

Year 2 – Supplementary Young Reader Booklist with CSH plan

Focus: Illustrated Books – Level 2 Readers

{ The Short List! }

Levels Decoded

IL – illustrated books (intended for read-aloud to younger readers / may be at 2-3 reading level)

1 – beginning readers (I Can Read books)

2 – intermediate readers (big print, more pictures, shorter length than level 3)

3 – advanced readers (suitable for upper grammar & dialectical)

4 – mature readers (suitable for rhetorical, due to length or content)

Here are my favorite picks! While the longer list is ideal if you want to cover every subject in read-alouds or need variety to match your library system, this booklist focuses on the titles I most highly recommend, to maximize your time if you have lots of little ones or want to simply purchase a few titles for the year. You'll notice a greater emphasis on history here. I would also supplement these with Brian Cleary's Words are CATegorical series.

Longer books marked with an asterisk might better be completed over 2(+) days.*

Quarter 1

Week 1

The First Drawing by Mordecai Gerstein (IL) *cave painting*

The Secret Cave: Discovering Lascaux by Emily Arnold McCully (IL) *cave painting*

How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth by Michelle Robinson and Kate Hindley (IL)

Week 2 *(includes all ancient Egypt titles to spread out through wks 2-5)*

On Noah's Ark by Jan Brett (IL)

The Weight of the Mass by Josephine Nobisso (IL)

Ancient Egypt by David Cohen (IL)*

Week 3

Mummies Made in Egypt by Aliko (IL)

Anno's China by Mitsumasa Anno (IL)

The Gilgamesh Trilogy by Ludmila Zeman (IL – 2) *amazing illustrations – could be scary for the littlest ones*

Week 4

Pyramid by David Macauley (IL-3)*

Joseph by Brian Wildsmith (IL)

The Dandelion Seed by Joseph P. Anthony (IL)

Week 5

A Leaf Can Be by Laura Purdie Salas (IL)

The Exodus by Brian Wildsmith (IL)

The Illiad and the Odyssey by Marcia Williams (IL-2)*

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Joshua Crosses the Jordan by Crystal Bowman (1)

The Trojan Horse by Emily Little (1)

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The Odyssey by Russell Punter & Fabiano Fiorin (2-3) *graphic novel*

Week 6

The Little Hippo by Geraldine Elschner (IL) *Egyptian art*

Croco'nile by Roy Gerrard (IL) *contains secret hieroglyphic messages!*

There's a Monster in the Alphabet by James Rumford (IL) *Phoenician legend*

Quarter 2

Week 7 (you may want to spread out the last reading through wk 10)

Into the Sea, Out of the Tomb by Maura Roan McKeegan (IL) *Jonah*

Elympics by X. J. Kennedy (IL)

Book of Greek Myths by D'Aulaire. (IL) *the best illustrated classic!**

Week 8

A Child's Introduction to Greek Mythology by Helen Alexander (IL) *includes a fold-out poster of the Greek family tree of gods! This book could also be used multiple weeks.**

The Librarian Who Measured the Earth by Kathryn Lasky (IL)

Aesop's Fables illustrated by Walt Sturrock (IL-2)*

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Romulus and Remus by Anne Rockwell (1)

Week 9

Sir Cumference and the Dragon of Pi by Cindy Neuschwander (IL)

Queen Esther by Tomie de Paola (IL)

The First Marathon by Susan Reynolds (IL)

Week 10

You Wouldn't Want to be a Slave in Ancient Greece by Fiona MacDonald (IL)

Alexander the Great by Demi (IL)

See Inside a Greek Town ed. R. J. Unstead (IL)

Week 11

Sir Cumference and the Isle of Immeter by Cindy Neuschwander (IL)

Maccabee! The Story of Hanukkah by Tilda Balsley (IL)

See Inside a Roman Town ed. R. J. Unstead (IL)

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Alexander the Great by Jane Bingham (2)*

Week 12

City by David Macauley (IL-2)*

Cleopatra by Diane Stanley and Peter Vennema (IL)*

Roman Numerals I-MM by Arthur Geisert (IL) *counting on a pig farm!*

Quarter 3

Week 13

St. Cecilia's Orchestra by Michael O'Neill McGrath (IL) *ties in with instruments too!*

The Tale of Three Trees by Angela Elwell Hunt (IL)

Androcles and the Lion by Dennis Nolan (IL)

Week 14

Millions to Measure by David M. Schwartz (IL)

Volcano ill. by Peter Dennis (IL)

Pompeii...Buried Alive by Edith Kunhardt (1)

Week 15

Rivers of Sunlight by Molly Bang (IL)

St. Anthony the Great by John Chryssavgis and Marilyn Rouvelas (IL)

The Queen and the Cross by Cornelia Bilinsky (IL)

Week 16

Hershey's Weight and Measures by Jerry Pallota (IL)

St. Jerome and the Lion by Margaret Hodges (IL)

Patrick by Tomie de Paola (IL) / **Brigid and the Butter** by Pamela Love (IL)

Week 17

The Saint and His Bees by Dessi Jackson (IL) *monastic life*

Wait till the Moon is Full by Margaret Wise brown (IL)

The Monks' Daily Bread by Sylvia Dorham (IL) *Franciscan dependence upon God*

Week 18

St. Brendan and the Voyage Before Columbus by Michael McGrew (IL)

The Life of St. Benedict by John McKenzie and Mark Brown (IL)*

The Holy Twins: Benedict and Scholastica by Kathleen Norris (IL)

Quarter 4

Week 19

Mario's Angels by Mary Arrigan (IL) *on Giotto for art study*

The Ink Garden of Brother Theopane by C. M. Millen (IL) *monks copying Scriptures*

Caedmon's Song by Ruth Ashby (IL) *first Anglo-Saxon poet, story recorded by Ven. Bede*

Week 20

A Boy Named Giotto by Paolo Guarnieri (IL)

D'Aulaire's Book of Norse Myths by Ingri and Edgar D'Aulaire (IL-2)*

Leif the Lucky by Ingrid & D'Aulaire (IL)*

Week 21

Medieval Feast by Alike (IL)

The Hawk of the Castle by Danna Smith (IL)

A Year in a Castle by Rachel Coombs (IL)

Week 22

Castle by David Macauley (IL-2)*

Robin Hood and the Golden Arrow by Robert D. San Souci (IL)

Blockhead: The Story of Fibonacci by Joseph D'Agnese (IL)

Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature by Joyce Sidman (IL) *to see what Fibonacci saw!*

Week 23

Cathedral by David Macauley (IL-2)*

Francis by Tomie de Paola (IL)

Marco Polo by Susan Roth (IL)

Week 24

Johann Gutenberg and the Amazing Printing Press by Bruce Koscielniek (IL)

Joan of Arc by Diane Stanley (IL) *good introduction on hundred years' war too**

Canterbury Tales by Barbara Cohen (IL)*

Note: History timeline ends about 1450 A.D.