

Lower Township Elementary Schools

Language Arts Curriculum
Mentor Texts by Grade Level

KINDERGARTEN READING

- ***The Beetle Alphabet Book*** by Jerry Pallotta
- ***Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*** by Bill Martin
- ***The Carrot Seed*** by Ruth Krauss
- ***Can You See The Eggs?*** by Jenny Giles
- ***Dragonflies*** by Margaret Hall
- ***Gossie*** by Olivier Dunrea
- ***Honey Bees*** by Martha E. H. Rustad
- ***Honey for Baby Bear*** by Beverley Randell
- ***In the Garden*** by Rigby
- ***Mouse Has Fun*** by Phyllis Root
- ***Mrs. Wishy-Washy*** by Joy Cowley
- ***My Bug Box*** by Pat Blanchard & Joanne Sur
- ***Not Norman*** by Kelly Bennett
- ***So Much!*** by Trish Cooke
- ***The Three Billy Goats Gruff*** by Paul Galdone
- ***Wake Up Dad!*** by Beverly Randell

KINDERGARTEN WRITING

- ***Creak! Said the Bed*** by Phyllis Root
- ***Freight Train*** by Donald Crews
- ***My First Soccer Game*** by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

1st GRADE READING

- ***Dinosaur Chase*** by Hugh Price
- ***Frog And Toad Are Friends*** by Arnold Lobel
- ***Gossie And Gertie*** by Olivier Dunrea
- ***Hang On, Monkey!*** by Susan B. Neuman
- ***Iris And Walter And The Field Trip*** by Elissa Haden Guest
- ***Ish*** by Peter Reynolds
- ***Kazam's Birds*** by Amy Ehrlich
- ***Mr. Putter & Tabby Drop the Ball*** by Cynthia Rylant
- ***Ollie The Stomper*** by Olivier Dunrea
- ***One More Time*** by James Marshall

- **Owls** by Mary R. Dunn
- **The Runaways** by Laura M. Kvasnosky
- **Super Storms** by Seymour Simon
- **Tumbleweed Stew** by Susan Stevens Crummel
- **Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole** by Wong Herbert Yee

1st GRADE WRITING

- **Night of the Veggie Monster** by George McClements
- **Sharks!** (National Geographic Reader) by Anne Schreiber
- **Henry and Mudge and the Happy Cat** by Cynthia Rylant

2nd GRADE READING

- **Days With Frog And Toad** by Arnold Lobel
- **Happy Like Soccer** by Maribeth Boelts
- **Houndsley And Catina** by James Howe
- **Katie Woo Has The Flu** by Fran Manushkin
- **Knights In Shining Armor** by Gail Gibbons
- **Mercy Watson To The Rescue** by Kate DiCamillo
- **Minnie And Moo Go Dancing** by Denys Cazet
- **Owl Moon** by Jane Yolen
- **The Stories Julian Tells** by Ann Cameron
- **Those Darn Squirrels!** by Adam Rubin
- **Tigers** by Laura Marsh
- **Tigers** by Valerie Bodden

2nd GRADE WRITING

- **Owl Moon** by Jane Yolen
- **The Leaving Morning** by Angela Johnson
- **Forces and Motion** by John Graham
- **Old Elm Speaks: Tree Poems** by Kristine O'Connell George and Kate Kiesler

3rd GRADE READING

- ***Because Of Winn-Dixie*** by DiCamillo, Kate
- ***Frogs!*** by Elizabeth Carney
- ***Frogs And Toads*** by Bobbie Kalman
- ***Gorillas*** by Lori McManus
- ***The Life Cycle Of An Emperor Penguin*** by Bobbie Kalman & Robin Johnson
- ***The Life Cycle Of A Frog*** by Bobbie Kalman & Kathryn Smithyman
- ***Make Way For Dyamonde Daniel*** by Nikki Grimes
- ***The Penguin, A Funny Bird*** by Beatrice Fontanel
- ***Penguins*** by Bobbie Kalman
- ***Peter's Chair*** by Ezra Jack Keats
- ***Stone Fox*** by John Reynolds Gardiner

3rd GRADE WRITING

- ***Come on Rain!*** by Karen Hesse
- ***Deadliest Animals*** by Melissa Stewart
- ***Prince Cinders*** by Babette Cole

4th GRADE READING

- ***The American Revolutionaries: A History In Their Own Words, 1750-1800*** by Milton Meltzer, Ed.
- ***Every Living Thing*** by Cynthia Rylant
- ***Hurricane And Tornado*** by Jack Challoner
- ***King George: What Was His Problem?*** by Steve Sheinkin
- ***Liberty! How The Revolutionary War Began*** by Lucille Recht Penner
- ***Number the Stars*** by Lois Lowry
- ***The Revolutionary War*** by Josh Gregory
- ***Rose Blanche*** by Cristophe Gallaz
- ***The Split History Of The American Revolution: A Perspectives Flip Book*** by Michael Burgan
- ***The Tiger Rising*** by Kate DiCamillo
- ***Weather*** by Kathy Furgang

4th GRADE WRITING

- ***Fireflies*** by Julie Brinkloe
- ***Pecan Pie Baby*** by Jacqueline Woodson
- ***Revolutionary War*** (*Cornerstones of Freedom series*) by Josh Gregory
- ***Fox*** by Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks

5th GRADE READING

- ***Alien Deep*** by Bradley Hague
- ***Every Living Thing*** by Cynthia Rylant
- ***Fly Away Home*** by Eve Bunting
- ***Home Of The Brave*** by Katherine Applegate
- ***Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters*** by John Steptoe
- ***The Paper Bag Princess*** by Robert Munsch
- ***The Thief of Always*** by Clive Barker
- ***When Lunch Fights Back: Wickedly Clever Animal Defenses*** by Rebecca L. Johnson

5th GRADE WRITING

- ***When I Was Your Age: Original Stories About Growing Up, Vol. 1*** by Amy Ehrlich, ed.
- ***Who Settled the West?*** (*Life in the Old West series*) by Bobbie Kalman
- ***Eleven and Papa Who Wakes Up Tired in the Dark*** by Sandra Cisneros

6th GRADE READING

- ***First French Kiss: and Other Traumas*** by Adam Bagdasarian
- ***Fast Food Nation: the Dark Side of the All-American Meal*** by Eric Schlosser
- ***My Side of the Story, First French Kiss*** by Adam Bagdasarian
- ***Inside Out, The Circuit***

6th GRADE WRITING

- ***Everything Will Be Okay*** by James Howell
- ***Raymond's Run*** by Toni Cade Bambara
- ***Thank You Ma'am*** by Langston Hughes
- ***Stray*** by Cynthia Rylant
- ***The Gift of the Maji*** by O. Henry
- ***Your Move*** by Eve Bunting