

Civil Air Patrol



Aerospace Connections in Education (ACE) Program

Website and Literature Resources Index

Character Education

Character education--team work---respect for self and others-----goal setting----etc.

Website Resources

| Website | Brief Summary | Age Group | Self-Paced | Student knowledge assessed? |
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| University of Illinois Extension: Strategies for Empowering Students | The activities are divided into primary, intermediate, and upper-grade levels, each with appropriate developmental strategies. The purpose of each activity is to address the holistic approach to teaching. The focus concentrates on blending the affective, and cognitive domains in an integrative and cohesive manner. | k-12 | no | yes |
| MyHero.com | The study of heroes applies across the curriculum in all grade levels. It can be an integral part of character education, media arts and computer literacy and a tool for reading comprehension and the development of writing skills. MY HERO can be used to enrich thematic studies in the arts and sciences. | k-12 | yes | no |
| The Academy of Achievement | The Academy of Achievement brings students face-to-face with the extraordinary leaders, thinkers and pioneers who have shaped our world. | 4-12 | no | no |
| Academic Entertainment, Inc. | Academic Entertainment Inc, offers a wide range of School Assembly Programs and Educational performers nationwide. We cater primarily to K-12 schools, but also offer programs for colleges and higher education institutions. We offer the highest quality, most entertaining, and above-all, educational programs for your school assembly. | k-12 | no | no |
| Utah Education Network | This site discusses setting goals, planning, taking notes, changing behavior and more. Use the site's search box to browse by topic. | k-12 | yes | no |

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| PBSkids for Parents | Here are some class activities from the PBS Arthur: Teacher's Corner | k-12 | yes | yes |
| Project Wisdom | Project Wisdom is one of the oldest and most respected character education programs in the nation. Its collection of daily words of wisdom is currently licensed to over 14,000 schools nationwide. The messages set a positive tone for the day for everyone on campus. This program imparts an understanding of core ethical values and fosters caring behavior. | k-12 | yes | yes |
| Approaching Ethics through Literature | The American Library Association offers a list of suggested books to read with children while teaching and discussing ethical behavior. | k-12 | no | no |
| Good Character.com | This website is just packed with great stuff for propagating basic human kindness. Their own description is way too modest, but here it is: "Want to encourage kindness on campus? Access our free Teacher's Guide, lesson plans, activity ideas, teachers' experiences, and other materials to help you successfully incorporate kindness into your school." A real gem. | k-12 | no | yes |
| The 11 Principles of Character (free ebook) | Character.org (formerly known as the Character Education Partnership) worked with educators, researchers, and experts to develop the 11 Principles of Effective Character Education. These guidelines can help improve your school climate and develop students of strong character - inspiring them to do well and do good. | k-12 | yes | no |

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| Association of American Educators | This website recommends several character education programs for various age levels. | k-12 | yes | no |
| Character Counts! | These six core ethical values form the foundation of the CHARACTER COUNTS! youth-ethics initiative | k-6 | yes | no |
| GoodCharacter.com Teaching Guides | Discussion Questions, Writing Assignments, Student Activities, and Parent Involvement tips for Character Education and Life Skills. Just pick and click. | k-12 | yes | yes |
| Core Virtues Foundation | "Core Virtues" is a practical, nonsectarian approach to character education on a K-6 grade level that involves approximately twenty minutes per day of reading and discussion. Its goals are the cultivation of character through such virtues as respect, courage, diligence, patience, responsibility, compassion, perseverance, faithfulness, and more. Core Virtues is distributed by: The Link Institute | k-12 | yes | yes |
| http://www.star-sportsmanship.com/kc2005/star.php | STAR Sportsmanship is the first web-based role-play simulation program focused on teaching sportsmanship to K-12 students, their coaches, and parents. The program teaches behavioral skills for school, sports, and life and enhances students' decision-making skills. | 3-12 | yes | yes |

Leadership Skills

Leadership skills--good citizenship----patriotism----youth service--- community service

Website Resources

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| MemorialDay.org | Gives information on how this holiday first came to be. | k-4 | no | no |
| GoodCharacter.com Citizenship Teaching Guide | This page is from the teaching guide for the video "Citizenship" in the video series The Six Pillars of Character™ featuring the Popcorn Park Puppets™. Even if you aren't showing this video there is a lot of material here you can use to create a lesson plan. Feel free to modify it to suit your needs. | k-4 | no | no |
| Frontier Girls | Frontier Girls was founded on January 19, 2007 and celebrates the American spirit that makes us great. The Frontier Girl program seeks to restore a focus on good moral character, patriotism, community service, and a love of learning that is being lost. | k - up | yes | yes |

Aerospace Education

Aerospace Education --weather, flight, airplanes, helicopters, adopt-a-pilot, hot air balloons, space exploration, fun sites for all ages of kids and all areas of aerospace

Website Resources

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| NASA: Re-Living the Wright Way | Learn about the development of the first manned, powered flight from its conception through research and experimentation, to success and beyond. This website features facts, lesson plans, simulations, activities, and contains information on how to participate in the Centennial of Flight Celebration | 6-12 | no | yes | Website, Lesson Plans/Materials, Activity, Web casts/Video, CD-ROM, Simulation |
| NASA: Learning Technologies | This project helps integrate NASA research and technology into the K-12 curriculum through web-based resources, computer simulations, and videoconferences. Many ready-made lesson plans, activities, and experiments that deal with the science of aerodynamics are available. | k-12 | no | no | Interactive game |
| NASA: Interactive Kite Modeler | This program helps students design and study the flight of a kite. Kites with different lengths, widths, and materials can be designed and tested with variable wind speeds and control lines. The aerodynamic forces on the kite, and the stability of the design are computed by this software. | 6-12 | yes | no | Interactive |

