

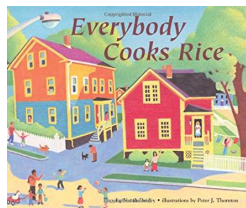
Children’s Literature Titles – The book titles listed below have been recommended by Georgia teachers and GCSS. Teachers should always read books themselves before using them with their students, to determine their appropriateness for their particular students. The titles are not an exhaustive list and teachers are encouraged to grow their collection of books useful for teaching these concepts and historical figures.

Standards are cited, followed by titles that align.

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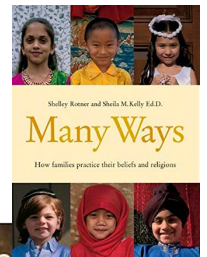
SSKG1 Describe the diversity of American culture by explaining the customs and celebrations of various families and communities. (taught interwoven with SSKH1 as each holiday is taught)

Children’s Books related to various traditions generally –



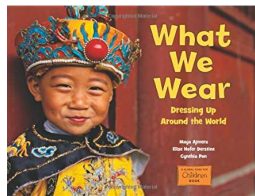
Everybody Cooks Rice by Norah Dooley - Points out our shared traditions.

Many Ways: How Families practice their beliefs and religions by Shelley Rotner & Sheila M. Kelly - Very visual with lovely photographs and simple text to explain differences and similarities



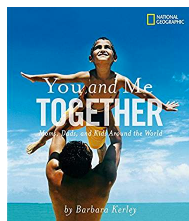
among us.

One World, One Day by Barbara Kerley - Wonderful illustrations of the many aspects of life for children throughout the world.

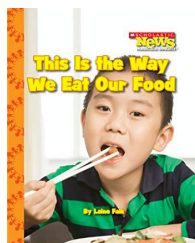
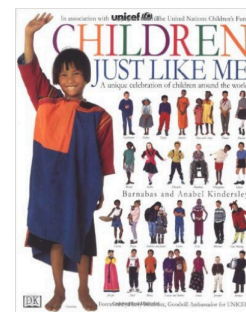


What We Wear: Dressing Up Around the World by Maya Ajmera, Elise Hofer Derstine, and Cynthia Pon - How and why children dress up around the world to celebrate their cultures, lovely colorful photos.

Children Just Like Me: A Unique Celebration of Children Around the World by Barnabas and Anabel Kindersley - Each page has children pictured with aspects of their culture throughout the world; not a one-sitting read aloud kind of book; best used by sharing a page a day or a week and exploring it together.

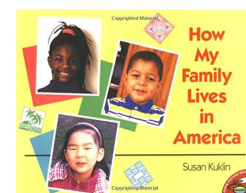


You and Me Together: Moms, Dads, and Kids Around the World by Barbara Kerley - Wonderful introduction to children and parents around the world, simple text, beautiful photographs.



How My Family Lives in America by Susan Kuklin - Tells the stories of three children in America, who represent different cultural traditions. This might best be shared in several excerpts.

This is the Way We Eat Our Food by Laine Falk - Very simple non-fiction book explaining food customs around the world.



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a. Christmas

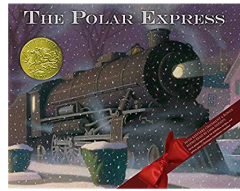
Children’s Books related to Christmas and other celebrations:



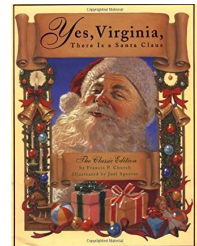
How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss – the beloved Seussian classic about the true meaning of the holiday.



Olive: the Other Reindeer by J. Otto Seibold and Vivian Walsh – fun next chapter to the classic story, Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

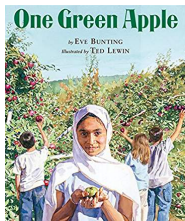
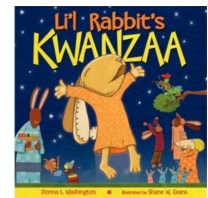


The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg – captures the beloved magic tale of Christmas with gorgeous illustrations.



Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus by Francis P. Church – this version reprints Virginia’s letter and the full newspaper editorial response, allowing young learners to experience primary sources and how stories are passed down through time.

