

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE BY TOPIC

TOPIC, Book Title and Author	Grade Recommendations
<u>SCHOOLYARD NATURE HIKES & OBSERVATIONS (SENSES AND PATTERNS)</u>	
<i>Bird Calls</i> (a Hear and There book) by Frank Gallo	Gr K-1
<i>The Snail's Spell</i> by Joanne Ryder	Gr K-1
<i>Two Blue Jays</i> by Anne Rockwell	Gr 1-2
<i>Magic School Bus Explores the Senses</i> by Joanna Cole	Gr K-2
<i>Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature</i> by Joyce Sidman	Gr 1-3
<i>Take a City Nature Walk</i> (Take a Walk series) by Jane Kirkland	Gr 3-6
<i>The Kids Guide to Exploring Nature</i> by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden Educators	Gr 3-6
<u>ANIMALS</u>	
<u>Insects</u>	
<i>The Very Quiet Cricket or The Very Lonely Firefly</i> by Eric Carle	Gr K-1
<i>Have You Seen Bugs?</i> by Joanne Oppenheim	Gr K-2
<i>Waiting for Wings</i> by Lois Ehlert	Gr K-2
<i>On One Flower, Butterflies, Ticks and a Few More Icks</i> by Anthony Fredericks	Gr K-2
<i>Insects are My Life</i> by Megan McDonald	Gr 1-3
<i>Ladybug on Orchard Avenue</i> by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld	Gr 1-3
<i>Life and Times of the Ant</i> by Charles Micucci	Gr 1-4
<i>Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices</i> by Paul Fleischman	Gr 3-6
<u>Squirrels</u>	
<i>Scaredy Squirrel</i> by Mélanie Watt	Gr K-1
<i>Those Darn Squirrels</i> (one in a series) by Adam Rubin	Gr K-2
<i>About Rodents: A Guide for Children</i> by Cathryn Sill	Gr 1-3
<i>Ozette's Destiny</i> by Judy Pierce	Gr 3-6
<i>Enjoying Squirrels More (or Less!)</i> by Howard Youth	Gr 3-6
<u>Birds</u>	
<i>Birds Build Nests</i> by Yvonne Winer	Gr K-2
<i>Owl Moon</i> by Jane Yolen	Gr K-2
<i>City Hawk</i> by Meghan McCarthy	Gr K-3
<i>Screech Owl at Midnight Hollow</i> by C. Drew Lamm	Gr 1-3
<i>She's Wearing a Dead Bird on Her Head!</i> By Kathryn Lasky	Gr 1-4
<i>Beauty and the Beak: How Science, Technology and a 3D-Printed Beak Rescued a Bald Eagle</i>	Gr 3-6
<i>Take a Backyard Bird Walk</i> (Take a Walk series) by Jane Kirkland	Gr 3-6
<u>Camouflage</u>	
<i>Where's that Fish? or ...Spider?</i> (Hide and Seek Science) by Barbara Brenner & Bernice Chardiet	Gr K-3
<i>How to Hide a Meadow Frog or Butterfly or Crocodile</i> all by Ruth Heller	Gr K-3
<i>What Color is Camouflage?</i> by Carolyn Otto	Gr 1-3
<i>Claws, Coats and Camouflage</i> by Susan Goodman	Gr 2-5
<u>Pollinators</u>	
<i>Flowers are Calling</i> by Rita Gray	Gr K-2
<i>The Bumblebee Queen</i> by April Pulley Sayre	Gr K-3
<i>What is Pollination?</i> by Bobbie Kalman	Gr 1-3
<i>Flower Talk: How Plants Use Color to Communicate</i> by Sara Levine	Gr 1-4
<i>Bees: A Honeyed History</i> by Piotr Socha	Gr 2-5
<i>The Clover & the Bee: A Book of Pollination</i> by Anne Ophelia Dowden	Gr 5-6

PLANTS

<i>From Seed to Plant</i> by Gail Gibbons	Gr K-2
<i>Dandelion Adventures</i> by L. Patricia Kite	Gr K-2
<i>A Log's Life</i> by Wendy Pfeffer	Gr K-3
<i>The Dandelion Seed</i> by Joseph Anthony and Cris Arbo	Gr K-3
<i>The Big Tree</i> by Bruce Hiscock	Gr 1-4
<i>In a Nutshell</i> by Joseph Anthony & Cris Arbo	Gr 1-4
<i>How do Plants Defend Themselves?</i> by Ruth Owen	Gr 2-5
<i>Take a Tree Walk</i> (Take a Walk series) by Jane Kirkland	Gr 3-6
<i>DK Eyewitness Books: PLANT</i> by David Burnie	Gr 3-6

