

STARTING LINEUP

(SUGGESTED READING LIST)



This is a suggested list only...please feel free to add your own books.

Title	Author	Grade Level	Theme
Try and Stick With It	Cheri Meiners	1-2	Perseverance
The Little Engine That Could	Watty Piper	1	Effort
Salt In His Shoes	Deloris Jordon	3	Pursuit of a Dream
Dancing In The Wings	Debbie Allen	3	Believing in Self
Thank You, Mr. Falker	Patricia Polacco	3	Perseverance, Change
By My Brother's Side	Tiki and Ronde	2-3	Overcoming Obstacles
Sixteen Years in Sixteen	Pauls Yoo	5	Dare to be Great
Amber On The Mountain	Tony Johnson	3-4	Friendship
Mr. George Baker	Amy Hest	3.3	Never too late to learn
The Wednesday Surprise	Eve Bunting	2-3	People need people Young helping old
Cookies-Bite Size Life	Rosenthal	4	All Traits
Ruby in Her Own Way	Emmet	2	Perserverance
Shy Guy	Tibo	1	Individuality
For the Love of the Game	Michael Jordan	4	Perserverance
Would I Ever Lie to You	Buehnu	2	Cooperation
The Sissy dDckling	Fierstein	4	Individuality
You Can Do It	Dungy	4	Courage
Big Brave Brian	Robertson	1	Cooperation
Angry Dragon	Robbereht	2	Self Control

Horris, Morris but Mostly	Howe	3	Friendship
Horris and Morris Join the	Howe	4	Friendship
Courage	Waber	3	Courage
Sunday Blues	Layton	2	Courage
Ordinary Mary's	Pearson	3	kindness
Hunter's Best Friend at	Elliott	1	Courage
Brave Martha	Apple	2	Courage
It's O.K. to be Different	Parr	3	Individuality
Alberto the Dancing	Swain	1	Friendship
The Stray Dog	Simont	2	Friendship
Hunter's Big Sister	Munsinger	1	Friendship
My Last Chance Brother	Axelrod	2	Cooperation
This Way Ruby	Emmett	1	Courage
The Recess Queen	O'Neill	4	Perserverance
Scardy Squirrel	Watt	3	Courage
The Hickory Chair	Andrews	4	Friendship
Billy Wise	Bloomsbury	1	Courage
Blue Ribbon Day	Ceniree	3	Perserverance
Bear Feels Sick	Wilson	1	Friendship
When Sophie Gets Angry	Bang	1	Self-discipline
Give Maggie a Chance	Wishinsky	2	Courage
Rude Mule	Hatt	2	Cooperation
Olivia	Falconer	2	Self-discipline
The Grannyman	Schanter	3	Friendship
You're a Good Sport,	O'Malley	4	Cooperation
The 3 Silly Billies	Simont	3	Cooperation
Yo-Yo Man	Pinkwater	3	Courage
Pelle's New Suit	Elsa Beskow	Ages 4 +	Resourcefulness, Integrity and Confidence
Katie and the Big Snow	Virginia Lee Burton	Ages 4 - 8	Determination, Endurance, Helpfulness

Miss Rumphius	Barbara Cooney	Ages 4 +	Sharing, Making the world a better place, giving, caring, Personal Best
The Patchwork Quilt	Valerie Fluornoy	Ages 4 +	Community, Working Together, Diversity, Personal Best
A Bargain for Frances	Russel & Lillian Hoban	Ages 4 +	Friendship
One Morning In Maine	Robert McCloskey	Ages 4 +	Curiosity, Losing something isn't the end of the world – life goes on
The Sneetches	Dr. Seuss	Ages 4 +	Prejudice, have's and have not's, the "in-crowd," bully
Horton Hatches the Egg	Dr. Seuss	Ages 4+	Caring, helpfulness
The Hundred Dresses	Eleanor Estes	Grade 1 -5	Kindness, Compassion, and Standing up for what's right
Charlotte's Web	E.B.White	Grades 1 – 5	Friendship, kindness
Owl Moon	Jane Yolan	Ages 4 +	Respect for nature
A House for Hermit Crab	Eric Carle	Ages 4+	New Friends, new opportunities, change
The Velveteen Rabbit	Margery Williams	Ages 4+	Trust, friendship
The Principal's New Clothes	Stephanie Calmenson	Ages 4+	Pride
The Giving Tree	Shel Silverstein	Grades 1 – 5	Love, Sharing, Giving
The Cat Ate My Gymsuit	Dan Ziger	Grades 4 - 6	Courage, Integrity
Sadako and the Thousand	Eleanor Coeer	Grades 3-6	Courage, caring, perseverance,
Where The Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls	Grades 3 – 6	Caring, Friendship, Devotion, Responsibility, integrity, Courage
The Cricket In Time Square	George Selden	Grades 3-6	Friendship and caring

