

Year 2 – Supplementary Young Reader Booklist for CSH plan

Focus: Illustrated Books – Level 2 Readers

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)

Titles are organized according to subject, which are ordered according to the page setup in the tour guide books. Nearly every week has a couple books for math, language arts, and history. 1-2 storybooks are presented each week on the musical instruments being studied. A couple books highlighting one of the countries being memorized in geography is usually presented, though I still try to focus on the country's landmarks, in keeping with the focus on memory work rather than culture. I save most of the folklore for the history section.

The emphasis in this booklist is stories – stories which will inform but also bring to life the memory work through beautiful artwork and lyrical – or funny! - writing. More general books, unit study ideas, resources, and activity books are found in the Resource Booklist.

Quarter 1

Week 1

The Weight of the Mass by Josephine Nobisso (IL)

The Little Drummer Boy by Ezra Jack Keats (IL – *percussion instruments*)

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

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

Two of Everything by Lily Toy Hung (IL) *cave painting*

How Many Feet in the Bed? by Diane Johnston Hamm (IL)

Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert (IL)

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

The First Dog by Jan Brett (IL)

The Stone Age by Marcia Williams (IL) *graphic novel – comic strip style*

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

One Small Blue Bead by Bryd Baylor (IL)

See the Ocean by Estelle Condra (IL) *geography - oceans*

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

Xavior Ox's Xylophone Experiment by Barbara duRobertis (IL) *percussion instruments*

Busy Beavers Counting by 5's by Megan Atwood (IL)

Lots of Ladybugs: Counting by 5's by Michael Dahl (IL)

A Mink, a Fink, a Skating Rink: What is a Noun? by Brian P. Cleary (IL)

A Lime, a Mime, a Pool of Slime: More about Nouns by Brian P. Cleary (IL)

Merry-go-round: A Book about Nouns by Ruth Heller (IL)

On Noah's Ark by Jan Brett (IL)

Noah's Ark by Peter Spier (IL)

Egyptian Cinderella by Shirley Climo (IL)

Temple Cat by Andrew Clements (IL)

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

Tower of Babel by William Weisner (IL)

Pyramid by David Macauley (IL-3)

Ancient Egypt by David Cohen (IL)

Mummies Made in Egypt by Alikei (IL)

Egyptian Punch-out Mummy Case by A.G. Smith (activity)

See Inside an Egyptian Town ed. by R.J. Unstead (IL)

Into the Mummy's Tomb by Nicholas Reeves (IL-)

Ancient Egypt: Tales of Gods and Pharaohs by Marcia Williams (IL)

Week 3

The Story of Moses by Sasha Morton (IL) *saint study*

Tambourine Moon by Joy Jones (IL) *percussion instruments*

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

Flower Garden by Eve Bunting (IL)

Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney (IL)

Jennie's Hat by Ezra Jack Keats (IL) *possessive nouns*

Adam, Adam, What do You See? by Bill Martin (IL)

Anno's China by Mitsumasa Anno (IL)

The Tale of the Mandarin Ducks by Katherine Patterson (IL)

Down by the Bay by Raffi (IL) *geographic vocabulary*

The Little Island by Margaret Wise Brown (IL) *geographic vocabulary*

Week 4

Drum Dream Girl by Margarita Engle (IL - *percussion instruments*)

Max Found Two Sticks by Brian Pinkney (IL - *percussion instruments*)

Mabel's Magic Garden by Paul Metcalf (IL)

The Dandelion Seed by Joseph P. Anthony (IL)

The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle (IL)

I and You, and Don't Forget Who: What is a Pronoun? by Brian P. Cleary (IL)

Joseph by Brian Wildsmith (IL)

Week 5

Jingle Bells by Susan Jeffers (IL) *percussion instruments*

Tasty Toes: Counting by Tens by Michael Dahl (IL)

Sir Cumference and all the Kings' Tens by Cindy Neuschwander (IL)

A Leaf Can Be by Laura Purdie Salas (IL)

Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert (IL)

Kites Sail High: A Book about Verbs by Ruth Heller (IL)

If You Were a Verb by Michael Dahl (IL)

To Root, to Toot, to Parachute: What is a Verb? by Brian P. Cleary (IL)

Slide and Slurp, Scratch and Burp: More about Verbs by Brian P. Cleary (IL)

The Exodus by Brian Wildsmith (IL)

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

The Wooden Horse of Troy by John Malem (IL-2)

The Voyages of Odysseus by Sue Reid (IL-2)

Joshua Crosses the Jordan by Crystal Bowman (1)