HABITATS AND ECOSYSTEMS

<i>In the Woods, and Around the Pond, Who's Been Here?</i> by Lindsay Barret George	Gr K-2
<i>Over and Under the Pond</i> by Kate Messner	Gr K-2
<i>Songs of the Water Boatman and Other Pond Poems</i> by Joyce Sidman	Gr K-5
<i>Save our Stream!</i> by Colin Polsky and Jane Tucker	Gr 2-5
<i>Pass the Energy, Please!</i> by Barbara Shaw McKinney	Gr 2-5
<i>What are Food Chains and Webs?</i> by Bobbie Kalman and Jacqueline Langille	Gr 3-5
<i>Seeking the Wolf Tree</i> by Natalie Cleavitt	Gr 3-6
<i>A Beach for the Birds</i> by Bruce McMillan	Gr 3-6

Human Impact

<i>The Lorax</i> by Dr. Seuss	Gr K-4
<i>Wump World</i> by Bill Peet	Gr 1-4
<i>Rachel Carson and Her Book that Changed the World</i> by Laurie Lawlor	Gr 2-5
<i>Heroes of the Environment: True Stories of People Who are Helping to Protect our Planet</i> by Harriet Rohmer (this book has short stories, and one features a teenager from Rhode Island!)	Gr 4-6

WEATHER, WATER AND SOILS (AND SEASONS)

<i>Rabbits and Raindrops</i> by Jim Arnosky	Gr K-1
<i>Who likes Rain? (Exploring the Elements)</i> by Etta Kaner	Gr K-2
<i>The Story of Snow</i> by Mark Cassino	Gr K-3
<i>Snowflake Bentley</i> by Jaqueline Briggs Martin	Gr 1-3
<i>The Cloud Spinner</i> by Michael Catchpool	Gr K-3
<i>Cloud Dance and Water Dance</i> by Thomas Locker	Gr 1-4
<i>One Well: the Story of Water on Earth</i> by Rochelle Strauss	Gr 3-6
<i>Energy Island: How One Community Harnessed the Wind & Changed Their World</i> by Allan Drummond	Gr 4-6
<i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</i> (children's edition) by William Kamkwamba & Bryan Mealer	Gr 4-6
<i>Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt</i> by Kate Messner	Gr K-2
<i>Dirt: The Scoop on Soil</i> by Natalie Myra Rosinsky	Gr 1-4
<i>Everybody Needs a Rock</i> by Byrd Baylor	Gr 2-5
<i>Soil (Rock and Minerals)</i> by Rebecca Hirsch	Gr 3-6
<i>Sunshine Makes the Seasons</i> by Franklyn Branley	Gr K-2
<i>The Reasons for Seasons (New and Updated)</i> by Gail Gibbons	Gr K-3
<i>Our Seasons</i> by Ranida McKneally (introduces haiku)	Gr 1-4
<i>Discover the Seasons</i> by Diane Iverson	Gr 1-4

Nature Storybooks for Children and Youth

Title	Author	Description	Keywords	Age
<i>For Preschoolers and Early Elementary Students:</i>				
One Odd Old Owl	Paul S. Adshead	Many animals, counting, and hidden creatures.	Owls, Birds, Life Cycles	Pre K-K
Bat Jamboree	Kathi Appelt	A fun counting book with bats.	Bats, Mammals, Nocturnal, Counting	Pre K-K
All About Alligators	Jim Arnosky		Alligators, Reptiles, Life Cycles	Pre-K -2
All About Deer	Jim Arnosky	Good, short, reference books filled with natural history information.	Deer, Mammals, Life Cycles	Pre-K -2
All About Owls	Jim Arnosky		Owls, Birds, Life Cycles	Pre-K -2
All About Turkeys	Jim Arnosky		Turkeys, Birds, Life Cycles	Pre-K -2
I See Animals Hiding	Jim Arnosky	Camouflaged animals, wonderful illustrations.	Animals, Tracking, Camouflage	Pre-K -2
Otters Under Water	Jim Arnosky	Factual information, wonderful illustrations.	Mammals, Otters, Ponds	Pre-K-K
Rabbits & Raindrops	Jim Arnosky	A story about a family of rabbits in the rain.	Mammals, Life Cycles, Habitat	Pre-K-K
Raccoons and Ripe Corn	Jim Arnosky	Fall story about raccoons and ripe corn.	Animals, Seasons, Habitat	Pre-K-K
A Seed is Sleepy	Dianna Hutts Aston	Poetic verse about method of seed dispersal, germination, and supplementary facts for older readers	Plants, Gardening, Seeds, Life Cycles	Pre-K-3
An Egg is Quiet	Dianna Hutts Aston	In depth look at different types of eggs and supplementary facts for older readers	Life Cycles, Eggs	Pre-K-3
A Nest is Noisy	Dianna Hutts Aston	Beautiful illustrations of the different styles of nests that animals create; supplementary facts for older readers	Life cycles, Nests	Pre-K-3
A Beetle is Shy	Dianna Hutts Aston	Life cycle of various beetles and supplementary facts for older readers	Beetles, Insects, Life cycles	Pre-K-3
A Butterfly is Patient	Dianna Hutts Aston	Life cycle of various butterfly species and supplementary facts for older readers	Life Cycles, Butterflies, Insects	Pre-K-3

