let's Read and Find Out Science Stage 2)</i>	Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidener	What can a set of dinosaur tracks tell you? Learn how scientists who study dinosaur tracks, can tell what type of dinosaur track belongs to, what that dinosaur eats, and how big the dinosaur might have been. Interested in making some tracks of your own? Use the fossil footprints experiment in the back of the book to learn more.	Informational	
<i>Dinosaurs</i>	Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidener	This Nat Geo text offers vivid photographs, illustrations, text boxes, and clear language to convey facts about various types of dinosaurs. Students may find the information helpful as a research text during Labs.	Informational	520
<i>Dinosaurs Are Different (Let's Read and Find Out Science Stage 2)</i>	Aliki	What characteristics of dinosaurs make them different from each other? Discover the answer to this question as you use the text and illustrations together to make meaning. Best read in small chunks, this may serve as a research text during Labs.	Informational	530
<i>Dinosaurs Before Dark: Magic Tree House #1</i>	Osborne, Mary Pope	Join Jack and Annie in one of their adventures in the Magic Tree House chapter book! This time they are transported back in time to the age of the dinosaurs. Will they make it home before they become dino dinner?	Literary	240
<i>Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings</i>	Florian, Doug	Enjoy the rich language of each poem as it is paired with a detailed painting focusing on one dinosaur at a time. This text may be read in its entirety or may focus on one selected dinosaur poem at a time in order to relate so specific module lessons.	Poetry	
<i>Each Kindness</i>	Woodson, Jacqueline	"Each kindness makes the world a little bit better." When a new girl, Maya, arrives in school the other students first ignore then make fun of her. One day she doesn't come to school and the teacher talks to the children about the power of kindness. When they learn Maya's family has moved away, some of the children regret their unkind behavior toward her and wish to treat her differently.	Literary	AD640

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<i>Edwina, The Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct</i>	Willems, Mo	Uh oh, no one told Edwina, the dinosaur who bakes cookies, that she is extinct! That is no one until, Reginal Von Hoobie-Doobie. When none of the other kids believe Reginald, he takes matters into his own hands.	Literary	AD500
<i>Fossil</i>	Thomson, Bill	This chapter, research text offers students an in-depth study of various types of fossils. From plants to animals to dinosaurs, there is a lot to learn from this resource.	Informational	NP
<i>Fossil</i>	Ewart, Claire	Engage students in active storytelling, imagination, and adventure through the vivid and clever illustrations depicting unexpected fossil discoveries in this wordless picture book.	Informational	
<i>Fossil (DK Eyewitness Books Series)</i>	Taylor, Paul	Explore a wide variety of fossils with this research text. How does a fossil become a fossil? What did these creatures and plants once look like? Find the answers to these questions and more as you study the illustrations, photographs, and informational nuggets in this text.	Informational	
<i>Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs: As Retold by Mo Willems</i>	Willems, Mo	Three dinosaurs lay a trap for Goldilocks in order to enjoy her as tasty treat, but when their plan is foiled, everyone learns a lesson. Students may enjoy re-enacting this story during Labs.	Literary	AD910
<i>How the Dinosaur Got to the Museum</i>	Hartland, Jessie	How many people does it take to move a dinosaur fossil from where it is discovered to the museum where it is displayed? The answer is a lot! Read about the various and special roles essential to transferring, preserving, and protecting dinosaur fossils from dirt to display.	Informational	AD1280
<i>Ivy and Bean Break the Fossil Record (Ivy and Bean Series #3)</i>	Barrows, Annie	All of second grade, including Ivy and Bean, are determined to break all sorts of world records. Ivy and Bean decide they want to be the youngest ever to discover a dinosaur. When they start to dig for fossils, they wonder how hard this record might be to break. This chapter book offers the opportunity to read a longer text over a longer duration of the module.	Literary	520
<i>Life Story</i>	Burton, Virginia Lee	Enjoy this brief history of life on Earth, and study the Mesozoic Era, the time of the dinosaurs, in the context of how life began and changed on Earth.	Informational	870
<i>Living Fossils: Clues to the Past</i>	Arnold, Caroline	Discover modern day plants or animals and how they resemble their ancient ancestors can help us learn about the past. By pairing the modern with the ancient, this text places examples side by side to reveal stunning similarities and fascinating facts about remarkable plants and animals.	Informational	1040
<i>My Visit to the Dinosaurs (Let's Read and Find Out Science Stage 2)</i>	Aliki	This introductory text provides students with a first glance at where dinosaur fossils are displayed, how paleontologists do their job, and various types of dinosaurs.	Informational	540

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<i>Paleontology: The Study of Prehistoric Life</i>	Gray, Susan Heinrichs	Ideally a research text, learn about the scientific work a paleontologist does, how she does work, and some current projects in the modern day.	Informational	860
<i>Prehistoric Actual Size</i>	Jenkins, Steve	How big were the dinosaurs anyway? Discover the actual size of some ancient creatures in this interactive, research text. Learn about their size and where and when they lived as you compare the sizes of a sampling of dinosaurs.	Informational	IG1130
<i>Rocks, Fossils and Arrowheads</i>	Evert, Laura	This research text provides handy one-page information clusters on specific rocks, fossils, and artifacts. Students can learn from the illustrations, text, graphs, diagrams, and experiments.	Informational	
<i>The Dino Files #2: Too Big to Hide</i>	McAnulty, Stacy	The second in this series of three texts will have readers enjoying the adventures of Frank and Sam as they secretly take care of a baby dinosaur.	Literary	400
<i>The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins</i>	Kerley, Barbara	Enter the world of Waterhouse Hawkins. A place where science and art come together to create magnificent life-size dinosaur models. Students will enjoy learning about the triumphs and tragedies of Waterhouse as he sought to bring dinosaurs back to the land of the living.	Informational	550
<i>Those Shoes</i>	Boelts, Maribeth	Jeremy dreams of those shoes, those black shoes with the two white stripes. They are all he can think about, but his grandmother says they are a want not a need. When he is lucky enough to find these shoes at a thrift shop, they are too small. Determined to squeeze into the shoes, he buys them anyway.	Literary	AD680