The Trojan Horse by Emily Little (1)

Russia ABCs by Ann Berge (IL) *geography - Russia*

Eloise in Moscow by Kay Thompson (IL) *geography - Russia*

Week 6

The Bear and the Piano by David Litchfield (IL) *percussion instruments*

Deep in the Forest by Brinton Turkle (IL)

Meeting Trees by Scott Sanders (IL)

Sahra: Moon by Romil Benyamino (IL) *bedtime book in Assyrian language*

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

Rechenka's Eggs by Patricia Polacco (IL) *geography - a tale from the Ukraine*

Quarter 2

Week 7 (includes all general Greek history titles to spread out through wks 7-10)

Harp O' Gold by Teresa Bateman (IL) *string instruments*

Sir Cumference and the First Round Table by Cindy Neuschwander (IL)

Many Luscious Lollipops by Ruth Heller (IL)

If You Were an Adjective by Michael Dahl (IL)

Hairy, Scary, Ordinary: What is an Adjective? by Brian P. Cleary (IL)

The Important Book by Margaret Wise Brown (IL) *for review of adjectives*

The Woods by Paul Hoppe (IL) *for review of adjectives*

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

Elympics by X. J. Kennedy (IL)

Jason and the Golden Fleece by C. J. Naden (IL)

Pegasus the Winged Horse by C. J. Naden (IL)

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

A Child's Introduction to Greek Mythology by Helen Alexander (IL) *includes a fold-out poster of the Greek family tree of gods!*

A Walk in Paris by Salvatore Rubbino (IL) *geography*

Eloise in Paris by Kay Thompson (IL) *geography*

The Cat Who Walked across France by Kate Banks (IL) *geography – France*

Adele and Simon by Barbara McClintock (IL) *seeing Paris*

Week 8

Lions, Lions Everywhere by Joe Loesch (IL) *saint study*

Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin by Lloyd Moss (IL) *string instruments*

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

Organic Chemistry for Babies by Chris Ferrie (IL)

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

Romulus and Remus by Anne Rockwell (1)

The Boy Who Held Back the Sea by Lenny Hort (IL) *geography – Netherlands setting*

Germany ABCs by Sarah Heiman (IL) *geography - Germany*

Zarafa: The Giraffe Who Walked to the King by Judith St. George (IL) *geography*

Week 9

Mole Music by David McPhail (IL) *string instruments*

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

If You Were an Adverb by Michael Dahl (IL)

Suddenly Alligator: An Adventure in Adverbs by Rick Walton (IL)

Dearly, Nearly, Insincerely: What is an Adverb By Brian P. Cleary (IL)
Lazily, Crazily, Just a bit Nasally: More about Adverbs by Brian P Cleary (IL)
Up, Up, and Away: A Story about Adverbs by Ruth Heller (IL)
Queen Esther by Tomie de Paola (IL)
The First Marathon by Susan Reynolds (IL)
D is for Dala Horse by Kathy Jo-Wargin (IL) *geography - Scandinavia*
Tales from a Finnish Tuppa by James Bowman & Margery Williams (IL) *Scandinavia*

Week 10

Berlioz the Bear by Jan Brett (IL) *string instruments*
Under, Over, By a Clover: What is a Preposition? by Brian P. Cleary (IL)
Elephants Aloft by Kathi Appelt (IL) *prepositions*
You Wouldn't Want to be a Slave in Ancient Greece by Fiona MacDonald (IL)
See Inside a Greek Town ed. R. J. Unstead (IL)
A Walk in London by Salvatore Rubbino (IL) *geography – England*
Also: Lots of Usborne books on London! Plus, I went a little overboard here:
Katie in London by James Mayhew (IL) *geography - England*
B is for Big Ben by Pamela Edwards (IL) *geography – England*
This is Britain by Miroslav Sasek (IL) *geography - Britain*
The Story of Ireland by Richard Brassey (IL) *geography – Ireland*
S is for Shamrock by Eva Bunting (IL) *geography – Ireland*
This is Ireland by Miroslav Sasek (IL) *geography - Ireland*

Week 11

Ada's Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay by Susan Hood (IL)
Sir Cumference and the Isle of Immeter by Cindy Neuschwander (IL)
Just Me and 6000 Rats: A Tale of Conjunctions by Rick Walton (IL)
But and For, Yet and Nor: What is a Conjunction? by Brian P. Cleary (IL)
Maccabee! The Story of Hanukkah by Tilda Balsley (IL)

Alexander the Great by Demi (IL)