A Rock is Lively	Dianna Hutts Aston	Depiction of the formation of different types of rock with beautiful illustrations and	Rocks, Geology	Pre-K-3
Guess What I'll Be	Anni Axworthy	A tadpole wonders what it will turn into: a butterfly? A bird?	Amphibians, Life Cycles, Habitat	Pre-K -1
Hide and Snake	Keith Baker	A snake hiding in different places in the house in this hide and seek book.	Snakes, Camouflage	PreK-K
Animals Should Definitely NOT Wear Clothing	Judy Barrett	A fun story with humorous illustrations.	Animals	K-2
Annie & the Wild Animals	Jan Brett	A girl meets wild animals while looking for her pet cat. Compares wild animals to pet cat.	Animals	Pre-K -2
The Mitten	Jan Brett	Good winter story with many animals. Wonderful illustrations, stories are participatory.	Winter, Animals	Pre-K -2
Mossy	Jan Brett	Good story about a box turtle and how wild animals shouldn't be made into pets. Beautiful illustrations.	Turtles, Habitats, Natural History	K-2
The Curious Garden	Peter Brown	A story about a boy and the urban garden that he nurtures as it spreads and inspires the entire city.	Environmentalism; Gardening	Pre-K-2
Stellaluna	Janell Cannon	A wonderful story that teaches about the natural lives of bats, also may spark an interest in these animals. Great illustrations. A bit anthropomorphic.	Bats, Mammals, Nocturnal, Life Cycles	Pre-K -2
Verdi	Janell Cannon	Story about an emerald tree boa growing up.	Snakes, Reptiles, Life Cycles, Adaptations	Pre-K -2
The Very Busy Spider	Eric Carle		Insects, Arachnids	Pre-K -2
Honey Bee and the Robber	Eric Carle	He has a fun way of presenting factual information about the true lives of animals.	Insects	Pre-K-K
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle		Insects	Pre-K-K
The Very Lonely Firefly	Eric Carle		Insects	Pre-K-K
The Very Quiet Cricket	Eric Carle		Insects	Pre-K-K
Over in the Meadow	Illustrated by David A. Carter	An old counting rhyme.	Counting, Animals	Pre-K-K
How Groundhog's Garden Grew	Lynne Cherry	Groundhog learns how to grow his own garden, and along the way learns about plant life cycles, seeds, pollination and healthy soil.	Gardens, Plant Life Cycles, Groundhogs	K-3
The Great Kapok Tree	Lynne Cherry	Wonderful illustrations with lots of animals.	Environmentalism, Habitat, Ecosystems, Trees, Forests	Gr 1-2

