

3th Grade Book Titles	Criteria
Where do Polar Bears Live? by: Sarah Tomson	Informational text, Biomes
The Arctic might be a bit too chilly for humans to live there, but it is the perfect home for polar bears. But the earth is getting warmer and the ice is melting. Where will the polar bears live? How can we help protect their home? Supports CCSS and NGSS.	Lexile: 690
A Boy Called Slow: The True Story of Sitting Bull by Joseph Bruchac	History, Cultural, Indians
Anxious to be given a name as strong and brave as that of his father, a proud Lakota Sioux grows into manhood, acting with careful deliberation, determination, and bravery, which eventually earned him his proud new name: Sitting Bull. Being named Slow and growing up in the shadow of a great warrior hardly dwarfed the prospects of this protagonist. "Bruchac's sensitively told history of Sitting Bull's coming-of-age reassures young boys that success comes through effort, not birth."	Lexile: 690
The Chocolate Touch by: Patrick Catling	Fiction, Excitable Text
In a laugh-out-loud hilarious twist on the legend of King Midas, a boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate. Can you ever have too much of your favorite food? John Midas is about to find out....	Lexile: 770
Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan	Historical Fiction, Prairie
Set in the late nineteenth century and told from young Anna's point of view, Sarah, Plain and Tall tells the story of how Sarah Elisabeth Wheaton comes from Maine to the prairie to answer Papa's advertisement for a wife and mother. Before Sarah arrives, Anna and her younger brother, Caleb, wait and wonder. Will Sarah be nice? Will she sing? Will she stay?	Lexile: 560
The Keeping Quilt by: Patricia Polacco	Fiction, Traditions, Cultural
"We will make a quilt to help us always remember home," Anna's mother said. "It will be like heaving the family in backhome Russia dance around us at night. And so it was. From a basket of old clothes, Anna's babushka, Uncle Vladimir's shirt, Aunt Havalah's nightdress and an apron of Aunt Natasha's become "The Keeping Quilt," passed along from mother to daughter for almost a century. For four generations the quilt is a Sabbath tablecloth, a wedding canopy, and a blanket that welcomes babies warmly into the world. In strongly moving pictures that are as heartwarming as they are real, Patricia Polacco tells the story of her own family, and the quilt that remains a symbol of their enduring love and faith.	Lexile: 920
Boy, Were We Wrong About Dinosaurs! by Kudlinski, Kathleen V.	Nonfiction
The ancient Chinese thought they were magical dragons. Scientists thought they could only float on water since they were so big. Boy, were they wrong! Even today, notions about dinosaurs are being revised as new discoveries are made. This lively book offers fascinating insight into how certain theories were formulated, and then how those theories were proved or disproved.	Lexile: 900 CCSS Exemplar

Picture Book Biographies by David Adler	Nonfiction, Biography
Beautifully illustrated and easy-to-read biographies highlight a number of historical figures. The picture-book series serves as a highly effective, empathetic way to introduce the life and legacy of important Americans to young children.	Lexile: 660
Your World by Georgia Douglas Johnson	Poetry
<p>Your world is as big as you make it. I know, for I used to abide In the narrowest nest in a corner, My wings pressing close to my side.</p> <p>But I sighted the distant horizon Where the skyline encircled the sea And I throbbed with a burning desire To travel this immensity.</p> <p>I battered the cordons around me And cradled my wings on the breeze, Then soared to the uttermost reaches With rapture, with power, with ease!</p>	CCSS Exemplar