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| <p><u>NASA: Beginner's Guide to Propulsion</u></p> | <p>This interactive website serves as a guide to how jet engines work. Activities, data, and engine simulations are available for teachers and students.</p> <p>Learn about how airplanes fly, including the forces that lift them off the ground, keep them in the air, and help them land.</p> | k-12 | yes | no | |
| <p><u>AvScholars Student Gateway to Aviation</u></p> | <p>The channel for educators contains information to help educators explore ways aviation/aerospace programs can be incorporated into their curriculum. Educators are directed to various organizations that offer aviation educational programs and activities for students of all grades (K-12). Students and educators can have fun while they learn, and aviation can provide the motivation to open young minds.</p> | k-12 | no | no | |
| <p><u>Challenger Center</u></p> | <p>Challenger Center and its global network of Challenger Learning Centers use space-themed simulated learning and role-playing strategies to help students bring their classroom studies to life and cultivate skills needed for future success, such as problem-solving, critical thinking, communication and teamwork.</p> | k-12 | yes | no | Website, lesson plans |

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| FAA Aviation & Space Education | <p>The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) maintains a wealth of information at the FAA Aviation Ed Program for students and teachers. The FAA's Aviation Education Programs offer a wide range of information on their web site, including curriculum guides, career information, resource materials, teacher workshops, aviation career education summer camps for teens, special field trips, government/ industry/ education partnerships, and activities for the classroom, games, and fun experiments that enhance learning and increase students awareness of aviation careers. Students and teachers can have fun while they learn, and aviation can provide the motivation to open young students' minds about aviation career opportunities.</p> | k-12 | no | no | |
| NASA: SpacePlace | <p>This website is filled with games, animations, projects, and fun facts about Earth, space and technology.</p> | k-12 | yes | no | |
| NASA: Starchild | <p>A Learning Center for Young Astronomers</p> | k-3 | yes | no | |
| Scholastic: Hold a Paper Airplane Contest | <p>Calling all paper airplane experts! Start a Paper Airplane Contest in your school and prove just how far and how long your airplanes can fly. It's a fun way to learn about aerodynamics!</p> | k-12 | yes | no | |

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| NASA STEM Engagement | <p>National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) provides a wealth of educational information & resource materials for students, parents, and educators. A wide range of information is available through various NASA web sites. Visit NASA's numerous web sites below for more information:</p> <p>NASA Connect For Kids Only Earth Science Enterprise NASA Space Place Space Link NASA Education Amazing Space Destination Earth NASA Why Files Star Child NASA Kids NASA Glenn Educational Activities Imagine the Universe! SciJinks Classroom of the Future QUEST: The Internet in the Classroom NASA Glenn Research Center: Beginner's Guide to Aeronautics</p> | k-12 | yes | yes | |
| Smithsonian Air & Space Museum: Airplane Anatomy | <p>By assembling online puzzles, students learn to identify the parts of a modern DC-3 airplane and the parts of the 1903 Wright Flyer. Students are introduced to how the parts function to make the airplane fly.</p> | k-3 | no | no | Requires Adobe Flash |
| National Park Service Wright Brothers Teacher's Guide | <p>From Wheel to Wing: A Guide to Teaching the Invention of Flight - This curriculum guide was developed in partnership by Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park and the Dayton Daily News Newspapers In Education (NIE) program as an outreach to students. This information focuses on the Wright brothers' work in Dayton, Ohio, which led to the invention of free, controlled and sustained flight in a power-driven, heavier-than-air machine. Not currently available for download; contact park for information.</p> | 6 - 8 | no | no | Includes background information on the Wright brothers with guided questions, teacher instructions and six student activity sheets. Supplemental materials included are a list of Web sites and books, an Aviation Trail brochure and Dayton area map. |

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| Academy of Model Aeronautics: The Principles of Flight | <p>The Academy assists classroom teachers who wish to integrate aerospace education concepts into math, science, social studies, language arts and technology education programs to meet goals and objectives of the national standards for these disciplines.</p> <p>The Academy's work with informal after-school programs, community groups and summer camps enables it to be a valuable resource to help train newcomers to the sport, hobby and educational opportunities of model aviation. Curriculum support and materials for middle school physical science and math programs may be found by contacting us for a copy of AeroLab, a DVD/CD featuring activities developed by science teachers for teachers thanks to the generous support of the Alcoa Foundation. AeroLab lessons feature simple foam and balsa aircraft as tools to teach the concepts of force and motion, potential/kinetic energy and centripetal force. The activities allow students to practice important math skills to determine average speed and distance flown. All labs are aligned with middle school physical science and math standards and are "S.T.E.M. Compliant." The labs provide opportunities for students to make predictions, collect data, graph results and draw conclusions, as well as participate in lessons designed for directed and guided inquiry.</p> | k-12 | yes | yes | |
| Hawaii's Space Grant Consortium | <p>More than 25 hands-on science activities are provided in classroom-ready pages for both teachers and students for exploring Earth, the planets, geology, and space sciences.</p> | k-12 | yes | yes | <p>lessons and printable activities.</p> |

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| Enchanted Learning: Zoom Astronomy | <p>Zoom Astronomy is a comprehensive on-line site about space and astronomy. It is designed for people of all ages and levels of comprehension. It has an easy-to-use structure that allows readers to start at a basic level on each topic and then to progress to much more advanced information as desired, simply by clicking on links.</p> | k-12 | yes | yes | |
| Kathi Mitchell's Virtual School | <p>Links, history, models</p> | k-12 | no | no | |
| Hot Air Ballooning Web Quest | <p>This lesson provides the students with an understanding of how hot air balloons are designed, tested, and the parts of a balloon. Hands on activities have been incorporated to extend and reinforce the concepts. The students will make two models of hot air balloons. There are also color pages, frequently asked questions on ballooning, a virtual balloon ride, a worksheet on the parts of a hot air balloon, and an exam.</p> | k-12 | no | yes | |
| The Franklin Institute | <p>A collection of photos and information about flight from the collections of the Franklin Institute.</p> | k-12 | yes | no | |
| National Geographic: The Solar System Explained | <p>Discover the wonders of our solar system in a spectacular 3-D environment. Take a flyby tour of the sun and each planet in its orbit, observe planets and extraterrestrial weather patterns up close, and more.</p> | k-12 | no | yes | Interactive |

