



Authentic Texts in *Emerge!*

The text sets in *Emerge!* are designed to support students in developing foundational skills and building comprehension and knowledge across content areas, as well as inviting students to engage with complex and rich texts, introducing them to a range of contemporary titles that include award-winners, librarian-recommended selections, and titles that students will see themselves in.

In Grade K and the first half of Grade 1, students engage with authentic texts through our Literature Big Books. These are designed to be read aloud by the teacher and include printable prompts that help guide discussion during the read aloud.

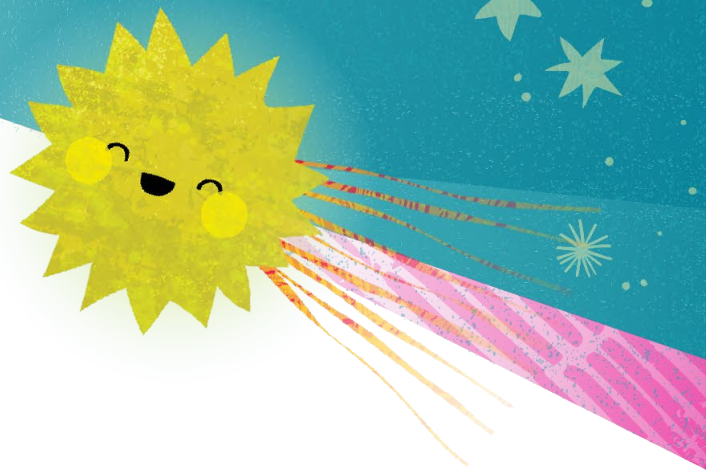
In the second half of Grade 1, and throughout Grades 2-5, authentic texts are included in the Student Companion, allowing students to interact with the text – underlining, annotating, responding to text-based questions, and “chunking” the text to aide comprehension and reading for deeper meaning.

Our text sets include both authentic and commissioned texts. This combination of constructed and authentic texts builds reading proficiency, supports skills practice, and provides scaffolding to help students access increasingly complex texts – both within and beyond *Emerge!*

We invite you to explore our list of authentic text titles and see how they will help students emerge into the world of literacy!

Grade K

- *Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal
- *Once Upon a Book* by Grace Lin and Kate Messner
- *This is a School* by John Schu
- *The Kindest Red: A Story of Hijab and Friendship* by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali
- *Raindrops Roll* by April Pulley Sayre
- *Snow* by Anne Herriges
- *Zap! Clap! Boom! The Story of a Thunderstorm* by Laura Purdie Salas
- *Mrs. Chicken and the Hungry Crocodile* by Won-Ldy Paye and Margaret H. Lippert
- *The Contest Between the Sun and the Wind* by Heather Forest
- *When the Shadbush Blooms* by Carla Messinger, with Susan Katz

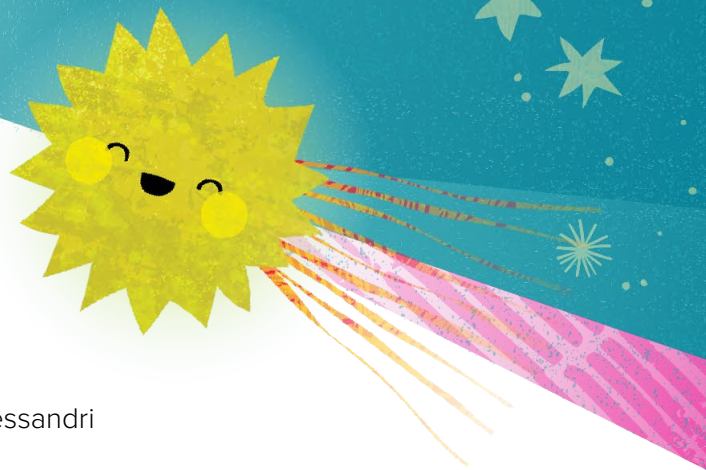


Grade K (*continued*)

- *Mommy's Hometown* by Hope Lim
- *The Little Red Fort* by Brenda Maier
- *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* by Jerry Pinkney
- *Oscar and the Cricket: A Book About Moving and Rolling* by Geoff Waring
- *Give It a Push! Give It a Pull! A Look at Forces* by Jennifer Boothroyd
- *Masterpiece* by Alexandra Hoffman
- *Rainbow Weaver* by Linda Elovitz
- *Night in the City* by Julie Downing
- *The One Day House* by Julia Durango
- *A House in the Sky... And Other Uncommon Animal Homes* by Steve Jenkins
- *Animals Communicate* by Nadia Ali
- *Plants Can't Sit Still* by Rebecca E. Hirsch
- *Plant Secrets* by Emily Goodman