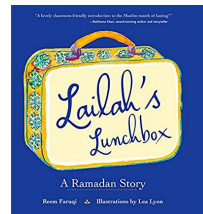
Lil Rabbit’s Kwanzaa by Donna L. Washington – a good, kid-friendly introduction to Kwanzaa.



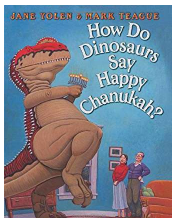
One Green Apple by Eve Bunting – In Bunting’s expert hands, the sensitive story of a young Muslim immigrant to the U.S. helps young learners appreciate diversity.

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Lailah’s Lunchbox: A Ramadan Story by Reem Faruqi - Set in Georgia, this story of a young girl is about practicing Ramadan in a

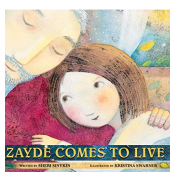


Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim book of Colors by Hena Khan - Discusses the basic elements of Islam for very young readers, beautifully illustrated.

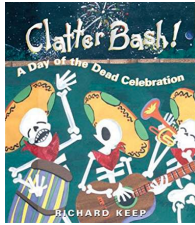


How Do Dinosaurs Say Happy Chanukah? by Jane Yolen – kid-friendly introduction to Chanukah.

Hershel and the Hannukah Goblins by Eric A. Kimmell – a lighthearted treatment of legends surrounding Hannukah.

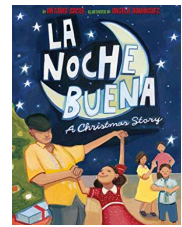


Zayde Comes to Live by Sheri Sinykin - Various religions, including Jewish, and how they think of dying...handled very sensitively for very young readers.



Clatter Bash! A Day of the Dead Celebration by Richard Keep – A good introduction to this Mexican celebration for very young children.

La Noche Buena: A Christmas Story by Antonio Sacre – Christmas in Mexico.

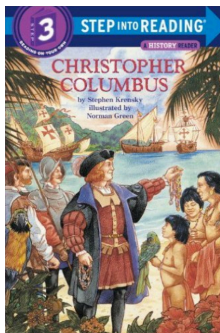


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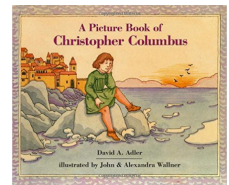
b. Columbus Day

Children’s Books related to Columbus and the holiday:

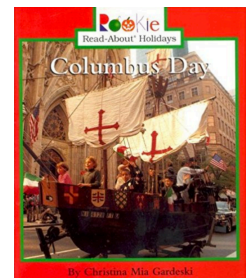
Christopher Columbus (Step into Reading, Step 3) by Stephen Krensky is a clear, cleanly written early biography of Columbus.



David Adler’s *A Picture Book of Christopher Columbus* has been used by teachers through the years to introduce young learners to this explorer.



Columbus Day (Rookie Read-About Holidays) by Christina Mia Gardeski focuses more on the holiday than the historical figure of Columbus and will be helpful in exploring the ways that various people observe this day.



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c. Independence Day

Children’s Books related to Independence Day:

Independence Day (Rookie Read-About Holidays) by Trudi Strain Trueit – good introductory informational text for kindergarten students.

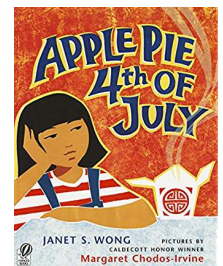


The 4th of July Story by Alice Dalgliesh tells the story of the holiday from its beginnings in our history. Could be read over several sittings for young learners. Have students research what might have changed since she wrote the book (like where the Liberty Bell is now located.)



Happy 4th of July, Jenny Sweeney! by Leslie Kimmelman – the story of a young girl and the diverse people in her town as they celebrate the 4th of July.

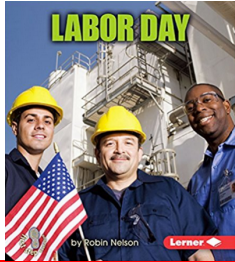
Apple Pie 4th of July by Janet S. Wong is the story of a first generation Chinese-American unhappy with the way her family celebrates the holiday when she just wants to fit in with her friends.



