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Kindergarten	
Theme: We Are Special	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>We Are All Alike, We Are All Different</i> by Cheltenham Elementary School Kindergarteners• <i>The Seven Chinese Sisters</i> by Kathy Tucker• <i>The Colors of Us</i> by Karen Katz• <i>The Ugly Vegetables</i> by Grace Lin• <i>I Love Saturdays y domingos</i> by Alma Flor Ada
Theme: My Feelings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Way I Feel</i> by Janan Cain• <i>Big Al</i> by Andrew Clements• <i>On Mother's Lap</i> by Ann Herbert Scott• <i>Corduroy</i> by Don Freeman• <i>Mouse Was Mad</i> by Linda Urban
Theme: Getting Along	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Don't Fidget a Feather!</i> by Erica Silverman• <i>Jamaica and Brianna</i> by Juanita Havill• <i>Why Are You Fighting, Davy?</i> by Brigette Weninger• <i>Turtle's Race with Beaver</i> by Joseph Bruchac and James Bruchac• <i>A Ball for All</i> by Brigette Weninger
Theme: My Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Families</i> by Ann Morris• <i>Bernard Wants a Baby</i> by Joan Elizabeth Goodman• <i>Henry's First-Moon Birthday</i> by Lenore Look• <i>Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me</i> by Eric Carle• <i>Kevin and His Dad</i> by Irene Smalls
Theme: Kindness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Chrysanthemum</i> by Kevin Henkes• <i>Simon and Molly Plus Hester</i> by Lisa Jahn-Clough• <i>How to Lose All Your Friends</i> by Nancy Carlson• <i>That's Mine</i> Horace by Holly Keller• <i>The Pied Piper of Peru</i> by Ann Tompert
Theme: Caring for Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Rockabye Crocodile</i> by Jose Aruego and Ariane Dewey• <i>The Adventures of Taxi Dog</i> by Debra Barracca• <i>New Moon</i> by Pegi Dietz Shea• <i>A Birthday Basket for Tía</i> by Pat Mora• <i>Do Like Kyla</i> by Angela Johnson

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Grade 1	
Theme: Who We Are	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>My Name Is Yoon</i> by Helen Recorvits• <i>Bein' With You This Way</i> by W. Nikola-Lisa• <i>Dylan, the Eagle-Hearted Chicken</i> by David L. Harrison• <i>All the Colors We Are: The Story of How We Get Our Skin Color</i> by Katie Kissinger• <i>Pablo's Tree</i> by Pat Mora
Theme: Our Feelings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Owl Moon</i> by Jane Yolen• <i>If the Shoe Fits</i> by Gary Soto• <i>Henry and the Kite Dragon</i> by Bruce Edward Hall• <i>Ian's Walk: A Story About Autism</i> by Laurie Lears• <i>Butterfly Boy</i> by Virginia Kroll
Theme: Solving Problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Big Moon Tortilla</i> by Joy Cowley• <i>The Rabbit and the Dragon King</i> by Daniel San Souci• <i>Jamaica's Blue Marker</i> by Juanita Havill• <i>Matthew and Tilly</i> by Rebecca C. Jones• <i>Enemy Pie</i> by Derek Munson
Theme: Friendship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Meet Danitra Brown</i> by Nikki Grimes• <i>Panda Kindergarten</i> by Joanne Ryder• <i>Vacation in the Village</i> by Pierre Yves Njeng• <i>Hooray, a Piñata!</i> by Elisa Kleven• <i>Farfallina & Marcel</i> by Holly Keller
Theme: Respecting Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Hey, Little Ant</i> by Phillip and Hannah Hoose• <i>Arnie and the New Kid</i> by Nancy Carlson• <i>My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.</i> by Christine King Farris• <i>The First Strawberries: A Cherokee Story</i> by Joseph Bruchac• <i>The Woman Who Outshone the Sun</i> by Rosalma Zubizarreta, Harriet Rohmer, and David Schechter
Theme: Good Neighbors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Wanda's Roses</i> by Pat Brisson• <i>The Old Man and His Door</i> by Gary Soto• <i>Stone Soup</i> by Jon J. Muth• <i>More Than Anything Else</i> by Marie Bradby• <i>Aani and the Tree Huggers</i> by Jean Atkins