Physical Fitness

Physical Fitness: good health; exercise; dance; aerobics; healthy food; fun outdoor games; fun indoor games

Website Resources

| Website | Brief Summary | Age Group | Self-Paced | Assess student knowledge? |
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| Fitness for Kids Who Don't Like Sports | Team sports can help a child gain self-esteem , coordination, and general fitness, and help them learn how to work with other kids and adults. But some kids aren't natural athletes and they may tell you - directly or indirectly - that they just don't like sports. What then? | k-12 | no | no |
| PE Central | Welcome to the premier website for health and physical education teachers, parents, and students. Our goal is to provide the latest information about developmentally appropriate physical education programs for children and youth. To combat the high obesity rate, we offer programs like My Pedometer Steps where students can log their physical activity and pedometer steps. | k-12 | yes | yes |
| USDA Blastoff Game (requires Adobe Flash) | An interactive computer game where kids can reach Planet Power by fueling their rocket with food and physical activity. "Fuel" tanks for each food group help students keep track of how their choices fit into MyPlate. | k-12 | yes | yes |

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| <p>Tandalay</p> | <p>Tandalay PE & Recreation Lesson Plans are consistent with NASPE Standards and benchmarks for Physical Education. Your Site License includes a complete online assessment and grading program. Our one-of-a-kind assessment program enables users to assess ALL aspects of NASPE standards and benchmarks with ease. Percentages and grades are automatically calculated based on developmental level, skill, cognitive, behavioral, and social assessments - all with no extra prep! Easy, effective, and enjoyable!</p> <p>Tandalay offers staff development workshops anytime - anywhere! Put FUN into fitness, and PLAY into PE with Tandalay! Call today to reserve your dates.</p> <p>Our goal at Tandalay is to provide every student with a successful movement experience, in a physically and emotionally safe environment.</p> | k-12 | yes | no |
| <p>Mr. Gym</p> | <p>Our goal is to provide one of the most comprehensive Elementary Physical Education and Secondary Physical Education resources available on the internet. On this site you will find a wide variety of physical education games, including cooperative games and activities, sports games, lead up activities, and much more. Furthermore, you will find ideas on physical education assessment, field day ideas, cheap or free physical education equipment and more.</p> | k-12 | no | yes |

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| Food & Drug Administration | Food safety and nutrition information for kids and teens. | k-12 | no | no |
| Learn to be Healthy | LearntobeHealthy.org is an online health science learning site designed to help educators communicate important health concepts to children K-6. The site contains comprehensive lesson plans, interactive games and activities, webquests and more. The goal of the site is to inspire children - and their families - to make healthy choices that will last a lifetime. | k-12 | yes | yes |
| President's Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition | Online home for the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition | k-12 | no | no |
| GirlsHealth.gov | There is a lot of cool information you can use. Maybe you want to start working out or you're stressed out about school. There are lots of different topics from which to choose. | k-12 | yes | yes |
| BrainPop | Your body and how it works. Interactive games. | k-12 | yes | no |
| S.H.A.P.E. America | SHAPE America's National Standards & Grade-Level Outcomes for K-12 Physical Education define what a student should know and be able to do as result of a highly effective physical education program. | k-12 | yes | no |

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Literature Resources

| Title/Author | Brief Summary | AR Level | Age Range | Interest Level | Library Classification & Grade Levels |
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| Abiyoyo Returns/ Pete Seeger | An African tale which tells what happens when a giant who has been banished is called back to save a town from flooding. (Teamwork) | 2.7 | 6-9 | LG | Non-Fiction (Folk Tale) Grades 1-4 |
| Amber Was Brave, Essie Was Smart/ Vera B. Williams | A series of poems tells how two sisters help each other deal with life while their mother is working and their father has been sent to jail. (Respect & Teamwork) | 4.2 | 7-11 | MG | Non-Fiction (Poetry) Grades 2-6 |
| Anna Banana & Me/ Lenore Blegvad | Anna Banana's fearlessness inspires a playmate to face his own fears. (Goal setting) | 2.3 | 4-8 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-3 |
| Arthur's Computer Disaster/ Marc Brown | Arthur disobeys his mother by playing his favorite game on her computer, which leads to a lesson in taking responsibility for one's actions. | 2.4 | 4-8 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-3 |
| Best Best Friends/ Margaret Chodos-Irvine | Mary and Clare do everything together at preschool but Mary's birthday celebration puts a strain on the girls' friendship. (Teamwork & Respect) | 2.0 | 3-7 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-2 |
| Cork & Fuzz: Short and Tall/ Dori Chaconas | The friendship between Cork, a muskrat, and Fuzz, a possum, is in trouble when Cork decides that since he is older, he has to be taller. (Respect) | 2.0 | 6-9 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades 1-4 |
| Evie & Margie/ Bernard Waber | Best friends, Evie and Margie, are surprised to experience jealousy when they try out for the same part in the school play. (Teamwork & Respect) | 3.2 | 4-8 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-3 |
| The Faithful Friend/ Robert San Souci | A retelling of the traditional tale from the French West Indies in which two friends, Clement and Hippolyte, encounter love, zombies, and danger on the island of Martinique. (Morals) | 5.2 | 5-10 | MG | Non-Fiction (Folk Tale) Grades K-5 |