POETRY

- "What Friends Are For" by Douglas Florian
- "We Go Together" by Calef Brown
- "Abuelita's Lap" by Pat Mora
- "I Am the Book" by Tom Robert Shields
- "Jump Rope Jingle" by Betsy Franco
- "Kitty Caught a Caterpillar" by Jack Prelutsky
- "Climbing" by Aileen L. Fisher
- "Last Night I Dreamed of Chickens" by Jack Prelutsky
- "A Cardboard Box" by Carole Boston Weatherford
- "Rainbows" by Nikki Giovanni
- Excerpt from *The Bed Book* by Sylvia Plath



Grade 1

- *Isabel and Her Colores Go to School* by Alexandra Alessandri
- *The Homesick Club* by Libby Martinez
- *Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood* by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell
- *Thank You, Omu!* by Oge Mora
- *The Four Seasons* by Crystal Sikkens
- *Fletcher and the Falling Leaves* by Julia Rawlinson
- *Mela and the Elephant* by Dow Phumiruk
- *When Turtle Grew Feathers* by Tim Tingle
- *The Sun is Kind of a Big Deal* by Nick Seluk
- *Moon! Earth's Best Friend* by Stacy McAnulty
- *More than Words* by Roz Maclean
- *The William Hoy Story* by Nancy Churnin
- *What If...?* by Samantha Berger
- *Ish* by Peter H. Reynolds
- *Whose Tracks in the Snow?* by Alexandra Milton
- *Tad* by Benji Davies
- *Eat Like a Bear* by April Pulley Sayre
- *The Amazing Life Cycle of Plants* by Kay Barnham
- *Sylvia's Spinach* by Katherine Pryor
- *From Seed to Plant* by Gail Gibbons

POETRY

- "Library Magic" by Pat Mora
- "A Rainbow of Feelings" by Joseph Coelho
- "The Day I Decided to Become Sunshine" by Vanessa Brantley-Newton
- "I Think I'd Like to Get a Pet" by Kenn Nesbitt
- "Be Glad Your Nose Is on Your Face" by Jack Prelutsky
- "De Colores" translated by Elodie Pope
- "Mary Had a Little Lamb" (Traditional)
- "Flowers" by Nicola Davies



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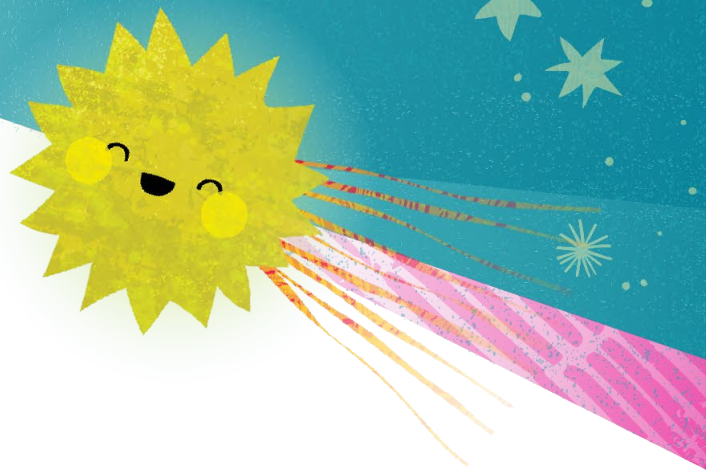
- “Catch a Little Rhyme” by Eve Merriam
- “Word Watch” by Linda Sue Park
- “This is Just to Say” by William Carlos Williams
- “Who’s Inside?” by Pat Mora

Grade 2

- *I Can Help* by Reem Faruqi
- *Sit In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down* by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- *All the Way to the Top: How One Girl's Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything* by Annette Bay Pimentel
- *Volcanoes* by Martha E. H. Rustad
- *Grandma and the Great Gourd* by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
- *Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas* by Natasha Yim
- *Pop's Bridge* by Eve Bunting
- *On Kiki's Reef* by Carol Malnor
- *Growing an Artist: The Story of a Landscaper and His Son* by John Parra
- Excerpt from *Lights! Camera! Alice! The Thrilling True Adventures of the First Woman Filmmaker* by Mara Rockliff
- *Big Dreams, Small Fish* by Paula Cohen
- *Curious Pearl Explains States of Matter* by Eric Braun

POETRY

- “How to Build a Poem” by Charles Ghigna
- “Surprise” by Beverly McLoughland
- “Who Am I?” by Felice Holman
- “Feelings” by Vanessa Brantley-Newton
- “Something I Did” by Janet Wong
- “Too Shy” by Linda Kulp Trout
- “Snakes nest in secluded places” by Susan Blackaby



Grade 2 (*continued*)

