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Fiction

Nonfiction

Adler, David. **Picture Book Biography** series. This series of brief, illustrated biographies provides fascinating background information on famous individuals from American history.

Brown, Monica. **Pele, King of Soccer/Pele, el rey del futbol**. A bilingual presentation of the life and career of one of the world's best known soccer players.

Cobb, Vicki. **I Fall Down**. What happens when you tip or when you drop a ball? Explore what makes things fall and discover hands on activities that show how gravity really works.

Coffelt, Nancy. **Big, Bigger, Biggest**. A vocabulary expanding romp through words of comparison both big and small. Dramatic use of antonyms, synonyms, and comparisons with bold, colorful illustrations will entertain and enlighten.

Cole, Joanna. **The Magic Schoolbus and the Climate Challenge**. Mrs. Frizzle and her students board the Magic School Bus for a lesson in climate changes and what can be done to save the Earth. Look for neat tips and tricks that the class discovers as they travel.

Gibbons, Gail. **Alligators and Crocodiles**. This book provides information about alligators and crocodiles, describes their physical characteristics and why they are endangered species.

Jenkins, Steve. **Biggest, Strongest, Fastest**. The record holders of the animal world, from strongest, to longest to slowest, are wonderfully illustrated. The most fascinating tidbits about each species are revealed in this spare little book.

Larson, Kirby. **Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship and Survival**. A true account of how Bobbie the dog and Bob Cat, two pets in New Orleans, that bonded together and survived in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Lewis, J. Patrick. **Spot the Plot: A Picture Book of Book Riddles**. A girl, a boy and a dog follow the clues through rhymes that hint at different children's book classics. Readers will delight at their knowledge of the details of their old favorites.

Winter, Jeanette. **Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story of Africa**. The story of Wangari Maathai, Nobel Prize-winning environmentalist, who began re-foresting her native country of Kenya by planting seedlings in her own backyard.

Author Suggestions

Stan & Jan Berenstain
Ezra Jack Keats

Kevin Henkes
Kate McMullan

Series Suggestions

"Nate the Great" by Marjorie Sharmat
"The Black Lagoon" by Mike Thaler

Don't forget to read the Texas 2 x 2 Books!
(Found online at www.txla.org/groups/crt/2x2intro)

Visit your public library this summer – they have great reading programs for all ages!

Auch, Mary Jane. **The Plot Chickens**. Henrietta the chicken loves to read so much that she decides to write a book herself, but she has trouble finding someone to publish a book written by a chicken. When she publishes it herself and gets a bad review in the "Corn Book," she is devastated.

Clements, Andrew. **Dogku**. A stray dog who is adopted by a loving family worries that they will not keep him. He is pleasantly surprised in this very original book told in the form of Haiku poetry.

Hole, Stian. **Garmann's Summer**. As the summer ends and it is time for him to begin school, six-year-old Garmann's three elderly aunts visit and they all talk about the things that scare them.

Keller, Holly. **Farfallina and Marcel**. This book traces the unlikely friendship of a caterpillar and young gosling. When separation and maturity bring about changes in the appearance of both, they are no longer able to recognize each other and miss one another's company.

Morales, YuYi. **Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book**. When Senor Calavera arrives unexpectedly at Grandma Beetle's door, he requests that she leave with him right away. Grandma then tells him she has one house to sweep, two pots of tea to boil, three pounds of corn to make tortillas....and that is just the start.

Offill, Jenny. **17 Things I'm Not Allowed to do Anymore**. A young girl lists seventeen things she is not allowed to do, including not being able to use the stapler after attaching a pillowcase to her brother's head.

Pinkney, Jerry. **The Lion and the Mouse**. This Caldecott winning retelling of the Aesop's fable of the friendship between the powerful lion and small mouse is told with detailed illustrations and few words.

Salley, Collen. **Epossumondas Plays Possum**. Forgetting his mother's warnings, Epossumondas goes into the swamp alone and then must pretend to be dead time and again as he hears frightening sounds and fears they are being made by the dreaded loup garou.

Watt, Melanie. **Chester**. Melanie Watt is NOT the author of this book—Chester, her plump calico cat with the big red marker, is. Chester uses his red marker to edit the story, and create a perfect day for himself.

Watt, Melanie. **Scaredy Squirrel**. Meet Scaredy Squirrel, a squirrel who never leaves his nut tree because he's afraid of the unknown "out there." But then, something unexpected happens that may change his outlook.

Willems, Mo. **Elephant and Piggy series**. In this series of easy readers, told in comic book style, Gerald the elephant and his friend Piggy are the featured stars. (with appearances by the Pigeon!)

Yolan, Jane. **Commander Toad and the Black Hole**. Commander Toad and his crew of Star Warts leapfrog through space and encounter a black hole in space. What will save them?