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Theme: Alike and Different	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Name Jar</i> by Yangsook Choi• <i>Chester's Way</i> by Kevin Henkes• <i>Amos & Boris</i> by William Steig• <i>Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters</i> by John Steptoe• <i>Nadia's Hands</i> by Karen English
Theme: Giving	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Sequoyah: The Cherokee Man Who Gave His People Writing</i> by James Rumford• <i>Manuela's Gift</i> by Kristyn Rehling Estes• <i>Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge</i> by Mem Fox• <i>Sam & the Lucky Money</i> by Karen Chinn• <i>The Birthday Swap</i> by Loretta Lopez
Theme: Resolving Conflicts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Yoon and the Jade Bracelet</i> by Helen Recorvits• <i>Bully</i> by Judith Caseley• <i>Nobody Knew What to Do: A Story About Bullying</i> by Becky Ray McCain• <i>Fishing Day</i> by Andrea Davis Pinkney• <i>JoJo's Flying Side Kick</i> by Brian Pinkney
Theme: Our Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dream Carver</i> by Diana Cohn• <i>Amazing Grace</i> by Mary Hoffman• <i>Brave as a Mountain Lion</i> by Ann Herbert Scott• <i>Henry's Freedom Box</i> by Ellen Lavine• <i>The Kite</i> by Luis Garay
Theme: Equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Royal Bee</i> by Francis Park and Ginger Park• <i>Nasreen's Secret School</i> by Jeannette Winter• <i>Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez</i> by Kathleen Krull• <i>Girl Wonder: A Baseball Story in Nine Innings</i> by Deborah Hopkinson• <i>Freedom Summer</i> by Deborah Wiles
Theme: America's Promise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>A Picnic in October</i> by Eve Bunting• <i>Painted Words, Spoken Memories</i> by Alike• <i>Home at Last</i> by Susan Middleton Elya• <i>Tomás and the Library Lady</i> by Pat Mora• <i>Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</i> by Doreen Rappaport

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Grade 3	
Theme: Our Favorite Places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Goin’ Somewhere Special</i> by Patricia C. McKissack • <i>The Day of Ahmed’s Secret</i> by Florence Parry Heide and Judith Heide Gilliland • <i>My Very Own Room/Mi propio cuartito</i> by Amada Irma Pérez • <i>Grandpa’s Corner Store</i> by Dyanne Disalvo-Ryan • <i>Going Home</i> by Eve Bunting
Theme: We Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Pinduli</i> by Janell Cannon • <i>Pepita Talks Twice/Pepita habla dos veces</i> by Ofelia Dumas Lachtman • <i>The Summer My Father Was Ten</i> by Pat Brisson • <i>The Honest-to-Goodness Truth</i> by Patricia C. McKissack • <i>Uncle Rain Cloud</i> by Tony Johnston
Theme: My Problems, My Solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>First Day in Grapes</i> by L. King Perez • <i>Yanni Rubbish</i> by Shulamith Levy Oppenheim • <i>The Orange Shoes</i> by Trinka Hakes Noble • <i>Shota and the Star Quilt</i> by Margaret Bateson-Hill and Philomine Lakota • <i>My Secret Bully</i> by Trudy Ludwig
Theme: Making a Difference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Secret Signs: Along the Underground Railroad</i> by Anita Riggio • <i>One Grain of Rice: A Mathematical Folklore</i> by Demi • <i>The Babe & I</i> by David A. Adler • <i>The Candy Shop</i> by Jan Wahl • <i>The Streets Are Free</i> by Kurusa
Theme: Pursuing Our Dreams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jim Thorpe’s Bright Path</i> by Joseph Bruchac • <i>My Name Is Celia: The Life of Celia Cruz/Me llamo Celia: La vida de Celia Cruz</i> by Monica Brown • <i>America’s Champion Swimmer: Gertrude Ederle</i> by David A. Adler • <i>Ruby’s Wish</i> by Shirin Yim Bridges • <i>Uncle Jed’s Barber Shop</i> by Margaree King Mitchell
Theme: Rights and Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A Bus of Our Own</i> by Freddi Williams Evans • <i>Teammates</i> by Peter Golenbock • <i>Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story</i> by Ken Mochizuki • <i>A River Ran Wild</i> by Lynne Cherry • <i>¡Sí, Se Puede!/Yes, We Can!</i> by Diana Cohn