If You Find a Rock	Peggy Christian	Story about finding many different shapes, sizes, colors and textures of rocks.	Rocks, Geology, Rock hunting	PreK-2
Gilbert the Great	Jane Clarke	Story of a young great white shark and friendship.	Sharks, Fish, Ocean Habitats	PreK-K
Busy Beavers	Lydia Dabcovich	Simple introduction to beavers using very few words.	Beaver, Mammals, Habitat, Animal Behavior	Pre-K
Animal Tracks	Arthur Dorros	A good story that is easy to make interactive through questions.	Tracking, Animals, Animal Behavior	K-2
A Frog Thing	Eric Drachman	A sweet story about a frog that wants to do greater things.	Frogs, Adaptations	PreK-2
Clara Caterpillar	Pamela Duncan Edwards	A fun, alliterative tale of a cabbage white caterpillar form egg to butterfly.	Insects, Insect life cycles	PreK-2
Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf	Lois Ehlert	A hard-to-find, good story about seasons.	Seasons, Trees, Leaves	K-2
In the Small, Small Pond	Denise Fleming	Basic reading, has pond animals, and good introduction to vocabulary.	Wetlands, Pond, Habitat, Ecosystems	Pre-K-2
Time to Sleep	Denise Fleming	What animals do to get ready for winter.	Hibernation, Winter, Animal Behavior	Pre-K-2
Everglades	Jean Craighead George	Good book for older children.	Habitat, Ecosystems	K-3
In the Snow: Who's Been Here?	Lindsay Barrett George	Two young children find animal signs in the snow.	Winter, Animals, Tracking, Animal Behavior	Pre-K-2
In the Woods: Who's Been Here?	Lindsay Barrett George	Deals with animal signs in the woods.	Animals, Animal Behavior, Tracking	Pre-K-2
Beaver at Long Pond	William T. George & Lindsay Barnett George	The adventures of a beaver beginning at dusk.	Beaver, Mammals, Habitat, Animal Behavior	Pre-K-3
Box Turtle at Long Pond	William T. George & Lindsay Barnett George	The daylong adventures of a box turtle.	Turtles, Reptiles, Habitat	Pre-K-3
Everyone Poops	Taro Gomi	Everyone eats so..... Good story for preschoolers	Potty Training, Animals	Pre-K
The Hermit Crab	Carter Goodrich	A shy hermit crab finds a new shell and mistakenly gets taken for a hero who saves the other sea creatures.	Crabs, Sea Life	PreK-1
Small Green Snake	Libba Moore Gray	A snake wanders off from its family and has an adventure.	Snakes, Habitats, Reptiles	PreK-1

Is Your Mama a Llama?	Deborah Guarino	A fun book, cute illustrations, participatory, teaches a particular concept.	Animals	Pre-K-K
The Apple Pie Tree	Zoe Hall	Trees and birds through the seasons. Includes “how we make our apple pie”.	Seasons, Trees, Birds, Life Cycles	Pre-K-1
One Green Island	Charlotte Hard	Many animals and counting too.	Counting, Animals	Pre-K-K
Little Turtle’s Big Adventure	David Harrison	This is a story about a turtle’s adventure to find a new home after losing his home.	Turtles, Reptiles, Habitat, Habitat Destruction	Pre-K-K
Animals Born Alive and Well	Ruth Heller	Excellent illustrations, factual information although somewhat advanced in some places. The stories can be participatory.	Mammals, Life Cycles	K-2
Chickens Aren’t The Only Ones	Ruth Heller	Excellent illustrations, factual information although somewhat advanced in some places. The stories can be participatory.	Eggs, Animals, Life Cycles	K-2
Safe, Warm, and Snug	Liza Herschel	Documenting care taking animal behavior in clever, melodic rhymes.	Animal Behavior	Pre-K-1
Tudley Didn't Know	John Himmelman	A story of a sweet painted turtle learning about what painted turtles can do.	Turtles, Pond Life	PreK-2
Good Night Owl	Pat Hutchins	Lots of birds try to wake owl up. Good use of repetition.	Counting, Owls,	Pre-K-K
Sally and the Limpet	Simon James	A little girl discovers limpet at the shore and unexpectedly takes it along for an adventure.	Snails, Sea life, Habitats	PreK-1
Dear Mr. Blueberry (re-released as Dear Greenpeae)	Simon James	A little girl thinks she has a whale in her pond and writes to an expert to find out what to do. Charming story, sweet illustraitons.	Whales, Sea life	PreK-1
The Barn Owls	Tony Johnston	A peek into the life of a barn owl and the barn it calls home.	Owls	K-2
Journey of the Red-Eyed Tree Frog	Martin & Janis Jordan	Life of the Red Eyed Tree Frog	Frogs, Amphibians	K-2
Bats at the Beach (Bats at... Series)	Brian Lies	Cute story of many different kinds of bats and their visit to a beach by night.	Bats, Nocturnal Animals	PreK-1
City Hawk: The Story of Pale Male	Meghan McCarthy	Based on a true story of a red-tailed hawk nesting in New York City near Central Park.	Hawks, Birds, City Wildlife	PreK-2
Step Inside the Rainforest (Big Book)	Meish Goldish MacMillin	Rainforest non-fiction	Rainforest, Habitat, Ecosystems	Gr 1-3

