

Core Virtues - Suggested Book List - Year 1 - Grades 4-6

September: Respect & Responsibility, Friendship

1. **Ruth and the Green Book.** Calvin Alexander Ramsey
2. **The Devoted Friend.** Oscar Wilde
3. **When the Circus Came to Town (128 pgs; 5 sessions).** Laurence Yep
4. **The Hangashore.** Geoff Butler
5. **Paperboy.** Mary Kay Kroeger
6. **The Summer My Father Was Ten.** Pat Brisson
7. **The Hundred Dresses (100 pgs; 5 sessions).** Eleanor Estes
8. **Bravo Tavo.** Brian Meunier
9. **The Last Brother.** Trina Hakes Noble

October: Diligence

1. **Story Painter: Jacob Lawrence.** John Duggleby
2. **The Man Who Made Time Travel.** Katherine Lasky
3. **Seeds of Change: Wangari's Gift to the World.** Jen Cullerton Johnson
4. **Lost City: The Discovery of Machu Picchu.** Ted Lewin
5. **Caravan.** Lawrence McKay
6. **Vinnie and Abraham.** Dawn Fitzgerald
7. **Michelangelo.** Diane Stanley
8. **Uncommon Champions.** Marty Kaminsky
9. **One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference.** Katie S Milway

November - Gratitude

1. **Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot.** Margaret Theis Raven
2. **The Red Bicycle.** Jude Isabella
3. **Squanto and the Miracle of Thanksgiving.** Eric Metaxas
4. **The Tongue-Cut Sparrow.** Katherine Patterson
5. **John Muir.** Thomas Locker
6. **The First Thanksgiving.** Jean Craighead George
7. **Rettie and the Ragamuffin Parade**
8. **In Flanders Field.** Linda Granfield
9. **America's White Table.** Margo Theis Raven

December - Generosity

1. **The Lady in the Box.** Anne McGovern
2. **The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey.** Susan Wojciechowski
3. **The Well at the End of the World.** Robert San Souci
4. **The Gift of the Magi.** O. Henry
5. **The Trees of the Dancing Goats.** Patricia Polacco
6. **The Talking Eggs.** Robert San Souci
7. **The Gift.** Aliana Brodman
8. **In the Month of Kislev: A Story for Hanukkah.** Nina Jaffe
9. **The Girl, the Fish and the Crown: A Spanish Folktale.** Marilee Heyer
10. **The Ch'i-Lin Purse.** Linda Fang

January - Courage

1. **The Revolutionary John Adams .** Cheryl Harness
2. **Flight for Freedom.** Kristen Fulton
3. **Memphis, Martin and the Mountaintop.** Alice Faye Duncam
4. **Cats in Krasinski Square.** Karen Hesse
5. **The Grand Mosque of Paris.** Karen Gray Ruelle
6. **They Called Her Molly Pitcher.** Anne Rockwell
7. **Nothing to Fear (290 pgs; 5-7 sessions).** Jackie French Koller
8. **Remember Valley Forge (1 week; selections).** Thomas B. Allen
9. **Heart on Fire: Susan B. Anthony Votes for President.** Anna Malaspina
10. **Saint George and the Dragon.**

February – Honesty and Justice

1. **Shh! We're Writing the Constitution.** Jean Fritz
2. **Susan B. Anthony.** Alexandra Wallner
3. **Lincoln: A Photobiography.** Russell Freedman
4. **Through My Eyes (63pgs 2-3 sessions).** Ruby Bridges
5. **Sit-In. How Four Friends Stood Up By Sitting Down.**

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6. **Frederick's Journey.** Doreen Rappaport
7. **Streetcar to Justice (160 pgs; 5-7 sessions).** Amy Hill Hearth
8. **Robin Hood.** Margaret Early
9. **The Only Woman in the Photo.** Kathleen Krull

March - Compassion

1. **My Heart Glow.** Emily Arnold McCully
2. **The Happy Prince.** Oscar Wilde
3. **A Story Like the Wind (80 pgs; 4 sessions).** Gill Lewis
4. **Dangerous Jane.** Suzanne Slade
5. **The Tale of the Mandarin Ducks.** Katherine Patterson
6. **Mercy: The Incredible Story of Henry Bergh (192 pgs; 6 sessions).** Nancy Furstinger
7. **Tiktala.** Margaret Shaw- MacKinnon
8. **The Crane's Gift.** Steve and Megumi Biddle
9. **Older Brother, Younger Brother.** Nina Jaffe
10. **Good Griselle.** Jane Yolen

April - Forgiveness

1. ***The Invisible Seam.** Andrew Frew Yr3 Apr 4-6
2. **Nelson Mandela and the Long Walk to Freedom.** Chris Van Wyk
3. **Desmond and the Very Mean Word.** Desmond Tutu
4. **This is Just to Say: Poems of Apology and Forgiveness.** Joyce Sidman
5. **The Painter's Cat.** Sharon Wooding
6. **The Hiding Place (184 pgs; 2 weeks).** Corie Ten Boom

May – Hope and Joy

1. **The Greatest Skating Race.** Louise Borden
2. ***Traveling Man.** James Rumford
3. **Bound for Oregon (164 pgs; 5 sessions).** Jean Van Leeuwen
4. **Coming on Home Soon.** Jacqueline Woodson
5. **Charlotte's Web (5-7 sessions).** E. B. White
6. **One Yellow Daffodil.** David Adler

7. **Home of the Brave (272pages; 5 sessions).** Katherine Applegate

June – Heroism

1. **Monument Maker.** Linda Booth Sweeney
2. **Ben of All Trades.** Michael J. Rosen
3. **What Was D-Day? (2-3 sessions).** Patricia Brennan Demuth
4. **Nurse, Soldier, Spy.** Marissa Moss
5. **Jars of Hope (Irena Sendler).** Jennifer Rozines Roy
6. **Malala, A Brave Girl from Pakistan.** Jeanette Winter
7. **Iqbal, A Brave Boy from Pakistan.** Jeanette Winter
8. **Tiny Stiches.** Gwendolyn Hooks