

## Core Books for Each Month (K-3) – Year One

### September - Respect & Responsibility (Friendship)

1. Dog vs. Cat. Chris Gall
2. The Firekeeper's Son. Linda Sue Park
3. Finding Winnie. Lindsay Mattick
4. We Don't Eat Our Classmates. Ryan T. Higgins
5. Enemy Pie. Derek Munson
6. The Other Dog. Madeline L'Engle
7. The Golden Rule. Ilene Cooper
8. The Ugly Duckling. Hans Christian Anderson
9. Fritz and the Beautiful Horses. Jan Brett

### October – Diligence

1. The Amazing, Impossible Erie Canal. Cheryl Harness
2. The Kid Who Changed the World. Thomas Nelson
3. Peppe the Lamplighter. Elisa Bartone
4. Issunboshi. George Suyeoka
5. Ruby's Wish. Shirin Yim Bridges
6. Vinnie and Abraham. Dawn Fitzgerald
7. John Henry. Julius Lester
8. Mary Anning and the Sea Dragon. Jeannine Atkins
9. Libba: The Magnificent Musical Life of Elizabeth Cotten. Laura Veirs
10. Seeker of Knowledge. James Rumford

### November – Gratitude

1. All the Places to Love. Patricia MacLachlan
2. How Many Days to America? Eve Bunting
3. Andre the Five Star Cat. Alma Hammond
4. Sarah Morton's Day. Kate Waters
5. Thanks for Thanksgiving. Julie Markes
6. Pilgrim's First Thanksgiving. Anne McGovern
7. Passing the Music Down. Sarah Sullivan
8. The Stonecutter: An Indian Folktale. Patricia Newton
9. Blessing Cup. Patricia Polacco.

10. Rivka's First Thanksgiving. Elsa Okon Rael

11. The Thank You Book. Mary Lyn Ray

### December – Generosity

1. Oskar and the 8 Blessings. Richard and Tanya Simon
2. The Rainbow Fish. Marcus Pfister
3. The Christmas Candle. R. Paul Evans
4. The Quiltmakers' Gift. Jeff Brumbeau  
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5. The Baker's Dozen. Heather Forest
6. Stone Soup. Jon J. Muth
7. Moishe's Miracle. Laura Krauss Melmed
8. Winter Candle. Jeron Ashford
9. House that Jane Built. Tanya Lee Stone
10. The Legend of the Poinsettia. Tomie DePaola
11. Two Sandals, Four Feet. Karen Lynn Williams

### January - Courage

1. Brave Irene. William Steig
2. If I Never Forever Endeavor. Holly Meade
3. Before She Was Harriet. Lesa Cline-Ransome
4. When Jesse Came Across the Sea. Amy Hest
5. Hansel and Gretel. Wilhelm and Jacob Grimm
6. The First Marathon. Susan Reynolds
7. Martin's Big Words. Doreen Rappaport.
8. The Bravest Woman in America. Marissa Moss
9. Thundercake. Patricia Polacco
10. Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind Crockett. Steven Kellogg
11. Brave Margaret. Robert San Souci

### February – Honesty & Justice

1. Ruthie and The Not So Teeny Tiny Lie. Laura Rankin
2. Sojourner Truth's Stomp and Stride. Andrea Pinkney

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3. **The Boy Who Cried Wolf.** Jenny Giles
4. **The Lying King.** Alex Beard
5. **A Picture Book of Harriet Tubman.** David Adler
6. **The Empty Pot.** Demi
7. **A Pair of Red Clogs.** Masako Matsuno
8. **Honest Abe.** Edith Kunhardt
9. **Elizabeth Leads the Way.** Tanya Lee Stone
10. **The Gold Coin.** Alma Flor Ada

### March - Compassion

1. **Beauty and the Beast.** Cynthia Rylant
2. **Lotus and Feather.** Ji-li Jang
3. **Nobiah's Well.** Donna Guthrie
4. **The Rabbit Listened.** Corie Doerrfeld
5. **The Story of Jumping Mouse.** John Steptoe
6. **The Paper Crane.** Molly Bang
7. **Ivan: The Remarkable True Story.** Katherine Applegate
8. **Chicken Sunday.** Patricia Polacco
9. **The Queen's Necklace.** Jane Langton
10. **Great Gift and The Wish Fulfilling Gem.** Lama Mipham

### April - Forgiveness

1. **King Solomon and the Bee.** Dalia Hardof Renberg
2. **Sorry.** Jean Van Leeuwen
3. **Story of Ruby Bridges.** Robert Coles
4. **Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse.** Kevin Henkes
5. **Under The Lemon Moon.** Edith Hope
6. **Big Red Lollipop\*.** Rukhsan Khan
7. **The Prodigal Son; The Unforgiving Servant.** Tomie DePaola
8. **The Snatchabook\*.** Helen Docherty

9. **Desmond and the Very Mean Word.** Desmond Tutu
10. **\*The Selfish Giant.** Oscar Wilde

### May - Hope and Joy

1. **Silent Lotus.** Jeanne M. Lee
2. **Saving Sweetness.** Diane Stanley
3. **Raising Sweetness.** Diane Stanley
4. **More Than Anything Else.** Marie Bradby
5. **Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince.** Andrea Pinkney
6. **Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar.** Kathleen Krull
7. **Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State.** Deborah Hopkinson
8. **The Library.** Sarah Stewart
9. **First to the Top.** David Hill
10. **Life.** Cynthia Rylant
11. **Miss Rumphius.** Barbara Cooney
12. **Sing a Song of Seasons: A Nature Poem for Each Day of the Year.** Fiona Waters

### June - Heroism

1. **Johnny Appleseed.** Reeve Lindbergh
2. **Grace Banker and Her Hello Girls.** Claudia Friddell
3. **New York's Bravest.** Mary Pope Osborn
4. **Amelia and Eleanor.** Pam Munoz Ryan
5. **Planting the Trees of Kenya.** Claire Nivola
6. **Dave, The Potter.** Laba Carrick Hill
7. **Lou Gehrig: The Luckiest Man.** David Adler
8. **Brave Clara Barton.** Frank Murphy
9. **Who Says Women Can't be Doctors?** Eliz Blackwell. Tanya Lee Stone
10. **Malala's Magic Pencil.** Malala Yousafza
11. **Shark Lady.** Jess Keating