

GCSS – Children’s Literature Titles Aligned to Kindergarten Social Studies Standards

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. Be aware that specific titles go in and out of print regularly, so do not be surprised to find that some titles may be harder to find than others. Often you may be able to snag a used copy of an out-of-print book that is perfectly fine for your use. You will notice here a new format for this booklist in order to provide you with a greater variety of titles.

Kindergarten	National holidays in the U.S. (SSKH1, SSKH3)
Eliza Wheeler	Home in the Woods
Stephanie Ledyard	Home is a Window
Alexandra Penfold	All Are Welcome
Shelley Rotner & Sheila M. Kelly	Many Ways: How Families Practice Their Beliefs and Religions
Maya Ajmera	Back to School: A Global Journey
Kyo Maclear	It Began With a Page: How Gyo Fujikawa Drew the Way
Barbara Kerley	One World, One Day
Maya Ajmera, Elise Hofer Derstine, Cynthia Pon	What We Wear: Dressing Up Around the World
Keith Negley	Mary Wears What She Wants
Barnabas & Anabel Kindersley	Children Just Like Me: A Unique Celebration of Children Around the World
Barbara Kerley	You and Me Together: Moms, Dads, and Kids Around the World
Susan Kuklin	How My Family Lives in America (share in excerpts)
Laine Falk	This is the Way We Eat Our Food
Aisha Saeed	Bilal Cooks Daal
Norah Dooley	Everybody Cooks Rice
Dr. Seuss	How the Grinch Stole Christmas
J. Otto Seibold & Vivian Walsh	Olive: The Other Reindeer
Chris Van Allsburg	The Polar Express
Francis P. Church	Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus
Donna L. Washington	Lil Rabbit’s Kwanzaa
Eve Bunting	One Green Apple
Reem Faruqi	Lailah’s Lunchbox: A Ramadan Story
Hena Khan	Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim Book of Colors
Sean Taylor	Riding a Donkey Backwards: Wise and Foolish Tales of Mulla Nasruddin

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Jane Yolen	How to Dinosaurs Say Happy Chanukah?
Eric A. Kimmell	Hershel and the Hannukah Goblins
Sheri Sinykin	Zayde Comes to Live
Richard Keep	Clatter Bash! A Day of the Dead Celebration
Antonio Sacre	La Noche Buena: A Christmas Story
Stephen Krensky	Christopher Columbus (Step Into Reading, Step 3)
David Adler	A Picture Book of Christopher Columbus
Christina Mia Gardeski	Columbus Day (Rookie Read-About Holidays)
Trudi Strain Trueitt	Independence Day (Rookie Read-About Holidays)
Alice Dalgliesh	The 4 th of July Story
Leslie Kimmelman	Happy 4 th of July, Jenny Sweeney!
Janet S. Wong	Apple Pie 4 th of July
Robin Nelson	Flag Day (First Step Non-fiction series)
Robin Nelson	Labor Day (First Step Non-fiction series)
Christine King Farris	My Brother Martin
Doreen Rappaport	Martin’s Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
David A. Adler	A Picture Book of Martin Luther King Jr.
Trudi Strain Truett	Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (Rookie Read-About Holidays)
Jacqueline S. Cotton	Memorial Day (Rookie Read-About Holidays)
Kate Messner	Rolling Thunder
Eve Bunting	The Wall
Theresa Martin Golding	Memorial Day Surprise
David F. Marx	New Year’s Day (Rookie Read-About Holidays)
Pat Miller	Squirrel’s New Year’s Day Resolution
Gail Piernas-Davenport	Shanté Keys and the New Year’s Peas
Arlene Erlbach	Happy New Year Everywhere
Cindy Trumbore	New Years Day Around the World
Marilyn Singer	Every Month is a New Year
Karen B. Winneck	Mr. Lincoln’s Whiskers
Ann Turner	Abe Lincoln Remembers
Kay Winters	Abe Lincoln: The Boy Who Loved Books
Brad Meltzer	I am Abraham Lincoln

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Bernard Waber	Just Like Abraham Lincoln
Dawn FitzGerald	Vinnie and Abraham
Stephanie Kuligowski	Amazing Americans: Abraham Lincoln (Primary Source Readers)
Maira Kalman	Looking at Lincoln
Linda Booth Sweeney	Monument Maker: Daniel Chester French and the Lincoln Memorial
Debra Chandra	George Washington’s Teeth
Lynn Cullen & Nancy Carpenter	Dear Mr. Washington
Raymond Bial	Where Washington Walked (pull text excerpts and images)
David Small	George Washington’s Cows
Anne Rockwell	President’s Day
Katherine Lee Bates	America the Beautiful Together We Stand
Kate Waters	Samuel Eaton’s Day; Tapenum’s Day; and Sarah Morton’s Day
Catherine O’Neill Grace	1621: A New Look at Thanksgiving
Joseph Bruchac	Squanto’s Journey
Traci Sorell	We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga
Linda Skeers	The Impossible Patriotism Project
Luis Carlos Montalvan	Tuesday Tucks Me In: The Loyal Bond Between a Soldier and His Service Dog
Sharon Ferry	Grandpa Bud: A Veterans Day Story
Greg Ruth	Coming Home
Opal Lee	Juneteenth: A Children’s Story
Angela Johnson	All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom
Floyd Cooper	Juneteenth for Maisie