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d. Labor Day

Children’s Books related to Labor Day:

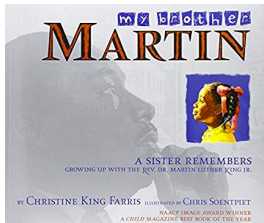


Labor Day by Robin Nelson provides a basic overview of the holiday and how some people celebrate it. This book is from the First Step-Non Fiction series on American Holidays.

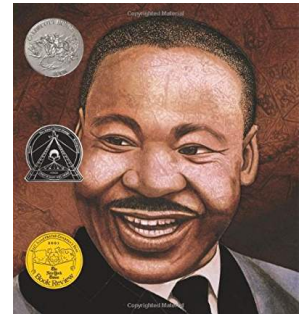
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e. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

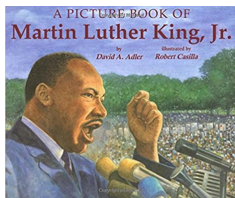
Children’s Books related to Martin Luther King, Jr.:



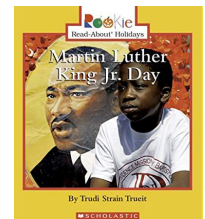
My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers by Christine King Farris is often used by kindergarten teachers because it is written by his sister about Martin as a boy, so students can identify more readily with the mischievous brother Ms. Farris reveals.



Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Doreen Rappaport introduces your students to a number of MLK quotes, giving them a chance to explore primary sources within their grasp.



A Picture Book of Martin Luther King, Jr. by David A. Adler is another of Adler’s simple, eloquent introductory biographies perfect for this age student.

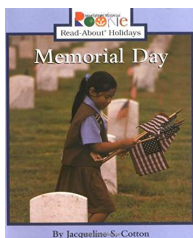


Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (Rookie Read-About Holidays) by Trudi Strain Trueit is a good overall introduction to the holiday, including ways that young learners can observe the day with service projects.

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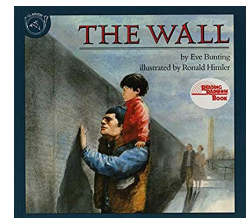
f. Memorial Day

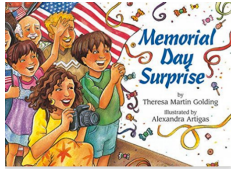
Children’s Books related to Memorial Day:



Memorial Day (Rookie Read-About Holidays) by Jacqueline S. Cotton is an effective simple introduction to the holiday for young learners.

The Wall by Eve Bunting is the story of young boy who visits the Vietnam War Memorial and learns about his grandfather who died in that war. A beautiful and moving story that handles a difficult subject sensitively and appropriately for kindergartners.



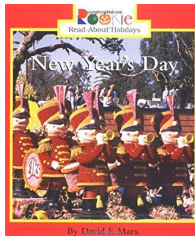


Memorial Day Surprise by Theresa Martin Golding is a lovely story for young children about a very special Memorial Day parade. This story can be used to spark good discussion about the meaning of this day.

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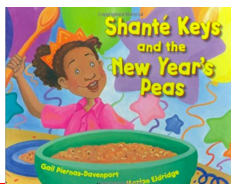
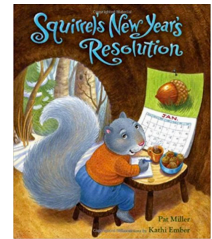
g. New Year’s Day

Children’s Books related to New Year’s Day:



New Year’s Day (Rookie Read-About Holidays) by David F. Marx is another in the Rookie Holidays series, an informational text with a good introduction to the many ways people celebrate the new year.

Squirrel’s New Year’s Resolution by Pat Miller introduces the concept of resolutions in a kid-friendly way, with an engaging squirrel who decides to make his own resolution.

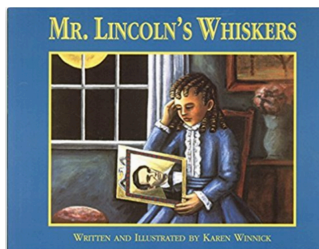


Shanté Keys and the New Year’s Peas by Gail Piernas-Davenport tells the story of Shanté and her family’s food customs for the New Year’s Day meal. This story can easily launch a discussion of special foods and meals among your students.