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| Gossie & Gertie/ Olivier Dunrea | Gossie and Gertie are best friends, and everywhere Gossie goes, Gertie goes too—except when she doesn't, and sometimes that's even better. (Morals) | 1.0 | 2-5 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K |
| Head, Body, Legs: a Story from Liberia/ Won-Ldy Paye | In this tale from the Dan people of Liberia, Head, Arms, Body, and Legs learn that they do better when they work together. (Teamwork) | 2.3 | 3-7 | LG | Non-Fiction (Folk Tale) Grades K-2 |
| Hooway for Wodney Wat/ Helen Lester | All his classmates make fun of Rodney because he can't pronounce his name, but it is Rodney's speech impediment that drives away the class bully. (Respect & Morals) | 3.1 | 4-8 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-3 |
| John Henry/ Julius Lester | Retells the life of the legendary African-American hero who raced against a steam drill to cut through a mountain. (Goal setting) | 4.0 | 4-8 | LG | Non-Fiction (Tall Tale) Grades K-3 |
| Legend of the Bluebonnet: an Old Tale of Texas/ Tomie De Paola | A retelling of the Comanche Indian legend of how a little girl's sacrifice brought the flower called the bluebonnet to Texas. (Morals) | 4.2 | 5-9 | LG | Non-Fiction (Legend) Grades K-4 |
| Mightier Than the Sword: World Folktales for Strong Boys/ Jane Yolen | A collection of folktales from around the world that demonstrate the triumph of brains over brawn. (Morals) | 5.0 | 8-12 | MG | Non-Fiction (Folk Tales) Grades 3-7 |
| My Best Friend/ Mary Ann Rodman | Six-year-old Lily has a best friend all picked out for play group day, but unfortunately the differences between first-graders and second-graders are sometimes very large. (Respect) | 2.2 | 4-8 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-3 |
| Rosie & Michael/ Judith Viorst | Two friends tell what they like about each other—even the bad things. (Respect) | 3.3 | 6-9 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades 1-4 |
| Saint Francis and the Wolf/ Richard Egielski | In Gubbio, Italy, Saint Francis shows the villagers that neither wealth nor strength are as powerful as love and compassion. (Morals & Respect) | 4.3 | 8-12 | LG | Non-Fiction (Legend) Grades 3-7 |

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| Shrinking Violet/ Cari Best | Violet, who is very shy, finally comes out of her shell when she is cast as Lady Space in a play about the solar system and saves the production from disaster. | 4.2 Morals | 4-8 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-3 |
| Sophie's Window/ Holly Keller | When Caruso, a little bird who is afraid to fly, is blown out of his home one windy night, he must rely on a new friend, a dog named Sophie, to take him back to his parents. (Teamwork) | 2.4 | 4-8 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-3 |
| Alex Ryan, Stop That! / Claudia Mills | Seventh-grader Alex Ryan enjoys attracting attention, but when his antics cause problems with his would-be-girlfriend on a school outing, he has second thoughts about his actions. (Respect) | 4.9 | 8-12 | MG | Fiction Grades 3-7 |
| All of the Above: a novel/ Shelley Pearsall | Relates how a school project to build the world's largest tetrahedron affects the lives of everyone involved. (Teamwork) | 5.3 | 8-12 | MG | Fiction Grades 3-7 |
| Happy Kid! / Gail Gauthier | After his mother bribes him into reading a self-help book on how to form satisfying relationships and enjoy a happy life, Kyle finds there may be more to the book than he realized. (Morals & Respect) | 4.9 | 10-14 | MG | Fiction Grades 5-9 |
| Sixth-Grade Glommers, Norks, and Me/ Lisa Papademetriou | Allie Kimball finds that middle school is full of strange new beasts, like glommers—girls who never go anywhere alone—and norks—a combination of a nerd and a dork. (Respect) | 4.2 | 10-12 | MG | Fiction Grades 5-7 |

Leadership Skills

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| Goodbye, Curtis/ Kevin Henkes | Everyone in the neighborhood says a fond farewell to Curtis, their beloved longtime letter carrier, on his last day of work. (comm. service) | 2.4 | 3-6 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-1 |
| Mrs. Katz and Tush/ Patricia Polacco | A long-lasting friendship develops between Larnel, and young African-American, and Mrs. Katz, a lonely, Jewish widow, when Larnel presents Mrs. Katz with a scrawny kitten without a tail. (citizenship) | 3.1 | 4-8 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-3 |
| Miss Rumphius/ Barbara Cooney | Great-aunt Alice Rumphius was once a little girl who loved the sea, longed to visit faraway places, and wished to do something to make the world more beautiful. (community service) | 3.8 | 3-8 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-3 |
| Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch/ Eileen Spinelli | An anonymous valentine changes the life of the unsociable Mr. Hatch, turning him into a laughing friend who helps and appreciates all his neighbors. (citizenship) | 3.9 | 4-7 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-2 |
| Chrysanthemum/ Kevin Henkes | Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts going to school and the other children make fun of it. (citizenship) | 3.3 | 4-8 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-3 |
| Down the Road/ Alice Schertle | Hetty is very careful with the eggs she has bought on her very first trip to the store, but she runs into trouble. (youth service) | 3.4 | 4-8 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-3 |
| Emma's Magic Winter/ Jean Little | With the help of her new friend who has magic boots just like her own, Emma overcomes her shyness and no longer hates reading out loud in school. (citizenship) | 2.5 | 7-9 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades 2-4 |
| Flower Garden/ Eve Bunting | Helped by her father, a young girl prepares a flower garden as a birthday surprise for her mother. (youth service) | 2.2 | 4-8 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-3 |
| The Gardener/ Sarah Stewart | Explains what happens when, after her father loses his job, Lydia Grace goes to live with her Uncle Jim in the city, but takes her love for gardening with her. (comm. service) | 3.9 | 5-9 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-4 |

