

Lower Township Elementary Schools

Language Arts Curriculum
Mentor Texts by Grade Level

KINDERGARTEN READING

- ***A Big Mooncake for Little Star*** by Grace Lin
- ***Bulldozers*** by Kathryn Clay
- ***Cap for Sale: A Tale of a Peddler, Some Monkeys and Their Monkey Business*** by Esphyr Slobodkina
- ***Carmela Full of Wishes*** by Matt de la Pena
- ***Crossings: Extraordinary Structures for Extraordinary Animal*** by Katy S. Duffield
- ***Danbi Leads the School Parade*** by Anna Kim
- ***Fur, Feather, Fin - All of Us Are Kin*** by Diane Lang
- ***I Can Read*** by Michele Dufresne
- ***Laxmi's Mooch*** by Shelly Anand
- ***Max and the Tag-Along Moon*** by Floyd Cooper
- ***Pack: Strength in Numbers*** by Hannah Salyer
- ***Pug*** by Ethan Long
- ***Reading Partners*** by Michele Dufresne
- ***The Three Billy Goats Gruff*** by Paul Galdone
- ***What's My Superpower?*** By Aviaq Johnston

KINDERGARTEN WRITING

- ***Rise Up and Write It*** by Nandini Ahuja
- ***Saturday*** by Oge Mora
- ***The Zoo*** by Rose Lewis

1st GRADE READING

- ***Bradford Street Buddies Backyard Camp-Out*** by Jerdine Nolen
- ***Tiny and the Big Wave*** by Annette Smith
- ***Bees*** by Laura Marsh
- ***Soojin Draws a Story*** by Elizabeth Franco
- ***Soojin Stand Out*** by Elizabeth Franco
- ***This is Liann*** by Jepilyn Matthis
- ***The Big Hair Cut*** by Sarah Mann
- ***In the Days of the Dinosaurs The Dinosaur Chase*** by Hugh Price
- ***Rusty PLays at the Park*** by Michele Dufresne
- ***Swashby and the Sea*** by Beth Ferry

- ***The Thing About Bees, A Love Letter*** by Shabazz Larkin
- ***A New Kind of Wild*** by Zara Gonzalez Hoang
- ***The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet*** by Carmen Agra Deedy
- ***Golden Domes and Silver Lanturns, A Muslim Book of Colors*** by Hena Khan
- ***In My Mosque*** by M.O. Yuksel
- ***The Ocean Calls, A Haenyeo Mermaid Story*** by Tina Cho

1st GRADE WRITING

- ***Cake*** by Hareem Atif Khan
- ***Hair Love*** by Matthew A. Cherry
- ***Ish*** by Peter H. Reynolds
- ***Now You Know How It Works*** by Valorie Fisher
- ***Yasmin The Cher*** by Saadia Farqi
- ***Yasmin The Teacher*** by Saadia Faruqi

2nd GRADE READING

- ***A Dragonfly's Life*** by Ellen Lawrence
- ***Anita and the Dragons*** by Hannah Carmona
- ***Behold the Beautiful Dung Beetle*** by Cheryl Bardoe
- ***Crazy for Apples*** by C.L. Reid
- ***Dragons in a Bag*** by Zetta Elliott
- ***Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away*** by Meg Medina
- ***Eruption! The Story of Volcanos*** by Anita Ganeri
- ***Insects Are Awesome*** by Michael Rae-Grant
- ***Jellyfish: Mysterious Creatures from the Sea*** by Michele Dufresne
- ***My Footprints*** by Bao Phi
- ***Sadiq and the Perfect Play*** by Siman Nuurali
- ***Volcanos*** by Martha E. H. Rustad
- ***You Can Be an Entomologist!*** By Dino Martins

2nd GRADE WRITING

- ***A Dragonfly's Life*** by Ellen Lawrence
- ***Dung Beetles*** by Martha E. H. Rustad
- ***Eyes That Kiss in the Corners*** by Joanna Ho
- ***If You Love Robots, You Could Be...*** by May Nakamura
- ***Insects Are Awesome*** by Michael Rae-Grant
- ***Ocean Clean-Up Crew*** by Elizabeth Franco

- ***Octopus Clean-Up Crew*** by Elizabeth Franco
- ***Octopus Stew*** by Eric Velasquez
- ***Splash! Discover Sea Turtles*** by Virginia Loh-Hagan
- ***The Ring Bearer*** by Floyd Cooper
- ***Those Darn Squirrels!*** By Adam Rubin

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 Dymonde 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