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h. Presidents Day (George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and the current president)

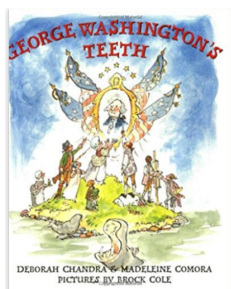
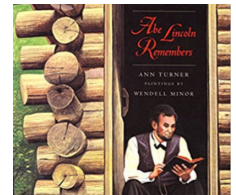
Children’s Books related to Presidents Day (Washington, Lincoln, and current president):



Mr. Lincoln’s Whiskers by Karen B. Winnick tells the true story of young Grace Bedell. She wrote a letter to Abraham Lincoln, encouraging him to grow whiskers. Her letter and his response are included at the back of the book. This is a wonderful way to introduce your young learners to primary sources.

Abe Lincoln Remembers by Ann Turner tells the story of Abe Lincoln’s life in a simple but compelling way that

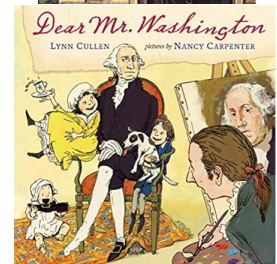
will help kindergartners appreciate this American president.

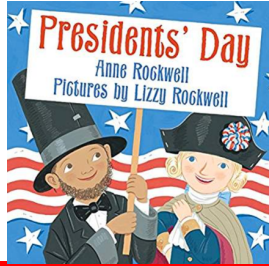


George Washington’s Teeth by Debra Chandra provides us with a very human and relatable George Washington, one who was troubled by bad teeth his entire life. Learning the story of his teeth, and what he managed to do despite this problem, makes for an engaging experience for young children.

Dear Mr. Washington by Lynn Cullen and Nancy Carpenter focuses on a famous painting of Washington and the (largely) true story of how it was created by Gilbert Stuart. The book has history, humor, and very human

subjects---a winning combination.





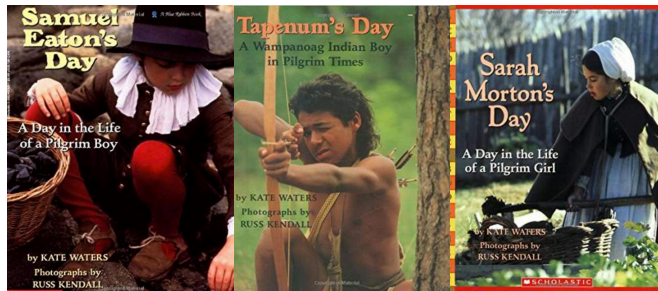
Presidents’ Day by Anne Rockwell is a good introduction to the holiday with accessible informational text and lively illustrations, useful for young learners.

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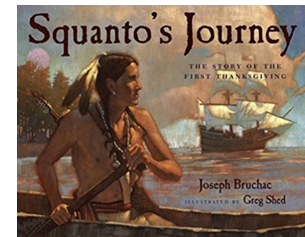
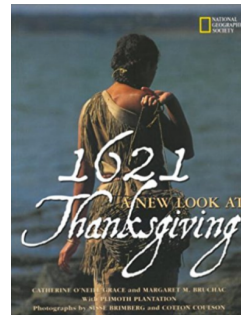
i. Thanksgiving Day

Children’s Books related to Thanksgiving Day:

Samuel Eaton’s Day, *Tapenum’s Day*, and *Sarah Morton’s Day*, all by Kate Waters, are complementary and accurate ways to learn about how children lived in Pilgrim times.



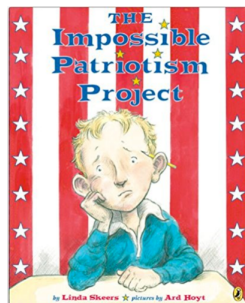
1621: A New Look at Thanksgiving by Catherine O’Neill Grace and *Squanto’s Journey* by Joseph Bruchac, also provide a more balanced and historically accurate view of the “First” Thanksgiving than has traditionally been taught.