Kindergarten	American Symbols (SSKH2)
Wendy Cheyette Lewison	F is for Flag
Pam Muñoz Ryan	The Flag We Love
Sarvinder Naberhaus	Blue Sky, White Stars
Bill Martin Jr.	I Pledge Allegiance
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Scholastic Inc.	The Pledge of Allegiance
Pat Mora & Libby Martinez	I Pledge Allegiance

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Peter Spier	The Star Spangled Banner
Susan Campbell Bartoletti	The Flag Maker
Elaine Landau	The Bald Eagle
Lisa M. Herrington	The Bald Eagle (Rookie Read-About American Symbols series)
Norman Pearl	The Bald Eagle
Eve Bunting	A Picnic in October
Betsy and Giulio Maestro	The Story of the Statue of Liberty
Linda Glaser	Emma’s Poem: The Voice of the Statue of Liberty
Doreen Rappaport	Lady Liberty: A Biography (pull text excerpts)
Serge Hochain	Building Liberty: A Statue is Born
Wendy Cheyette Lewison	L is for Liberty
Mary Firestone	The Liberty Bell
Anastasia Suen	Uncle Sam
Martha E. H. Rustad	What is Inside the Lincoln Memorial?
Kristin L. Nelson	The Washington Monument
Var authors/illustrators	Our White House: Looking In, Looking Out
Kate Waters	The Story of the White House
Joe Rhatigan	White House Kids: The Perks, Pleasures, Problems, and Pratfalls of the President’s Children (share excerpts over time)

Kindergarten	Geography (SSKG1-3)
Gail Hartman	As the Crow Flies
Joan Sweeney	Me on the Map
Loreen Leedy	Mapping Penny’s World
Sara Fanelli	My Map Book
Christy Hale	Water Land: Land and Water Forms Around the World
Matt Lamothe	This is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from Around the World
Matt Lamothe	This Is How I Do It: One Day in the Life of You and 59 Real Kids from Around the World
Lynne Cherry	The Armadillo From Amarillo
Scot Ritchie	Follow That Map! A First Book of Mapping Skills

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Marcellus Hall	Because You Are My Teacher
Sophie Blackall	If You Come To Earth
Tish Rabe and Aristides Ruiz	There’s a Map on My Lap: All About Maps
Janet Stevens & Susan Stevens Crummell	And the Dish Ran Away With the Spoon
Matthew Swanson	Everywhere, Wonder
Robert McCloskey	Make Way for Ducklings

Kindergarten	Civics/Government (SSKCG1-2) Good citizenship and positive character traits
Ellen Javernick	What If Everybody Did That? (... Thought That? ... Said That? are other titles by this author)
Matt de la Peña	Milo Imagines the World

Kindergarten	Economics (SSKE1-4)
<i>Multiple econ standards</i>	
Jon Klassen	I Want My Hat Back, This is Not My Hat, We Found a Hat
<i>Work that People Do</i>	
Kathryn Heling	Clothesline Clues to Jobs People Do
Kathryn Heling	Clothesline Clues to The First Day of School
Sharon Katz Cooper	Whose Hat is This? (series includes Whose Tools are These? Whose Vehicle Is This? Whose Hands are These?)
Anne Rockwell	Career Day
Caitlin McDonagh	The ABCs of What I Can Be
Michelle Meadows	Brave Ballerina: The Story of Janet Collins (Who Did It First?)
<i>Earning Income</i>	
Omar Castañeda	Abuela’s Weave
Eric Carle	Walter the Baker
Gary Paulson	The Tortilla Factory
Bao Phi	A Different Pond
<i>Money for Goods and Services</i>	
Stan & Jan Berenstain	The Berenstain Bears’ Dollars and Sense

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Stan & Jan Berenstain	The Berenstain Bears’ Trouble With Money
Stan & Jan Berenstain	The Berenstain Bears’ Get the Gimmies
Rosemary Wells	Bunny Money
Andrea Chang	Anna the Bookbinder
Ezra Jack Keats	Jennie’s Hat
Anne Miranda	To Market, To Market
Janeen R. Adil	Goods and Services
<i>Spending and Saving</i>	
Judith Viorst	Alexander, Who Used to be Rich Last Sunday
Vera B. Williams	A Chair for My Mother
Margaree King Mitchell	Uncle Jed’s Barbershop
Rosemary Wells	Bunny Money
Amy Axelrod	Pigs Will be Pigs