The BLUES Go Birding (series)	Carol Malnor	A family of bluebirds go birding across the country, to different habitats and have many adventures, while teaching about the birds they find.	Birds, Bird Watching, Geography, Habitats	Gr K-3
I'm a Caterpillar	Joan Marzollo	Simple and cute story about the life cycle.	Life Cycles, Insects, Caterpillars	Pre-K-K
I'm a Seed	Joan Marzollo	Seeds	Seeds, Gardening, Plants, Life Cycles	Pre-K-K
The Salamander Room	Anne Mazer	Kind of long for preschoolers, but teaches a nice lesson, and the illustrations are great.	Salamanders, Amphibians	K-2
Counting is For the Birds	Frank Mazzola, Jr.	Counting book with lovely illustrations, teaches about birds and some of the hazards they might face.	Counting, Birds	Pre-K-1
A Snake in the House	Faith McNulty	A snake is captured by a boy then escapes in the house and has adventures trying to get back outside where it belongs.	Snakes, wild vs. domestic animals	K-2
Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt	Kate Messner and Christopher Silas Neal	A close look at the lively worlds above and below the soil of our gardens.	Gardening, Ecosystems, Soil, Insects	K-2
Over and Under the Pond	Kate Messner and Christopher Silas Neal	A discovery into pond ecosystems as seen through the eyes of a boy canoeing with his mom	Wetlands, Pond, Habitat, Ecosystems	K-2
Over and Under the Snow	Kate Messner and Christopher Silas Neal	A look at what all the animals are doing while a girl enjoys a quiet winter wonderland	Winter; Hibernation	K-2
I Love Spiders	John Parker	Simple, good words for young children. Colors and shapes included. May be out of print.	Spiders	PreK-K
Where Should Turtle Be?	Susan Ring	A sea turtle hatches and goes the wrong way - then visits habitats of other kinds of turtles seeking its habitat.	Turtles, Sea Life, Habitats	PreK-1
Our Yard is Full of Birds	Anne Rockwell	Describes birds in one child's backyard and where they live.	Birds, backyard habitat	K-3
Chipmunk Song	Joanne Ryder	Beautiful illustrations by Lynn Cherry. A child is invited to shrink the size of a chipmunk and watch as it goes through its seasonal routine from late summer through the winter.	Chipmunks, seasons	K-2
The Snail's Spell	Joanne Ryder	A child shrinks to the size of a snail to tour the garden.	Snails, gardens, invertebrates	K-2

Where Butterflies Grow	Joanne Ryder	Beautiful and accurate illustrations of a butterfly life cycle by Lynn Cherry. Follows a black swallowtail butterfly through its life cycle.	Butterflies, life cycles	K-3
My Father's Hands	Joanne Ryder	Father and daughter explore the garden and marvel over its inhabitants.	Insects, gardens	PreK-2
Hello Tree!	Joanne Ryder	Explores a tree and invites readers to climb in and discover how special it is. May be out of print.	Trees	K-2
Home at Last: A Song of Migration	April Pulley Sayre	Describes many different animals and their journeys as part of the changing seasons. Beautiful illustrations.	Migration, Animal behavior, seasons	K-2
If You Hopped Like A Frog	David M Schwartz	A fun look at animal abilities related to children's abilities	Adaptations	K-2
Bugliest Bug	Carol Diggory Shields	The story of a brave damselfly who helps us learn the difference between insects and spiders.	Insects, Spiders,	PreK-1
Compost Stew: An A to Z Recipe for the Earth	Mary McKenna Siddals	A fun rhyming story about the wonders of composting and all the ingredient to include	Environmentalism, Gardening, Composting	K-3
The Lorax	Dr. Seuss	Classic tale of habitat destruction and human ability to learn and make different choices.	Habitat, destruction Regrowth	K-4
The Chipmunk at Hollow Tree Lane	Victoria Sherrow	A day in the life of a chipmunk preparing for winter. Part of the Smithsonian Backyard series.	Chipmunks, seasons	PreK-2
Stranger in the Woods: A Photographic Fantasy (& other "in the Woods" series)	Jean Stoick & Carl Sams II	A cute story of how local wildlife would react to a change in the seasons told with real pictures of wildlife in the authors' neighborhood	Wildlife, Photography, Habitat, Changing Seasons	PreK-1
Dinosaur Roar	Paul Strickland	Book with silly illustrations of different dinosaurs. Not all accurate, but fun for preschoolers.	Dinosaurs	PreK-K
Groundhog Gets a Say	Pamela Curtis Swallow	Groundhog reveals how much hard work goes into his everyday life - it's not all just Groundhog Day fame.	Groundhogs, Mammals, Hibernation	K-3
Humphrey the Lost Whale	Wendy Tokuda and Richard Hall	Based on a true story of a humpback whale who got lost and the humans who helped.	Whales, Animal Behavior	K-3
Owl Moon	Jane Yolen	A classic tale of a young girl and her father going owling at night in the winter. Very poetic prose.	Owls, birding with family	K-2
Off We Go	Jane Yolen	A good read-aloud story describing animals rushing off to visit their grandmas' houses.	Animal movement	PreK-K
Welcome to the Greenhouse	Jane Yolen	Good children's book about gardening.	Gardening	K-2
The Tree	Tim Vyrer	Factual information about animals that depend on trees.	Trees, Habitat, Life Cycles	Gr 1-2