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j. Veterans Day

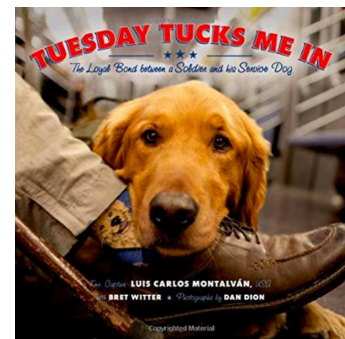
Children’s Books related to Veterans Day:



The Impossible Patriotism Project by Linda Skeers is a wonderful book to launch discussions about patriotism, our symbols, and our veterans. Young children will find Caleb’s dilemma familiar and his solution heartwarming.

Tuesday Tucks Me In: The Loyal Bond Between a Soldier and His Service Dog by Luis Carlos Montalván is a wonderful vehicle for talking about returning soldiers and their needs. This true story

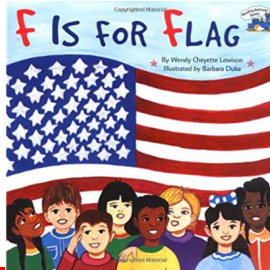
will charm young children.



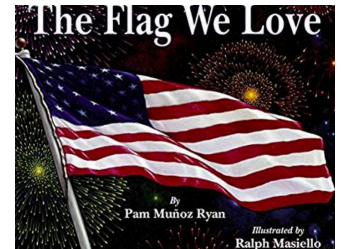
SSKH2 Identify the following American symbols.

a. The national and state flags (United States and Georgia flags)

Children’s Books related to the national and state flag:



F is for Flag by Wendy Cheyette Lewison and *The Flag We Love* by Pam Muñoz Ryan are both great for young children just beginning to understand what our flag is and what it symbolizes. Both titles work well for teaching flag basics.



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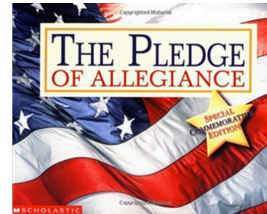
b. Pledge of Allegiance

Children’s Books related to the Pledge of Allegiance:



I Pledge Allegiance by Bill Martin Jr. and *I Pledge Allegiance* by Pam Muñoz Ryan both provide engaging springboards to discussion of our pledge of allegiance, its meaning, and patriotism in general. The pledge is considered from different perspectives in both books.

A good addition to these two titles is *The Pledge of Allegiance* by Scholastic, Inc., which couples striking photos with the phrases of the pledge to make a very effective introduction for young children.



SSKH2 Identify the following American symbols.

c. Star Spangled Banner (identify as the national anthem).

Children’s Books related to the Star Spangled Banner:



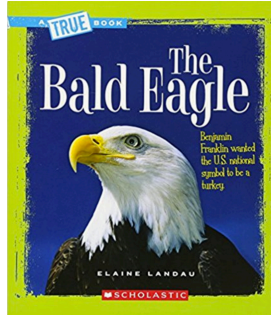
The Star Spangled Banner by Peter Spier is a beloved title for teaching about this particular flag from our history. For students who can handle more detail on the making of this flag, see *The Flag Maker* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti.



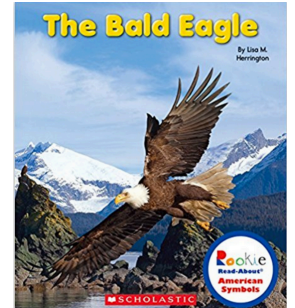
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d. The bald eagle

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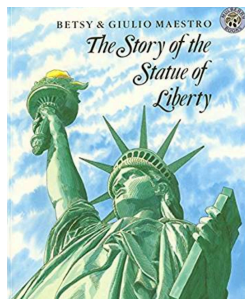
The Bald Eagle by Elaine Landau is part of the non-fiction series True Books: American History. A nice companion book is *The Bald Eagle* by Lisa M. Herrington from the Rookie Read-About: American Symbols series. Both offer a fascinating and informative look at this bird and symbol of our country.