Alexander the Great by Jane Bingham (2)

Olivia Goes to Venice by Ian Falconer (IL) *geography – Italy*

C is for Ciao by Elissa Grodin (IL) *geography – Italy*

Week 12

Fantastic! Wow! And Unreal! by Ruth Heller (IL)

Cool! Whoa! An and Oh: What is an Interjection by Brian P. Cleary (IL)

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

City by David Macauley (IL-2)

Cleopatra by Diane Stanley and Peter Vennema (IL)

Augustus Caesar's World by Genevieve Foster (2-3) *note: good read-aloud chapter bk*

The Strangers at the Manger by Lisa Hendey (2) *Chime Travelers' series – nativity*

This is Greece by Miroslav Sasek (IL) *geography - Greece*

Quarter 3

Week 13

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

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

Fun with Roman Numerals by David Adler (IL)

Big Book of Stars and Planets by Emily Bone (IL)

Gustav Holst: Planet Suite – listen for fun! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Isic2Z2e2xs>

The Thornbush by Michael Laughlin (IL) *Christ's passion*

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

Week 14

Gabriella's Song by Candance Fleming (IL) *study on voice*

Millions to Measure by David M. Schwartz (IL)

Arrow to the Sun by Gerald McDermott (IL)

Volcano ill. by Peter Dennis (IL)

Hadrian, the Dog of Pompeii by Matthew Frederick (IL) *English-Italian edition*

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

St. Felix and the Spider by Dessi Jackson (IL)

Androcles and the Lion by Dennis Nolan (IL)

A Children's ABC of the Gulf by Orla Taylor (IL) *geography – Persian Gulf / Bahrain*

Week 15

Sun Up, Sun Down by Gail Gibbons (IL)

Rivers of Sunlight by Molly Bang (IL)

Rain Player by David Wisniewski (IL) *Mayan legend*

The Chocolate Tree by Linda Lowery (IL) *Mayan legend*

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

The Corn Grows Ripe by Dorothy Rhoads (2) *Mayan story*

The Queen and the Cross by Cornelia Bilinsky (IL)

Week 16

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

Pitch and Throw, Grasp and Know: What is a Synonym by Brian P. Cleary (IL)

Stroll and Walk, Babble and Talk: More about Synonyms by Brian P. Cleary (IL)

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

Patrick by Tomie de Paola (IL)

St. Patrick by Ann Tombert (IL)

Brigid and the Butter by Pamela Love (IL)

Brigid's Cloak by Bryce Milligan (IL)

Paddy and the Wolves by Steve Nagel (IL) *St. Patrick as a boy*

Patrick and the Fire by Cornelia Bilinsky (IL)

The Secret of the Shamrock by Lisa Hendey (2) – *Chime Travelers' series – St. Patrick*

Sitti's Secrets by Naomi Shihab Nye (IL) *geography – Palestine story*

Zvuvu's Israel by Tami Lehman-Wilzig (IL) *geography – a fly's tour through Israel*

Week 17

The Twelve Apostles by Marianna Mayer (IL)

Papa, Get the Moon for the Book for Me by Eric Carle (IL)

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

Stop and Go, Yes and No: What is an Antonym by Brian P. Cleary (IL)

Straight and Curvy, Meek and Nervy: More about Antonyms by Brian P. Cleary (IL)

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

Look up the picture of Leo the Great meeting Attila the Hun! I could not find a book on this!

Snow in Jerusalem by Deborah De Costa (IL) *geography – old Jerusalem story– Israel*

Good Night Israel by Mark Jasper (IL) *geography – Israel's landmarks*

Week 18

You Can Count on the Monsters by Richard Schwarz (IL)

The Boy Who Loved Math by Deborah Heiligman (IL)

Good Night, Galaxy by Adam Gamble (IL)

How Much Can a Bare Bear Bear: What is a Homonym by Brian P. Cleary (IL)

A Bat Cannot Bat, A Stair Cannot Stare: More about Homonyms by Brian Cleary (IL)

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)

Merlin and the Making of a King by Margaret Hodges (IL)

The Kitchen Knight by Margaret Hodges (IL)

Tales Told in Tents by Sally Pomme Clayton (IL) *geography – central Asian countries*

Quarter 4

Week 19

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

Ralph's Secret Weapon by Steven Kellogg (IL) *woodwinds*

Moonflute by Audrey Wood (IL) *woodwinds*

I'm and Won't, They're and Don't: What is a Contraction by Brian P. Cleary (IL)

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*

The Apple and the Arrow by Mary and Conrad Buff (2)

