

# Open Court Reading

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## Grade 1 Text Collection

Selections include narrative and informational texts from numerous genres and cross-curricular connections.



### Used Throughout the Year

Rhyme Stew (Big Book)

### Unit 1: Back to School

Big Book/Little Book

- First Grade Stinks!** by Mary Ann Rodman (Realistic Fiction)
- The First Day of First Grade** by Milo Reese (Poetry)
- A New Friend at School** by Tany Anderson (Realistic Fiction)
- The Plant Monitor** by Michele Boston (Realistic Fiction)
- Story Time** by Margaret Matthews (Poetry)
- The Little School Bus** by Carol Roth (Rhyming Fiction)
- What Will I Be?** by Jill Johnson (Photo Essay)
- We Couldn't Wait** by Maggie Smith-Beehler (Poetry)

### Unit 2: Be My Friend

Big Book/Little Book

- Chicken Chickens Go to School** written and illustrated by Valeri Gorbachev (Fantasy)
- A Friend Can** by Harper Hess (Poetry)
- My Two Best Friends** by Claire Daniel (Realistic Fiction)
- Friends Find Solutions** by Megan Thompson (Opinion or Persuasive Writing)
- We Could Be Friends** by Myra Cohn Livingston (Poetry)
- No Wolves Allowed** by Sheila Sweeny Higginson (Fable)
- Far Away Friends** by Tamara Andrews (Informational Text)
- Best Friend** by Claire Boiko (Poetry)

### Unit 3: Science Cycles

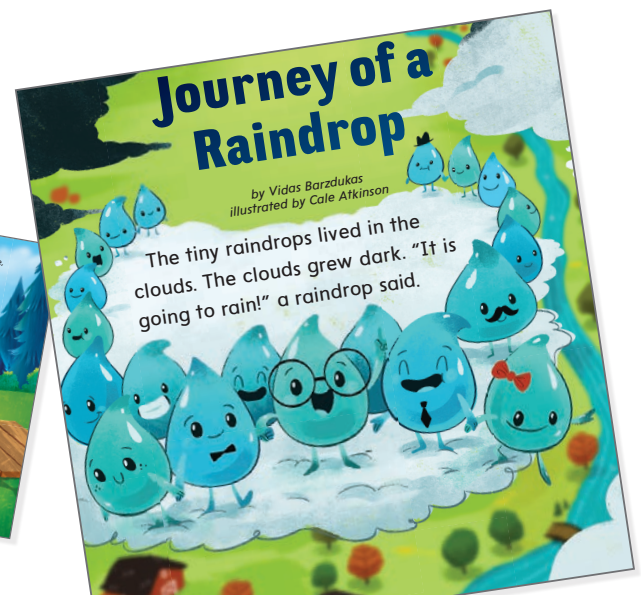
Big Book/Little Book

- Time Is When** by Beth Gleick (Informational Text)
- The Months** by Sara Coleridge (Poetry)
- Jake's Tree** by Dennis Fertig (Realistic Fiction)
- Journey of a Raindrop** by Vidas Barzdukas (Narrative Fiction)
- Spring Rain** by Elena Vasquez (Poetry)
- From Seed to Flower** by Jeri Cipriano (Explanatory Text)
- Insects Grow and Change** by Katie Sharp (Informational Text)
- Cycles of Life** by Oliver Rodriguez (Poetry)

### Unit 4: Light and Sound

Big Book/Little Book

- Me and My Shadow** by Amy Tao (Informational Text)
- The Sun** by Gareth Lancaster (Poetry)
- The Star** by Jane Taylor (Poetry)
- Watching the Moon** by Abi Manickam (Informational Text)
- Ben's Bright Idea** by Daniel Bick (Historical Fiction)
- Flicker, Flash, Ka-Boom!** by Valerie Marchini (Poetry)
- Just Listen** by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld (Informational Text)
- The Tale of Lightning and Thunder** by Edwin Clark (Myth)
- Weather** by Eve Merriam (Poetry)
- Onomatopoeia** by Eve Merriam (Poetry)



## Unit 5: Around Our Town

Big Book/Little Book

**City Life and Town Life** by Jeri Johnson (Informational Text)

**Wake Up!** by Eva Grant (Poetry)

**Places in Our Community** by Nicole DeSalle (Informational Text)

First Reader

**Sam's Map | On the Globe | The Zoo Trip  
Inside the Fire Station | At the Library**

## Unit 6: Around Our World

Big Book/Little Book

**Be My Neighbor** by Maya Ajmera and John D. Ivanko (Informational Text)

**Neighborhood of Sun (Barrio lleno de sol)** from A Movie in My Pillow (Una película en mi almohada) by Jorge Argueta (Poetry)

**Family Roots** by Lisa Kurkov (Realistic Fiction)

First Reader

**Hello, Japan! | Plink, Plink, Plink | A Trip to Peru  
Let's Go To School! | Finding My Place**

## Unit 7 Roots and Seeds

Student Anthology

**Plant Life Cycles** by Julie K. Lundgren (Explanatory Text)

**Dandelion** by Heidi Roemer (Poetry)

**Pond Plants** by Carol Krueger (Informational Text)

**Fruits and Vegetables at Work** by Rowan Sienkiewicz (Explanatory Text)

**Protective Plants** by Rosa McKenna (Informational Text)

## Unit 8: Animal from Head to Toe

Student Anthology

**Gecko Toes and Dragonfly Eyes** by Eric Ode (Informational Text)

**The Fable of the Lion and the Mouse** by Cameron Molina (Fable)

**Grow, Ladybug, Grow!** by Ursula Cook (Explanatory Text)

**Just Like My Mother** by M. L. Cuffney (Fantasy)

**How Animals Move** by Valentino Neidr (Photo Essay)

## Unit 9: Red, White, and Blue

Student Anthology

**Patriotism** by George Frey (Informational Text)

**This Land Is Your Land** by Woody Guthrie (Poetry)

**A Center for Everyone** by Kate De Goldi (Realistic Fiction)

**Veterans: Heroes in Our Neighborhood** by Valerie Pfundstein  
(Rhyming Fiction)

**America Is...** by Louise Borden (Narrative Nonfiction)

## Unit 10: Stars and Stripes

Student Anthology

**Our Song and Our Flag: A National Symbol** by Amelia  
Gunderman (Informational Text)

**The Star-Spangled Banner** by Francis Scott Key (Poetry)

**The Statue of Liberty** by Sunil Raval (Informational Text)

**The Bald Eagle: A Proud Symbol** by Heidi McKelvey (Informational Text)

**Our Trip to Washington, D.C.** by Lane Katsaros (Realistic Fiction)

## Unit 11: Art for All

Student Anthology

**David's Drawings** written and illustrated by Cathryn Falwell  
(Realistic Fiction)

**Crayons** by Jane Yolen (Poetry)

**The Girl in the Red Sweater** by Evelyn Chu (Realistic Fiction)

**The Abstract Cat** by Raj Manohar (Realistic Fiction)

**Henri's Scissors** excerpted from a larger work written and  
illustrated by Jeanette Winter (Biography)

## Unit 12: Art in Motion

Student Anthology

**Start Up the Band!** by Eve Tonkin (Historical Fiction)

**Singing-Time** by Rose Fyleman (Poetry)

**Rock and Roll the Week Away** by Robert Heidbreder (Poetry)

**The Quest for Steps** by Karen Martin (Adventure Tale)

**Dance: A Balanced Art** by Kathleen DeFede (Explanatory Text)

**Let's Set the Stage!** by Madeline James (Play)