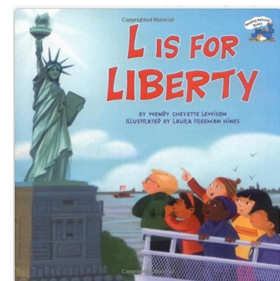
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e. The Statue of Liberty

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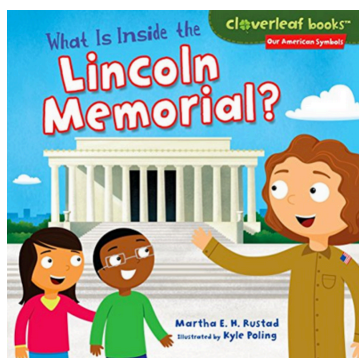
The Story of the Statue of Liberty by Betsy and Giulio Maestro is a perennial teacher favorite for teaching about Lady Liberty. May be paired nicely with Wendy Cheyette Lewison’s *L is for Liberty*, which is a simpler telling of story of our most famous statue.



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f. Lincoln Memorial (identify image and associate with Abraham Lincoln and Presidents Day)

Children’s Books related to the Lincoln Memorial:

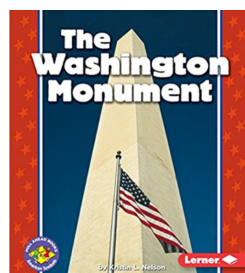


What is Inside the Lincoln Memorial? by Martha E. H. Rustad relates the story of the Lincoln Memorial with a class trip to the statue led by Ranger May. The book provides a nice introduction to the memorial for young learners.

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g. Washington Monument (identify image and associate with George Washington and Presidents Day)

Children’s Books related to Washington Monument:

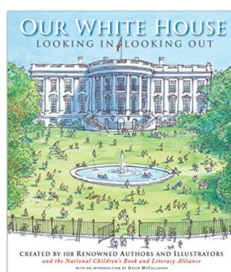


The Washington Monument by Kristin L. Nelson helps young learners understand why and when this monument was built and the nation’s leader whom it celebrates. A good introductory, informational text.

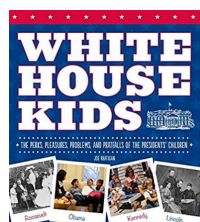
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h. White House (identify image and associate with Presidents Day and the current president)

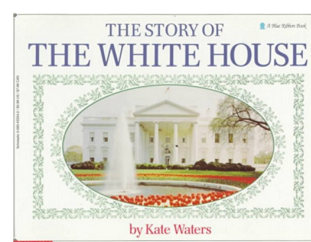
Children’s Books related to the White House:



Our White House: Looking In, Looking Out by various authors/illustrators features over 100 children’s book authors and illustrators and includes history and trivia about the White House, along with poetry, speeches, interviews, letters, games, and illustrations. Kindergarten teachers can share the excerpts most appropriate for their students from this treasure trove of information.



The Story of the White House is written by Kate Waters and presents some basics about the house meant for young children, along with excellent photographs and fun facts. Don’t let the 1991 publication date prevent you from considering this book.



White House Kids: The Perks, Pleasures, Problems, and Pratfalls of the President’s Children by Joe Rhatigan is a kid-friendly view of life in our country’s most famous house. Share excerpts with your students a bite at a time!

SSKH3a-f Correctly use words and phrases related to chronology and time. (Note: These elements should be integrated into discussions about historical events and figures.) See book titles tied to historical events and figures for kindergarten.

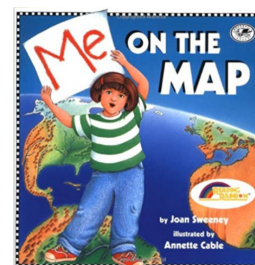
SSKG2 Explain that a map is a drawing of a place and a globe is a model of Earth.

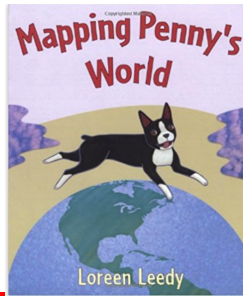
Children’s Books related to maps and globes:



As the Crow Flies by Gail Hartman is a simple and effective introduction to maps for young children.