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| Hot Day on Abbott Avenue/ Karen English | After having a fight, two friends spend the day ignoring each other, until the lure of a game of jump rope helps them to forget about being mad. (citizenship) | 2.9 | 5-8 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-3 |
| The Josefina Story Quilt/ Eleanor Coerr | While traveling west with her family in 1850, a young girl makes a patchwork quilt chronicling the experiences of the journey. (youth service) | 2.7 | 7-9 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades 2-4 |
| Mr. Putter and Tabby Bake the Cake/ Cynthia Rylant | With his fine cat Tabby at his side, Mr. Putter bakes a Christmas cake for his neighbor Mrs. Teaberry. (good citizenship) | 2.8 | 6-9 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades 1-4 |
| My Best Friend/ Mary Ann Rodman | Six-year-old Lily has a best friend all picked out for play group day, but unfortunately the differences between first-graders and second-graders are sometimes very large. (good citizenship; character ed.—respect) | 2.2 | 4-8 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-3 |
| Once Upon a Time/ Niki Daly | Sarie struggles when she reads aloud in her class, but then she and her best friend find a book about Cinderella and begin to read together. (youth service) | 3.4 | 4-8 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-3 |
| Planting a Rainbow/ Lois Ehlert | A mother and child plant a rainbow of flowers in the family garden. (community service) | 2.6 | 3-8 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-3 |
| Scarebird/ Sid Fleischman | A lonely old farmer realizes the value of human friendship when a young man comes to help him and his scarecrow with their farm. (youth service) | 3.9 | 5-8 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-3 |
| America the Beautiful/ Katherine Lee Bates | Four verses of the nineteenth-century poem, illustrated by the author's great-great-grandnephew. (patriotism) | 2.9 | 8-12 | LG | Non-Fiction (Poetry) Grades 3-7 |
| The American Flag/ Patricia Quiri | Describes the history and symbolism of the American flag. (patriotism) | 4.8 | 7-9 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-4 |
| The American Flag/ Debbie Yanuck | An introduction to the American flag, including its design, modifications through the years, uses on holidays, and importance as a symbol of the United States. (patriotism) | 3.6 | 5-8 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades K-3 |

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| American Heroes/ Marfe Ferguson Delano | Profiles of fifty-three Americans from the past four hundred years who set out, spoke up, stood tall, fought hard, or dared to dream. (patriotism) | 8.4 | 10-14 | MG | Non-Fiction Grades 5-9 |
| American Moments: Scenes from American History/ Robert Burleigh | A look at a cross-section of people and events in American history from 1621 to 2001 representing the many facets of American life. (patriotism) | 5.6 | 6-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 1-5 |
| Impossible Patriotism Project/ Linda Skeers | Caleb has a hard time coming up with a way to symbolize patriotism for Presidents' Day until he realizes that his dad, who is away from home in the military, is what patriotism is all about. (patriotism) | 3.0 | 4-8 | LG | Easy Fiction Grades K-3 |
| Nothing but the Truth: a Documentary Novel/ Avi | A ninth-grader's suspension for singing "The Star Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story. (patriotism) | 3.6 | 11-16 | UG | Fiction Grades 6-11 |
| O, Say Can You See?: American Symbols, Landmarks, and Inspiring Words/ Sheila Keenan | Explains places, objects, documents, and holidays that symbolize life in the United States. (patriotism) | 5.6 | 4-8 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades K-3 |
| Red, White, and Blue: the story of the American Flag/ John Herman | Describes how the American flag came into being, how it has changed over the years, and its importance as the symbol of our country. (patriotism) | 3.2 | 6-8 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 1-3 |
| Red, White, Blue and Uncle Who?: the Stories behind Some of America's Patriotic Symbols/ Teresa Bateman | Examines seventeen patriotic symbols-from birds to bells to mountains to monuments-and explains how they came to represent America. (patriotism) | 7.5 | 6-10 | MG | Non-Fiction Grades 1-5 |
| Stars and Stripes: the Story of the American Flag/ Sarah Thomson | An introduction to the history of the American flag, from colonial times to the present. (patriotism) | 4.5 | 4-8 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades K-3 |
| This is America: the American Spirit in Places and People/ Don Robb | Discusses people, places and ideals that express the American spirit. (patriotism) | 7.2 | 6-11 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 1-6 |

Aerospace Education

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hot air balloons---space---astronomy

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| The Amazing Flight of Darius Frobisher/ Bill Harley | When his adventurous father disappears during a hot-air balloon flight, 10 year old Darius is sent to live with an aunt. A strange bicycle repairman changes his life with a secret he has built. | 4.4 | 8-12 | MG | Fiction Grades 3-7 |
| Can it Rain Cats and Dogs? /Melvin Berger | Answers questions about the weather. | 4.6 | 7-9 | MG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-4 |
| El Nino: Stormy Weather for People and Wildlife/ Caroline Arnold | Explores the nature of the El Nino and its effects on people and wildlife. | 8.4 | 8-11 | MG | Non-Fiction Grades 3-6 |
| Experiments on the Weather/ Zella Williams | A collection of science experiments related to weather, from the greenhouse effect to making a cloud. | 4.3 | 7-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-5 |
| Fantastic Flights: One Hundred Years of Flying on the Edge/PatrickO'Brien | Describes seventeen twentieth-century historic flights and their pilots, from the Wright Brothers to those of the space shuttles. | 6.0 | 6-10 | MG | Non-Fiction Grades 1-5 |
| Flight: the Journey of Charles Lindbergh/ Robert Burleigh | Describes how Charles Lindbergh achieved the remarkable feat of flying nonstop and solo from New York to Paris in 1927. | 3.5 | 7-11 | MG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-6 |
| The Glorious Flight: Across the Channel with Louis Bleroit, July 25, 1909/ Alice Provensen | A biography of the man whose fascination with flying machines produced the Bleroit XI, which in 1909 became the first heavier-than-air machine to fly the English Channel. | 2.6 | 3-8 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades K-3 |
| Magic School Bus Kicks Up a Storm/ Nancy White | Led by Ralphie as superhero "Weatherman," Mrs. Frizzle's class boards the magic school bus for a trip inside a storm cloud. | 3.4 | 5-8 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades K-3 |