Knots on a Counting Rope	Bill Martin Jr.	Grades K-5	Strength, Caring, Determination, Pride, Personal Best
Alexander and the No-Good, Very Bad Day	Judith Viost	Ages 4-8	Flexibility,
Imogene's Antlers	David Small	Ages 4-8	Accepting differences, Flexibility, imagination/creativity
The Magic School Bus Series	Joanna Cole	Grades 1-5	Curiosity
Angus and the Cat	Marjorie Flack	Ages 4-8	Curiosity
Oh, The Places You'll Go	Dr. Seuss	Pre-K through adult	Personal Best
Samuel Eaton's Day	Kate Walters	K-5	Personal Best, Perseverance, Pride
Peppe The Lamplighter	Elisa Baratone	Grade 2-5	Personal Best, Perseverance, Pride
Stone Fox	John Gardiner	Grades 3-6	Determination, Faith, Courage
Henry and the Paper Route	Beverly Cleary	Grades 2-5	Responsibility
Corduroy	Don Freeman	Pre-K - 3	Friendship
Alexander and the Windup Mouse	Leo Lionni	Ages 4-8	Friendship
Blubber	Judy Blume	Grades 4-6	Respect
Freckle Juice			
Swimmy	Leo Lionni	Ages 4-8	Be Yourself, Cooperation, Helping Others
Just Kidding	Trudy Ludwig and Adam Gustavson	39877	Bullying
Stop Bullying Bobby!	Dana Smith Mansell and Suzanne Riggio	K-3	Bullying

Stand Up For Yourself and Your Friends	Patti Kelley and Angela Martini	K-5	Bullying
How to Be a Friend	Laurie Krasny Brown and Marc Brown	K-2	Friendship
If You Had to Choose, What Would You Do?	Sandra McLeod Humphrey	K-5	Various topics-friendship, responsibility, etc.
(Series by author with other titles, If It Were Up to You, What Would You Do?			
You Can Count on Me	Regina Burch	K-5	Responsibility
Would It Be Right?	Regina Burch	K-5	Good Judgment
Working Together	Regina Burch	K-5	Cooperation and Citizenship
Think Before You Act	Regina Burch	K-5	Self Discipline and Self Control
Following The Rules	Regina Burch	K-5	Respect
The Knight and the Dragon	Tomie DePaola	Ages 4-8	Cooperation,
The Ant and the Elephant	Bill Peet	Ages 4 - Adult	Cooperation, Respect
Little Rabbit's Loose Tooth	Lucy Bates	Ages 4-8	Problem-solving
Amazing Grace	Mary Hoffman	Grade k-2	Effort, Perseverance, Determination, Personal Best
Kavik The Wolf Dog	Walt Morey	Grades 4-6	Effort, Perseverance, Determination, Personal Best
First Day Jitters	Julie Danneberg	K-5	Courage
Tell Me A Scary Story. . . But Not too Scary	Carl Reiner	K-5	Courage (Great for Halloween)

The Bugliest Bug	Carol Diggory Shields	K-5	Teamwork, Cooperation, Problem-solving
Finklehopper Frog	Irene Livingston	Ages 4-8	Be Yourself, Integrity, Courage
Finklehopper Cheers	Irene Livingston	Ages 4-8	Being a Good Sport, Courage, Friendship
Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire	Diane DeGroat	Ages 4-8	Truth, Honesty,
Miss Alaineus A Vocabulary Disaster	Debra Frasier	Grades 1-5	Resilience, Perseverance, Determination, Persistence, Courage
Roses are Pink, Your Feet Really Stink	Diane deGrout	Grades K-5	Friendship, Respect
The Brand New Kid	Katie Couric	K-5	Friendship, Respect, Caring, Accepting Differences
Dewey Doo-It Helps Owl Fly Again	Brahm Wenger & Alan Green (a musical storybook inspired by Christopher Reeves)	K-5	Helping Others, Compassion, Empathy, Caring, Teamwork, Courage, Determination
Murphy Meets the Treadmill	Harriet Ziefert	K-5	Personal Best, Perseverance, The importance of exercise
Inch and Miles The Journey to Success	Coach John Wooden	K-5	14 character traits – defines success
Bebop Express	H.L. Panahi	K-5	Diversity through rhythm, people, and place; Cooperation, Working Together
Testing Miss Malarkey	Judy Finchler	Grades 2-5	Personal Best, Getting Ready for the Big Event, Perseverance
The Obvious Elephant	Bruce Robinson	Ages 4-8	Friendship,

