Open Court Reading



Grade K Text Collection

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



Alphabet Book (Big Book)
Pickled Peppers (Big Book)

Cross-Curricular Science and Social Studies

Big Book

Schools Around the World by John Russell (Informational Text)
The Lady with the Lamp: Florence Nightingale by Michael Greene
Working with Weather by Alan Bryant (Biography)
Fun Ways to Move by Jillian Johnson (Realistic Fiction)
How a House Is Built excerpted from a larger work written
and illustrated by Gail Gibbons (Explanatory Text)

A Collection of Cultures by Paul Cascata (Informational Text)

A Collection of Cultures by Paul Caserta (Informational Text)
From Seed to Plant excerpted from a larger work written
and illustrated by Gail Gibbons (Explanatory text)
Turtle Beach by Hannah Greer (Realistic Fiction)
Obey the Law! by Albert Carangelo (Informational Text)
Famous Faces Carved in Stone by Fredrick Nelson

Seymour Simon's Colors in Nature excerpted from a larger work by Seymour Simon and Liz Nealon (Informational Text) **Little Cloud** written and illustrated by Eric Carle (Fantasy)

Unit 1: Off to School

Big Book/Little Book

(Informational Test)

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn (Fantasy)
Kindergarten Rocks! by Loris Lesynski (Poetry)
Who Is at Your School? by Jan Mader (Informational Text)
Class Pet Time by Maggie Smith (Poetry)
Kids Rule at School by Myka-Lynne Sokoloff (Fantasy)



Unit 2: Let's Be Kind

Big Book/Little Book

Two Foxes retold by Susan Kang (Folktale) **Kindness Is** by Patrick Murphy

Snow White and Rose Red by Brothers Grimm,

retold by Daniel Munn (Poetry)

Kindness Goes By Many Names by Tanya Anderson (Poetry) **Beauty and the Beast** by Madame Gabrielle-Suzanne Barbot de Villeneuve, retold by Kate Bernard (Fairy Tale)

Unit 3: What's the Weather?

Big Book/Little Book

Weather Measures by Yvonne Morrison (Explanatory Text)
The Rain by Myra Cohn Livingston (Riddling Poetry)
When Rain Falls by Melissa Stewart (Informational Text)
The Wind by Myra Cohn Livingston (Riddling Poetry)
Snow Day! by Lester L. Laminack (Realistic Fiction)

Unit 4: Pushes and Pulls

Big Book/Little Book

The Bus adapted by Elizabeth Donovan (Nursery Rhyme)
Push and Pull by Kay Davis (Poetry)
The Little Green Engine by Karen E. Martin (Fantasy)
How We Move by William Vega (Poetry)
Wild Rides by Michael Coine (Realistic Fiction)



Unit 5: Home, Sweet Home

Big Book/Little Book

Homes Around the World by Jasline Shan (Informational Text) **Earth Is My Home** by Eric Ode (Poetry)

Our Earth, Our Home by Kiyo Fischer (Informational Text) **Home** by X. J. Kennedy (Poetry)

The Golden Windows by Laura E. Richards (Fable)

Unit 6: Our Country, Our Cultures

Big Book/Little Book

Pass It Down by Elizabeth Reid (Realistic Fiction)

Chinese New Year by Jacqueline Schiff (Poetry)

Emma's Walk by Charles Bell (Historical Fiction)

Abuelita's Lap by Pat Mora (Poetry)

My Dadima Wears a Sari excerpted from a larger work by Kashmira Sheth (Realistic Fiction)

Unit 7: Ready, Set, Grow

Big Book/Little Book

Garden Stories by Kevin Sanji (Realistic Fiction)

What Plants Need by Terrence Wilkins (Poetry)

Jack and the Beanstalk retold and adapted by Gerald Fradette (Fairy Tale)

The Seed by Oliver Lucas Bowles (Poetry)

Plants All Around by Salvador Archer (Informational Text)

Unit 8: Animal Homes

Big Book/Little Book

Seymour Simon's Animal ABCs by Seymour Simon and Liz Nealon (Photo Essay)

The Best Place Is Home by Toby Nash (Poetry)

Animal Habitats by Augustine Carpenter (Informational Text) **Fabulous Fishes** written and illustrated by Susan Stockdale (Poetry)

Day and Night in the Desert by the editors of Click Magazine (Informational Text)

Unit 9: Rules We Follow

Bia Book/Little Book

The Tale of Benjamin Bunny excerpted from a larger work written and illustrated by Beatrix Potter (Fantasy)

Family Rules by Jean McKeegan (Poetry)

That's Not Fair! by M. C. Hall (Realistic Fiction)

Friday Trouble by Amal Oblonsky (Narrative Poetry)

Rules of the Wild: An Unruly Book of Manners by Bridget Levin (Fantasy)



Unit 10: Great Americans

Big Book/Little Book

If I Were President excerpted from a larger work by Catherine Stier (Informational Text)

George's Rules adapted by Andrew Short from a list written by George Washington (Rhyming Nonfiction)

Abraham Lincoln: A Man for All the People excerpted from a larger work by Myra Cohn Livingston (Rhyming Nonfiction, Poetry)

First Reader

Vote for President! | Teddy's Bears A Feathered Friend | President Me?

Unit 11: Color Your World

Big Book/Little Book

Chameleon's Colors written and illustrated by Chisato Tashiro (Fantasy)
My Colors, My World: Mis colores, mi mundo written and
illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez (Realistic Fiction)
Color by Christina Rossetti (Poetry)

First Reader

Red, Yellow, Blue | Purple, Orange, Green and Dan Hide and Seek Black and White

Unit 12: Stripes, Spots, and Dots

Big Book/Little Book

The Shape of My Heart by Mark Sperring (Rhyming Fiction)

Pattern Fish by Trudy Harris (Rhyming Fiction)

Stripes of All Types written and illustrated by Susan Stockdale (Poetry)

First Reader

Tom's Plans | Plants in a Pattern | Shapes and Patterns | To the Game