The Wheels on the Tuk Tuk by Kabir Sehgal (IL) *geography – India*

Good Night India by Nitya Khemka (IL) *geography - India*

Week 20

The Man and the Vine by Jane G. Meyer (IL)

The Woman and the Wheat by Jane G. Meyer (IL)

The Magic Flute retold by Mary Greaves (IL) *other editions available too!*

Moonlight on the Magic Flute by Mary Pope Osborne (2) *Magic Treehouse*

A Boy Named Giotto by Paolo Guarnieri (IL)

The Boy Who Loved Words by Roni Schotter (IL) *language arts*

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

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

An Introduction to Norse Mythology by Heather Anderson (IL)

I See the Sun in Nepal by Dedie King (IL) *geography - Nepal*

The Boy Who Conquered Everest: The Jordan Romero Story by Katherine Blanc (IL)

Week 21

Love Flute by Paul Goble (IL) *Native American myth featuring woodwinds*

Giotto (Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists) by Mike Venezia (IL-1)

Pre- and Re-, Mis- and Dis- : What is a Prefix by Brian P. Cleary (IL)

Ful and -Less, -Er and -Ness: What is a Suffix by Brian P. Cleary (IL)

Castle by David Macauley (IL-2)

Cathedral by David Macauley (IL-2)

The Making of a Knight by Patrick O'Brien (IL)

Medieval Feast by Aliko (IL)

The Hawk of the Castle by Danna Smith (IL)

A Year in a Castle by Rachel Coombs (IL)

Come to the Castle by Linda Ashman (IL)

The Bravest Knight by Mercer Meyer (IL)

Filipino Friends by Liana Romulero (IL) *geography – Philippines*

All About the Philippines by Gidget Jimenez (IL) *geography – Philippines*

In a Village by the Sea by Muon Van (IL) *geography – Vietnam*

All About Indonesia by Linda Hibbs (IL) *geography - Indonesia*

Week 22

Joan of Arc by Demi (IL)

Saxophone Sam and His Snazzy Jazz Band by Christine Sneider (IL) *brass instruments*

Fra Angelico: Heaven on Earth by Nathaniel Silver *features Fra Angelico's art*

Masters of Art: Fra Angelico by Gabriel Bartz *features Fra Angelico's art*

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

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

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

Peek! A Thai Hide and Seek by Minfong Ho (IL) *geography – Thailand*

Hush! A Thai Lullaby by Minfong Ho (IL) *geography - Thailand*

All About Thailand by Elaine Russell (IL) *geography - Thailand*

Week 23

Ben's Trumpet by Rachel Isadora (IL) *brass instruments*

Francis by Tomie de Paola (IL)

St. Francis by Brian Wildsmith (IL)

Little Lessons from St. Francis: A Prayer for Peace by Jeanine Crowe (IL)

The Magna Carta by Roberta Baxter (IL-2)

Marco Polo by Susan Roth (IL)

Marco Polo by Demi (IL)

Roses in the Snow by Dessi Jackson (IL) *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

The Whisper in the Ruins by Lisa Hendey (2) *Chime Travelers' series – St. Francis*

The Mystery at Midnight by Lisa Hendey (2) *Chime Travelers' series – St. Clare*

Lost and Found: Adele and Simon in China by Barbara McClintock (IL) *geo. – China*

All About China by Allison Branscombe (IL) *geography - China*

The Trip Back Home by Janet Wong (IL) *geography – Korea*

All About Korea by Ann Martin Bowler (IL) *geography - Korea*

Week 24

If I Only Had a Horn: Young Louis Armstrong by Roxanne Orgill (IL) *brass*

Melba and Her Big Trombone by Kathryn Russell-Brown (IL) *brass*

Sundiata, Lion King of Mali by David Wisniewski (IL)

Canterbury Tales by Barbara Cohen (IL)

The Canterbury Tales by Marcia Williams (IL) *funny graphic book – does include a couple crude references & pics (this is Chaucer, after all!)*

Chanticleer and the Fox by Barbara Cooney (IL)

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

The Clown of God by Tomie de Paola (IL)

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

Johann Gutenberg and the Printing Press by Kay Melchisedec Olson (IL) *graphic novel*

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

The Miracle of Portugal's Dogs by Tracy Aiello (IL) *about Henry the Navigator*

I Live in Tokyo by Mari Takabayashi (IL) *geography - Japan*

All About Japan by Willamarie Moore (IL) *geography - Japan*

Note: History timeline ends about 1450 A.D.