

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 characters. Teachers may choose to use these or similar books.

Module 4:

Title	Author (Last Name, First Name)	Description	Text Type	Lexile
<i>A Boy and a Jaguar</i>	Rabinowitz, Alan	A young boy overcomes stuttering in the presence of animals, especially the jaguar. Discover how this special bond inspires a life long passion and makes a difference in the world.	Informational	670
<i>Ada's Violin: The Story Of The Recycled Orchestra Of Paraguay</i>	Hood, Susan	Ada's town sits next to a landfill where her community sifts and sorts through the trash hoping to find treasure. When a music teacher comes to town offering to teach lessons to the children, he must use the town's landfill to invent musical instruments for the children to play. Discover how the treasure of the landfill springs to life in ways no one could have imagined.	Informational	820
<i>Aesop's Fables</i>	Aesop and Pinkney, Jerry	Jerry Pinkney's classically illustrated and told Aesop's fables is sure to capture the imagination of readers as they become immersed in each fable and learn valuable lessons along the way.	Literary	760L
<i>Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music</i>	Engle, Margarita	Based on a true story, this vibrantly illustrated book captures the forbidden dreams of a young girl to play the drums. Only boys are allowed to play the drums, but she still dreams. Discover how dreams, hard work, and perseverance pay off in <i>Drum Dream Girl</i> .	Informational	
<i>Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah</i>	Thompson, Laurie Ann	For his entire life Emmanuel has had to prove to others than he has the ability to do anything - even with only one strong leg. Discover Emmanuel's courage, tenacity, and passion and be inspired to take on your own dreams.	Informational	AD770
<i>Fables</i>	Lobel, Arnold	Arnold Lobel's classically illustrated collection of fables, presents one-page stories of memorable characters and lessons to be learned.	Literary	540
<i>First Come The Zebra</i>	Barasch, Lynne	One day two boys from conflicting tribes encounter a young child trapped in a herd of warthogs. Putting aside their differences, the boys work together to rescue the child, and eventually learn they have more in common than they originally thought.	Literary	AD600L
<i>Follow The Moon Home</i>	Cousteau, Philippe	Read the inspiring story of how one class tackles a community problem: making a safe pathway for hundreds of sea turtles to follow the light of the moon to their home in the sea.	Literary	NC520L

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<i>Kids Who Are Changing the World</i>	Jankeliowitch, Anne	This collection of inspiring stories about children who are making a difference in the world is sure to inspire children and adults, alike. Learn about each young person's passion, pathway, and personality.	Informational	950
<i>Marvelous Cornelius: Hurricane Katrina And The Spirit Of New Orleans</i>	Binder, Phil	Cornelius' joy, devotion to his city, and contagious dancing was just as much a part of New Orleans as the city's food and music. When Hurricane Katrina hits and devastates New Orleans, his city needs his qualities to inspire others to bring restoration and hope.	Literary	AD560L
<i>My Name Is Sangoel</i>	Stock, Catherine and Mohammed, Khadra	When Sangoel and his family leave Sudan as refugees to start a new life in America, they are shocked by how different life is. At school, Sangoel feels as though he has lost his beloved family name. Read this text to see how he connects with the other children in a universal way.	Literary	AD440
<i>My Three Best Friends and Me, Zulay</i>	Best, Cari	Zulay has new pink shoes that are good for running! When her teacher announces that there will be field day at school soon, Zulay announces she wants to run the race with her new pink shoes. Zulay is blind. Read how Zulay and her teachers work together to make her goal happen.	Literary	
<i>One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference</i>	Milway, Katie Smith	When Kojo, a young boy from Ghana, borrows money from his mother to buy one hen, he could never imagine how this single purchase could change his country. One small change, one small person and one small act at a time.	Informational	810
<i>One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia</i>	Paul, Miranda	As plastic bags begin to pile up and create unhealthy circumstances for the people and animals in Gambia, one woman has an idea to turn this trash into something useful.	Informational	AD480L
<i>Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation</i>	Tonatiuh, Duncan	Forced to attend a school only for Mexicans, Sylvia Mendez's family takes on the segregated school system in Southern California and paves the way for children from different backgrounds to attend desegregated schools.	Informational	870
<i>The Amazing Age of John Roy Lynch</i>	Barton, Chris	From slave to Congressman, the life of John Roy Lynch serves as inspiration to face cruelty, pain, and injustice with determination, honor, and integrity.	Informational	920
<i>The Buzz on Bees: Why Are They Disappearing?</i>	Rotnell, Shelley and Woodhull, Anne	Learn about the importance of bees for our many different aspects of our lives, why the bees are disappearing, and consider what you can do about it to make a difference.	Informational	950L
<i>The Grasshopper and the Ants</i>	Pinkney, Jerry	Intricate and detailed illustrations bring to life this classic fable of a grasshopper that chooses to play and procrastinate while the ants work responsibly.	Literary	