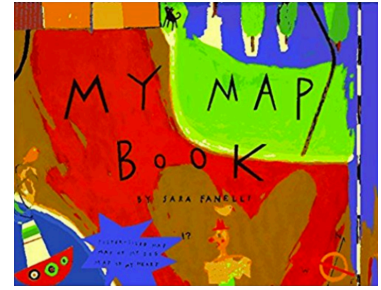
Me on the Map by Joan Sweeney builds students understanding of maps from “my room” to “my world.”





Mapping Penny's World by Loreen Leedy is another great title for building understanding of maps for young learners.

My Map Book by Sara Fanelli is a unique twist on maps for young children, and expands the concept of a map in creative and engaging ways.



SSKG3 State the street address, city, state, and country in which the student lives.

See the map book titles above for ways to teach students how to describe their location with an address.

KINDERGARTEN Government/Civics Understandings

SSKCG1 Demonstrate an understanding of good citizenship, rules, positive character traits (honesty, patriotism, courtesy, respect, pride, and self-control.)

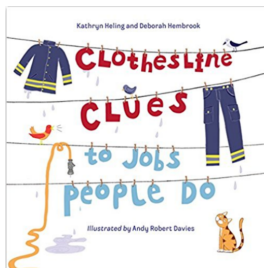
Children’s Books related to good citizenship, rules, and good citizenship traits:

Many titles may be used to identify and discuss positive character traits and the importance of following the rules. Take the opportunity to have students find examples of the traits from the standard throughout the year through both fiction and informational texts you share with them.

KINDERGARTEN Economics Understandings

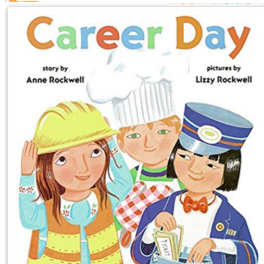
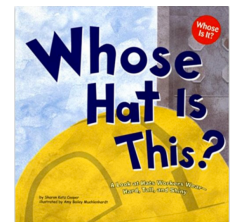
SSKE1 Describe the work that people do such as: police officer, fire fighter, soldier, mail carrier, farmer, doctor, teacher, etc.

Children’s Books related to work people do:



Clothesline Clues to Jobs People Do by Kathryn Heling offers a variation on the jobs/careers informational books for young children, by having students use clues to careers provided by the clothing worn.

Whose Hat is This? by Sharon Katz Cooper teaches about jobs by considering hats used by workers. This is part of a series on matching jobs to their features (*Whose Tools Are These? Whose Vehicle Is This? Whose Hands Are These?* Etc.)



Career Day by Anne Rockwell provides a nice way to highlight a variety of careers that will interest your young learners.

SSKE2 Explain that people earn income by working.

Children’s Books related to earning income:

- *Abuela’s Weave* by Omar Castaneda
- *Walter the Baker* by Eric Carle
- *The Tortilla Factory* by Gary Paulson

SSKE3 Explain how money is used to purchase goods and services.

a. Distinguish goods from services.

Children’s Books related to goods/services:

- *The Berenstain Bears’ Dollars and Sense* by Stan & Jan Berenstain
- *The Berenstain Bears’ Trouble With Money* by Stan & Jan Berenstain
- *The Berenstain Bears’ Get the Gimmies* by Stan & Jan Berenstain
- *Bunny Money* by Rosemary Wells

SSKE3 Explain how money is used to purchase goods and services.

b. Identify that U.S. coins and dollar bills (paper money) are used as currency.

Children’s Books related to coins, bills, currency:

- *Anna the Bookbinder* by Andrea Chang
- *Jennie’s Hat* by Ezra Jack Keats
- *To Market, To Market* by Anne Miranda
- *Goods & Services* by Janeen R. Adil

SSKE4 Explain that people must make choices because they cannot have everything they want.

Children’s Books related to making spending choices:

- *Alexander, Who Used to be Rich Last Sunday* by Judith Viorst
- *A Chair for My Mother* by Vera B. Williams
- *Uncle Jed’s Barbershop* by Margaret King Mitchell
- *Bunny Money* by Mary Ann Wells
- *Pigs Will be Pigs* by Amy Axelrod