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Grade 4	
Theme: Where We Come From	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>My Diary from Here to There</i> by Amada Irma Pérez• <i>Meet Naiche: A Native Boy from the Chesapeake Bay Area</i> by Gabrielle Tayac• <i>How Tía Lola Came to Stay</i> by Julia Alvarez
Theme: Understanding Cultures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mrs. Katz and Tush</i> by Patricia Polacco• <i>My Name Is María Isabel</i> by Alma Flor Ada• <i>Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear</i> by Lensey Namioka
Theme: Solving Community Problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>She's Wearing a Dead Bird on Her Head!</i> by Kathryn Lasky• <i>Mr. Lincoln's Way</i> by Patricia Polacco• <i>Common Sense and Fowls</i> by Jane Cutler
Theme: Building Strong Bonds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>My Man Blue</i> by Nikki Grimes• <i>Dad, Jackie, and Me</i> by Myron Uhlberg and Colin Bootman• <i>Because of Winn Dixie</i> by Kate DiCamillo
Theme: Meeting Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Sixteen Years in Sixteen Seconds: The Sammy Lee Story</i> by Paula Yoo• <i>The Jacket</i> by Andrew Clements• <i>A Strong Right Arm</i> by Michelle Y. Green
Theme: Making Ourselves Heard	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>When Marian Sang: The Recital of Marian Anderson</i> by Pam Muñoz Ryan• <i>You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton?</i> by Jean Fritz• <i>Class President</i> by Johanna Huriwitz

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Theme: Our Stories	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>My Name is Gabriela: The Life of Gabriela Mistral</i> by Monica Brown• <i>Surfer of the Century: The Life of Duke Kahanamoku</i> by Ellie Crowe and Richard Waldrep• <i>Granny Torrelli Makes Soup</i> by Sharon Creech
Theme: The Meaning of Freedom	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Seven Miles to Freedom: The Robert Smalls Story</i> by Janet Halfmann• <i>Tea With Milk</i> by Allen Say• <i>Riding Freedom</i> by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Theme: Making Choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Rosa</i> by Nikki Giovanni• <i>The Gold Cadillac</i> by Mildred D. Taylor and Max Ginsberg• <i>The Dragon's Child</i> by Laurence Yep
Theme: Overcoming Obstacles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Brothers</i> by Yin• <i>The Hungry Coat</i> by Demi• <i>The Warriors</i> by Joseph Bruchac
Theme: Building a Better World	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Long March: The Choctow's Gift to Irish Famine Relief</i> by Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick• <i>Any Small Goodness: A Novel of the Barrio</i> by Tony Johnston• <i>Hand's Suitcase</i> by Karen Levine
Theme: Keeping Freedom Alive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>I've Seen the Promised Land: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</i> by Walter Dean Meyers• <i>A Song for Cambodia</i> by Michelle Lord and Shino Arihara• <i>A Day for Vincent Chin and Me</i> by Jacqueline Turner Banks

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Theme: Our Dreams and Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Jump! From the Life of Michael Jordan</i> by Floyd Cooper• <i>Becoming Joe Dimaggio</i> by Maria Testa• <i>The Year of the Dog</i> by Grace Lin
Theme: Making Sense of Feelings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Way a Door Closes</i> by Hope Anita Smith• <i>Kamishibai Man</i> by Allen Say• <i>Taking Sides</i> by Gary Soto
Theme: Dealing With Bullies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Creativity</i> by John Steptoe• <i>Suitcase</i> by Mildred Pitts Walter• <i>Jackson Jones and Mission Greentop</i> by Mary Quattlebaum
Theme: Forever Hopeful	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Always Remember Me: How One Family Survived World War II</i> by Marisabina Russo• <i>Rickshaw Girl</i> by Mitali Perkins• <i>Moon Runner</i> by Carolyn Marsden
Theme: Our World, Our Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Seeds of Change</i> by Jane Cullerton Johnson• <i>Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt</i> by Deborah Hopkinson• <i>We the Children</i> by Andrew Clements
Theme: Knowledge and Freedom	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Dream on Blanca's Wall</i> by Jane Medina• <i>Cesar Chavez: A Hero for Everyone</i> by Gary Soto• <i>Confucius: The Golden Rule</i> by Russell Freedman