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| Pink Snow and Other Weird Weather/ Jennifer Dussling | Discusses what makes some weather patterns so unusual. | 2.9 | 6-8 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 1-3 |
| Weather Forecasting/ Gail Gibbons | Describes forecasters at work in weather stations as they use sophisticated equipment to track and gauge the changes in the weather. | 4.0 | 6-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 1-5 |
| Weather Words and What They Mean/ Gail Gibbons | Introduces basic weather terms and concepts. | 3.5 | 4-8 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades K-3 |
| Weather/ Lorrie Mack | Text and atmospheric photography look at how weather can affect our lives. | 5.0 | 5-8 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades K-3 |
| Weather/ Simon Seymour | Explores the causes, changing patterns and forecasting of weather. | 6.3 | 7-11 | MG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-6 |
| What Will the Weather Be?/ Lynda DeWitt | Explains the basic characteristics of weather and how meteorologists gather data for their forecasts. | 3.6 | 5-9 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades K-4 |
| Whatever the Weather/ Karen Wallace | Text, illustrations, and photographs of a boy looking out the window introduce different kinds of weather as it changes day to day. | 1.6 | 4-8 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades K-3 |
| Apache Helicopter: the AH-64/ Matthew Pitt | Provides general information about helicopters and specific facts about the features and operation of the Apache helicopters. | 5.8 | 10-14 | MG | Non-Fiction Grades 5-9 |
| Asteroids, Comets, and Meteorites/ Steve Kortenkamp | This book describes the small solar system bodies: asteroids, comets, and meteorites. | 3.7 | 6-9 | LG | Non-Fiction |
| Blizzards/ Nathan Olson | A brief introduction to blizzards, including how they form, where they happen, and blizzard safety. | 3.9 | 7-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-5 |
| Bombers/ Jennifer Reed | Simple text and photographs describe bombers, their parts, and what they do. | TBD | 4-8 | | Non-Fiction |
| Comets and Asteroids/ Ian Graham | This book explains how comets and asteroids form, what they are made of, and how they are studied by astronomers. It presents facts on specific comets, asteroids, and meteorites. | 5.8 | 8-12 | MG | Non-Fiction |
| Comets, Meteors, and Asteroids/ Simon Seymour | Text and illustrations explore the characteristics of comets, meteors, and asteroids. | 6.4 | 8-11 | MG | Non-Fiction Grades 3-6 |

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| Destination Jupiter/ Simon Seymour | Describes the characteristics of the planet Jupiter and its moons, as revealed by photographs sent back by unmanned spaceships. | 5.7 | 5-9 | MG | Non-Fiction Grades K-4 |
| Destination Mars/ Simon Seymour | Examines old beliefs and newest discoveries about Mars. | 6.4 | 5-9 | MG | Non-Fiction Grades K-4 |
| Destination Space/ Simon Seymour | Explains new discoveries about the universe made possible by the Hubble Telescope. | 6.5 | 5-10 | MG | Non-Fiction Grades K-5 |
| Droughts/ Nathan Olson | A brief introduction to droughts, including what they are, what they impact, and types of droughts. | 3.9 | 7-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-5 |
| Earth: Our Planet in Space/ Simon Seymour | An introduction to the Earth and its relationship with the sun and the moon. | 3.9 | 7-11 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-6 |
| Earth/Elaine Landau | This introduction to Earth describes how the planet looks from space, discusses its orbit in the solar system, explains why Earth can support life, and looks at what missions to outer space have revealed about the planet. | 4.6 | 8-10 | LG | Non-Fiction |
| Exploring Comets/ Jennifer Way | A brief introduction to comets, icy objects from the far reaches of the solar system that pass by Earth at regular periods in their orbit around the sun. | 5.1 | 8-11 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 3-6 |
| Exploring Meteors/ Rebecca Olien | A brief introduction to meteors, from their origins to the differences between meteors, meteorites, and meteoroids. | 4.6 | 8-11 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 3-6 |
| Exploring the Planets in Our Solar System/Rebecca Olien | A brief introduction to the planets in our solar system. | 4.1 | 8-11 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 3-6 |
| Exploring the Sun/ Rebecca Olien | A brief introduction to the star at the center of our solar system, the sun. | 4.0 | 8-11 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 3-6 |
| Far Planets/ Ian Graham | Photographs, diagrams, and illustrations describe the four planets that are the farthest from the Sun. | 5.5 | 8-12 | MG | Non-Fiction |
| Fighter Planes: Fearless Fliers/ Karen & Glen Bledsoe | Discusses real-life missions, training required to be a pilot, and descriptions of planes. | 6.9 | 9-15 | MG | Non-Fiction Grades 4-10 |
| First Moon Landing/ Steve Kortenkamp | This book describes the first landing on the Moon, including information about the space race and the "Apollo 11" crew and spacecraft. | 3.9 | 6-9 | LG | Non-Fiction |