- “Red Ovenbird” by David L. Harrison
- “The Great Blue Heron” by Jane Yolen

Grade 3

- *Watercress* by Andrea Wang
- *Words with Wings* by Nikki Grimes
- *A Vote is a Powerful Thing* by Catherine Stier
- *The Presidency: Why It Matters to You* by Karen Kellahar
- *The Coquíes Still Sing: A Story of Home, Hope, and Rebuilding* by Karina Nicole Gonzalez
- Excerpt from *Aesop’s Fables* by Jerry Pinkney excerpt
- *The Courage of the Little Hummingbird* by Leah Henderson
- *Keepunumuk: Weeâchumun’s Thanksgiving Story* by Daniella Greendeer
- *Good Eating: The Short Life of Krill* by Matt Lilley
- Excerpt from *A Leopard Diary: My Journey into the Hidden World of a Mother and Her Cubs* by Suzi Eszterhas
- *La Mariachi* by Isabel Estrada
- *Ablaze with Color: A Story of Painter Alma Thomas* by Jeanne Walker Harvey
- *The Knish War on Rivington Street* by Joanne Oppenheim
- *John Deere, That’s Who!* by Tracy Nelson Maurer
- Excerpt from *Frank Einstein and the Electro-Finger (Chapter 7)* by John Scieszka
- Excerpt from *Frank Einstein and the Electro-Finger (Chapters 9 & 11)* by John Scieszka
- Excerpt from *Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor (Chapter 1)* by John Scieszka

Grade 4

- Excerpt from *Finding Langston* by Lesa Cline-Ransome
- *The Only Woman in the Photo: Frances Perkins & Her New Deal for America* by Kathleen Krull
- *The First Step: How One Girl Put Segregation on Trial* by Susan E. Goodman
- Excerpt from *The Deadliest Fires Then and Now* by Deborah Hopkinson



Grade 4 (*continued*)

- Caves by Nell Cross Beckerman
- Excerpt from *I Am Hermes! Mischief-Making Messenger of the Gods* written and illustrated by Mordicai Gerstein
- Excerpt from *Crowned: Magical Folk and Fairy Tales from the Diaspora* by Kahran and Regis Bethencourt
- *Tasunka: A Lakota Horse Legend* told and illustrated by Donald F. Montileaux, Lakota translation by Agnes Gay
- Excerpt from *Return of the American Bison* by Theresa Morlock
- Excerpt from *The Journal of Wong Ming-Chung: A Chinese Miner (California, 1852)* by Laurence Yep
- *Luminous: Living Things That Light Up the Night* by Julia Kuo
- *The Boy of a Thousand Faces* by Brian Selznick
- Excerpt from *Stef Soto, Taco Queen* by Jennifer Torres
- Excerpt from *Lewis Latimer: Engineering Wizard* by Denise Lewis Patrick

POETRY

- "Freedom" by Langston Hughes
- "Dreams" by Langston Hughes
- "Collecting Words" by Pat Mora
- "Writing Secrets" by Pat Mora
- "Stomp" by Nikki Grimes
- "Sophie" by Steven Herrick
- Selections from *Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices* by Paul Fleischman
- Selections from *Predator and Prey: A Conversation in Verse* by Susannah Buhrman-Deever
- "The Storyteller Gets Her Name" by Ari Tison

Grade 5

- *The Vanderbeekers to the Rescue, Chapter 1* by Karina Yan Glaser
- *The Vanderbeekers to the Rescue, Chapters 2–3* by Karina Yan Glaser



Grade 5 (*continued*)

- Excerpt from *For Which We Stand: How Our Government Works and Why It Matters* by Jeff Foster
- Excerpt from *Rolling Warrior: The Incredible, Sometimes Awkward, True Story of a Rebel Girl on Wheels Who Helped Spark a Revolution* by Judith Heumann with Kristen Joiner
- Excerpt from *How We Got to the Moon: The People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity's Greatest Adventure* by John Rocco
- *How the Stars Came to Be* by Poonam Mistry
- *Sybil Ludington Rides to the Rescue* by Jessica Gunderson
- Excerpt from *Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans* by Kadir Nelson
- Excerpt from *Forgotten Founders: Black Patriots, Women Soldiers, and Other Thinkers and Heroes Who Shaped Early America* by Mifflin Lowe
- *The Grizzly Mother* by Hetxw'ms Gyetxw (Brett D. Huson)
- *Danza! Amalia Hernández and El Ballet Folklórico de Mexico* by Duncan Tonatiuh
- "The Great Depression Begins" from *Fighting for the Forest: How FDR's Civilian Conservation Corps Helped Save America* by P. O'Connell Pearson
- *What Banks Do with Money* by Janet Liu and Melinda Liu
- Excerpt from *Starting from Scratch: What You Should Know about Food and Cooking* by Sarah Elton

POETRY

- Selections from *Dictionary for a Better World: Poems, Quotes and Anecdotes from A to Z* by Irene Latham and Charles Waters
 - "Belonging"
 - "Empathy"
 - "Forgiveness"
 - "Kindness"
- "Woven of the World" by Katey Howes