Jenkins, Steve & Robin Page. **HOW TO CLEAN A HIPPOPOTAMUS**
Learn about some of the world’s most unusual animal partners.

Judge, Lita. **STRANGE CREATURES**
A very shy young boy is determined to create a museum devoted to wildlife.

Khan, Rukhsana. **KING FOR A DAY**
Set in Pakistan, this is a universal tale of a young boy’s competitive spirit.

Muth, Jon J. **HI, KOO!: A YEAR OF SEASONS**
Celebrate the special moments in each season with 26 beautiful haiku poems.

Markel, Michelle. **BRAVE GIRL**
In 1909, young Clara Lemlich fought against unfair working conditions and organized her coworkers to strike.

Polacco, Patricia. **CLARA AND DAVIE**
Davie, Clara Barton's older brother, recognizes her gifts and encourages her to develop her healing skills.

Weitekamp, Margaret A. **PLUTO'S SECRET**
The story of Pluto and why it is no longer a planet.

Winter, Jeanette. **WANGARI'S TREES OF PEACE**
Wangari Maathai is determined to replace trees cut down to make way for buildings.

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**Common Core Corner:**

**Great Read-Alouds**

Berne, Jennifer. **ON A BEAM OF LIGHT**
Albert Einstein’s questions & dreams changed the world.

Calmenson, Stephanie & Joanna Cole. **NO DOGS ALLOWED**
Two dog-loving friends and their furry adventures.

Klein, Abby. **THE READING RACE**
Freddy wants to win first prize in a reading competition.

McKay, Hilary. **LULU AND THE CAT IN THE BAG**
Lulu knows an abandoned cat needs a loving home but she has to convince her grandmother.

Pakkala, Christine. **GOING GREEN**
Lola Zuckerman’s always last but she’s determined to be first in the Going Green Contest.

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**Books for Second Graders**

**Picture Books / Read-Alouds**

Bean, Jonathan. **BUILDING OUR HOUSE**
A little girl’s story of her family and the house they built.

Bruel, Nick. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY BAD KITTY**
It’s Bad Kitty’s birthday and he is having a party with his neighborhood friends.

Hazen, Lynn E. **THE AMAZING TRAIL OF SEYMOUR SNAIL**
Seymour, the snail, hopes to be a famous artist.

Hopkinson, Deborah. **KNIT YOUR BIT**
Mikey helps knit clothes for soldiers overseas.

Krulik, Nancy E. **THE CASE OF THE LOOSE-TOOTHED SHARK**
Jack is wrongly accused of stealing a giant shark tooth fossil from the museum.

Ludwig, Trudy. **THE INVISIBLE BOY**
Things change for Brian when a new student arrives.

McCully, Emily Arnold. **WONDER HORSE**
A veterinarian and a handicapped horse prove that kindness and patience pays off.

**Chapter Books / Early Readers**

Bell, Cece. **RABBIT & ROBOT: THE SLEEPOVER**
Rabbit and Robot have different ideas about what to do at their sleepover.

Camusso, Frank. **SPELLING TROUBLE**
A young impulsive witch enters a spelling contest thinking magic is involved.

Grimes, Nikki. **ALMOST ZERO**
Dyamonde realizes it is not so terrible if she does not have the latest popular shoes.

Jacobson, Jennifer Richard. **ANDY SHANE: HERO AT LAST**
Andy wants to win a bike-decorating contest and be a hero.

Kirby, Stan. **CAPTAIN AWESOME TO THE RESCUE**
Eugene, and his alter-ego, Captain Awesome, look for the class hamster.

Lin, Grace. **LING & TING SHARE A BIRTHDAY**
Twins Ling and Ting celebrate their birthday with gifts and wishes.

Liniers, Ricardo. **THE BIG WET BALLOON**
Matilda teaches her little sister, Clemmie, all the fun of a wet Saturday.

McDonald, Megan. **ANT AND HONEY BEE: A PAIR OF FRIENDS IN WINTER**
Ant and Honey Bee’s friendship must brave the winter.

Nelson, Jessie and Karen Leigh Hopkins. **LABRACADABRA**
Zach begins to suspect there is something special about his dog’s very odd tail.

Pinkwater, Daniel. **MRS. NOODLE-KUGEL AND FOUR BLIND MICE**
A trip to take the four mice for glasses has unexpected results.

Tukel, Onur. **LITTLE FRIENDS**
Best friends Sara and Louisa become friends with Barry, who rarely speaks.

**Informational Books**

Ancona, George. **IT’S OUR GARDEN: FROM SEEDS TO HARVEST IN A SCHOOL GARDEN**
A community plans, cares for, and harvests an elementary school garden.

Chin, Jason. **REDWOODS**
A young city boy finds himself in a forest of redwood trees.

Goldstone, Bruce. **THAT’S A POSSIBILITY!**
Have fun seeing how things work, can’t work, or might work.

Huber, Raymond. **FLIGHT OF THE HONEY BEE**
Scout, a tiny honeybee, goes in search of pollen & nectar to share with bees in her hive.