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| Floods/ Lisa Trumbauer | An introduction to floods and their impact on the natural environment and people. | Not AR | 10-12 | | Non-Fiction Grades 5-7 |
| Galaxies/ Simon Seymour | Identifies the nature, locations, movements, and different categories of galaxies, examining the Milky Way and other known examples. | 6.8 | 8-11 | MG | Non-Fiction Grades 3-6 |
| Helicopters: High-Flying Heroes/ Karen Bledsoe | Discusses various types of helicopters and their role in the military and the flying skills necessary to become a pilot. | 7.3 | 9-15 | MG | Non-Fiction Grades 4-10 |
| Jupiter/ Elaine Landau | This book is a description of Jupiter and includes information on its numerous moons, the space probes which have studied it, and its unique characteristics. | 4.6 | 8-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 3-5 |
| Let's Explore Comets and Asteroids/ Helen Orme | Investigates the latest discoveries about comets and asteroids, describes how they differ and where they are found, highlights space missions to various comets and asteroids. | 4.7 | 7-9 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-4 |
| Let's Explore Earth/ Helen Orme | Investigates the latest discoveries about Earth, how movements of its plates cause earthquakes and volcanoes, and the use of robots to explore the planet's deepest oceans. | 4.1 | 7-9 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-4 |
| Let's Explore Jupiter/ Helen Orme | Investigates the latest discoveries about Jupiter, its windy storms, and the possibility of drilling for water on its moon Europa. | 4.2 | 7-9 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-4 |
| Let's Explore Mars/ Helen Orme | Investigates the latest discoveries about Mars, the discovery of frozen water on the planet, and the possibility of manned missions to the planet. | 4.1 | 7-9 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-4 |
| Let's Explore Mercury/ Helen Orme | Investigates the latest discoveries about Mercury, its huge cliffs and craters, and NASA's MESSENGER mission to the planet. | 4.6 | 7-9 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-4 |
| Let's Explore Neptune/ Helen Orme | Investigates the latest discoveries about Neptune, its rocky and dusty rings, and the most recent findings sent to Earth by the Hubble Space Telescope. | 4.3 | 7-9 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-4 |
| Let's Explore Pluto and Beyond/ Helen Orme | Investigates the latest discoveries about Pluto, explains its change in classification from planet to dwarf planet, and describes the other space objects found beyond Pluto's orbit. | 4.5 | 7-9 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-4 |

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| Let's Explore Saturn/ Helen Orme | Investigates the latest discoveries about Saturn, describes its fabulous rings and intricate moon system, and highlights ongoing and future missions to the planet. | 3.9 | 7-9 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-4 |
| Let's Explore the Moon/ Helen Orme | Investigates the latest discoveries about the moon, explains why the moon appears to change shape, and describes the historic moon missions. | 3.7 | 7-9 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-4 |
| Let's Explore the Sun/ Helen Orme | Investigates the latest discoveries about the sun, describes its birth and eventual death, and highlights its importance to all objects in the solar system. | 4.1 | 7-9 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-4 |
| Let's Explore Uranus/ Helen Orme | Investigates the latest discoveries about Uranus, describes its crazy spin, and highlights other facts unique to the seventh planet. | 4.0 | 7-9 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-4 |
| Let's Explore Venus/ Helen Orme | Investigates the latest discoveries about Venus, the use of radar to examine its surface, and the possibility of a mission to the planet. | 4.3 | 7-9 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-4 |
| Look at Earth/ Mary R. Dunn | This introduction to Earth discusses its orbit and axis; provides facts about the planet and its moon; and looks at the atmosphere, oceans, and interior of the ever-changing planet. | 4.5 | 7-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-5 |
| Look at Jupiter/ Suzanne Slade | This book is an introduction to the planet Jupiter and some of its many moons. | 4.2 | 7-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-5 |
| Look at Mars/ Mary R. Dunn | This book describes Mars's year, environment, surface, and moons. It also discusses plans for a spacecraft to be sent to the planet. | 4.6 | 7-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-5 |
| Look at Mercury/ Mary R. Dunn | This book describes Mercury's year, size, environment, and surface. It also discusses spacecraft that have been sent to the planet. | 4.7 | 7-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-5 |
| Look at Neptune/ Suzanne Slade | This book describes Neptune's year, environment, moons, and rings. It also explains how scientists study the planet. | 5.0 | 7-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-5 |
| Look at Pluto and Other Dwarf Planets/ Anna Kaspar | This book describes what a planet is and provides information about Pluto's moons, the Kuiper Belt, Eris, asteroid belts, and Ceres. | 4.9 | 7-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-5 |
| Look at Saturn/ Suzanne Slade | This book describes Saturn's year, environment, moons, and rings. It also discusses spacecraft that have been sent to the planet. | 4.4 | 7-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-5 |

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| Look at Uranus/ Suzanne Slade | This book describes Uranus's year, rotation, environment, moons, and rings. It also explains how scientists study the planet. | 4.4 | 7-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-5 |
| Look at Venus/ Mary R. Dunn | This introduction to Venus, the second planet from the Sun, discusses its orbit and axis; provides facts about the planet; looks at its landforms; and reviews the history of the exploration of this planet. | 4.6 | 7-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-5 |
| Magic School Bus Inside a Hurricane/ Joanna Cole | Ms. Frizzle introduces her class to weather projects and takes them on a hot air balloon ride into a hurricane. | 4.3 | 6-9 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 1-4 |
| Magic School Bus (MSB) Inside the Earth/ Joanna Cole | On a special field trip in the magic school bus, Ms. Frizzle's class learns firsthand about different kinds of rocks and the formation of the Earth. | 3.6 | 7-11 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-6 |
| MSB Lost in the Solar System/ Joanna Cole | On a special field trip in the magic school bus, Ms. Frizzle's class goes into outer space and visits each planet in the solar system. | 3.7 | 6-9 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 1-4 |
| MSB Sees Stars: a Book about Stars/ Joanna Cole | Ms. Frizzle and her class take a trip to outer space to learn all about the stars. | 3.3 | 5-7 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades K-2 |

Physical Fitness

Physical fitness---good health---exercise---dance---aerobics---healthy food----fun outdoor games----fun indoor games