Owl Babies	Martin Waddell	Story of three owl nestlings waiting for their mother to return.	Owls, Birds, Life Cycles	PreK
Mama Built a Little Nest	Jennifer Ward	A book about the different types of nests birds build around the world. It includes more detailed information at the bottom of each page.	Birds, Life Cycles, Nests,	K-2
Mama Built a Little Den	Jennifer Ward	A book depicting the various types of shelters animals create and find for themselves to protect themselves or raise families.	Habitat, Animal, Life Cycles, Adaptations,	K-3
Feathers and Hair: What Animals Wear	Jennifer Ward	Animal adaptations	Adaptations	Pre-K-1
The Tale of Pale Male: a True Story	Jeannette Winter	Based on a true story of a red-tailed hawk nesting in New York City near Central Park.	Hawks, Birds, City Wildlife	PreK-1

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For Middle and Upper Elementary:

Common Ground: The Water, Earth and Air We Share	Molly Bang	A cautionary tale about sharing natural resources and the concept of the Tragedy of the Commons.	Environmentalism; Natural Resources	Gr 3-6
Old Mother West Wind	Thornton Burgess	Short stories featuring many animals.	Animals	Gr 3-5
Old Mother West Wind's Children	Thornton Burgess		Animals	Gr 3-5
Old Mother West Wind's Neighbors	Thornton Burgess		Animals	Gr 3-5
My Side of the Mountain	Jean Craighead George		Mountains, Habitat	Gr 3-6
One Day in the Tropical Rain Forest	Jean Craighead George	Good books for older children who can read chapter books on their own. They are about survival and interactions with wildlife.	Rainforest, Habitat, Ecosystems	Gr 3-6
One Day in the Woods	Jean Craighead George		Forests, Ecosystems, Habitat	Gr 3-6
There's an Owl in the Shower	Jean Craighead George		Owls	Gr 3-6
Sea Turtle Journey	Lorraine Jay	Smithsonian Oceanic Collection	Sea turtles, Marine, Reptiles, Life Cycle	Gr 1-3

First Discovery Books	Gallimard Jouresse	Good hands-on reference books for children.		Gr 1-3
Julie the Rockhound	Gail Langer Karwoski	Story about girl interested in rocks and minerals, and learning about them.	Rocks, Geology, Minerals, Rock hunting	Gr 1-3
The Wump World	Bill Peet	Classic like the Lorax - how humans can impact the natural world.	Pollution, habitat destruction	Gr 1-4
The Bird House	Cynthia Rylant	The connection with and observation of birds helps a young girl connect to another person.	Birds, human connections and connections to nature	Gr 1-3
Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa	Jeannette Winter	The story of Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Mathai and passion to create change all by starting tree seedlings in her back yard.	Environmentalism; Gardening	Gr 1-4
Seven Blind Mice	Ed Young	Based on a classic Indian folk tale, this story uses animals to show how different people can see things from different perspectives. Also very colorful and repeats days of the week,	Different perspectives	Gr 1-4
Manatee Winter	Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld	Smithsonian Oceanic Collection	Manatee, Adaptations	Gr 1-3
Seal Pup Grows Up	Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld	Smithsonian Oceanic Collection	Life Cycles, Marine Animals, Seal	Gr 1-3