Literature Resources

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| Basketball for Fun!/ Brian Eule | Describes the basic rules, skills and important people and events in the sport of basketball. (outdoor/indoor games) | 4.6 | 8-11 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 3-6 |
| Blood: the Circulatory System/ Gillian Houghton | An introduction to the circulatory system and how it is connected to the other systems of the body. (health/exercise) | 5.4 | 7-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-6 |
| Bones: the Skeletal System/ Gillian Houghton | An introduction to bones and the skeletal system and how it is connected to the other systems of the body. (good health) | 4.7 | 7-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-5 |
| Breath: the Respiratory System/ Gillian Houghton | An introduction to the body system that helps us to breathe and how it is connected to the other systems in the body. (good health) | 4.5 | 7-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-5 |
| Guts: the Digestive System/ Gillian Houghton | An introduction to the process of digestion and how it is connected to other systems of the body. (good health) | 4.6 | 7-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-5 |
| Muscles: the Muscular System/ Gillian Houghton | An introduction to the muscular system and how it is connected to the other systems of the body. (good health) | 4.8 | 7-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-5 |
| Nerves: the Nervous System/ Gillian Houghton | An introduction to the nervous system and how it is connected to the other systems of the body. (good health) | 5.5 | 7-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-5 |

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| Bread and Cereal/ Tea Benduhn | Discusses how eating plenty of whole-grain bread and cereal helps to make a healthy heart. (good food) | Not AR | 5-9 | | Non-Fiction Grades K-4 |
| Card Tricks/ Cynthia Klingel | Presents a history of cards and card tricks, along with tips and easy step-by-step instructions for performing several tricks. (indoor games) | 4.0 | 7-9 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 2-4 |
| Chess/ Dana Rau | Introduces the history and rules of chess and discusses how it can be played with family and friends, through the mail, on a computer, in clubs, and in international tournaments. (indoor games) | 4.6 | 8-11 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 3-6 |
| Chess for Kids/ Michael Basman | A fascinating step-by-step guide from setting up the board to basic moves, to more advanced tactics and strategy. (indoor games) | Not AR | 8-12 | | Non-Fiction Grades 3-7 |
| Fruit/ Tea Benduhn | Discusses how eating a wide variety of fruit provides energy and promotes healing. (good food) | Not AR | 5-9 | | Non-Fiction Grades K-4 |
| Meat and Beans/ Tea Benduhn | Discusses how eating meat and beans provides protein to build strong muscles. (good food) | Not AR | 5-9 | | Non-Fiction Grades K-4 |
| Milk and Cheese/ Tea Benduhn | Discusses how eating milk and cheese makes bones & teeth strong. (good food) | Not AR | 5-9 | | Non-Fiction Grades K-4 |
| Vegetables/ Tea Benduhn | Discusses how eating a variety of vegetables keeps the entire body healthy. (good food) | Not AR | 5-9 | | Non-Fiction Grades K-4 |
| Girls' Basketball: Making Your Mark on the Court/LoriColeman | Describes the game of basketball and the skills needed to play. (indoor/outdoor games; exercise) | 4.9 | 8-14 | MG | Non-Fiction Grades 3-9 |
| Girls' Soccer: Going for the Goal/ Lori Coleman | Describes soccer, the skills needed to play, and the ways to compete. (exercise; indoor/outdoor games) | 5.2 | 8-14 | MG | Non-Fiction Grades 3-9 |
| Girls' Volleyball: Setting up Success/ Heather Schwartz | Describes volleyball, the skills needed for it and the ways to compete. (exercise; indoor games) | 5.0 | 8-14 | MG | Non-Fiction Grades 3-9 |
| Girls' Softball: Winning on the Diamond/ Heather Schwartz | Describes softball, the skills needed for it, and the ways to compete. (exercise; outdoor games) | 4.6 | 8-14 | MG | Non-Fiction Grades 3-9 |

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| Magic School Bus Inside the Human Body/ Joanna Cole | A special field trip on the magic school bus allows Ms. Frizzle's class to get a first-hand look at major parts of the body. (health; exercise) | 4.6 | 6-9 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 1-4 |
| Sleep is for Everyone/ Paul Showers | Describes the importance of sleep and what happens to our brains and bodies during slumber. (good health) | 2.6 | 3-6 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades K-1 |
| Busy Body Book: a Kid's Guide to Fitness/ Lizzy Rockwell | An introduction to the human body, how it functions, and its need for exercise. (good health; exercise) | 4.3 | 5-9 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades K-4 |
| Please Play Safe!: Penguin's Guide to Playground Safety/ Margery Cuyler | Penguin and his animal friends demonstrate how to play safely and use good manners. (exercise) | 2.2 | 3-5 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades K |
| Stompin' at the Savoy: The Story of Norma Miller/ Norma Miller | Chronicles Norma Miller's early life and rise to fame as one of the original performers of the Lindy Hop. (dance) | 4.9 | 9-13 | MG | Non-Fiction Grades 4-8 |
| Knockin' on Wood: Starring Peg Leg Bates/ Lynne Barasch | Presents a picture book biography of Clayton "Peg Leg" Bates, an African American who lost his leg in a factory accident at the age of twelve and went on to become a world-famous tap dancer. (dance) | 4.4 | 6-10 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 1-5 |
| Dance/ Andree Grau | Surveys all forms of dance throughout the world, discussing its cultural and social significance, its costume, its history, and noted dancers and choreographers. (dance) | Not AR | 10-14 | | Non-Fiction Grades 5-9 |
| Good Sports: Rhymes about Running, Jumping, Throwing, and More/ Jack Prelutsky | A collection of poetry about participation sports. (exercise; games) | 3.8 | 8-12 | LG | Non-Fiction Grades 3-7 |