



EXPEDITIONARY
LEARNING

Grade 3: Module 3A: Unit 3:

Recommended Texts



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Unit 3 focuses on creative stories that capture the reader's imagination. The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile® text measures focusing on picture books that inspire or spark creativity. This provides appropriate independent reading for each student to help build content knowledge about the topic.

It is imperative that students read a high volume of texts at their reading level so that they can continue to build the academic vocabulary and fluency demanded by the CCLS.

Common Core Band Level Text Difficulty Ranges:

(As provided in the NYSED Passage Selection Guidelines for Assessing CCSS ELA)

- Grade 2–3: 420–820L
- Grade 4–5: 740–1010L
- Grade 6–8: 925–1185L

Where possible, texts in languages other than English are also provided. Texts are categorized into three Lexile levels that correspond to Common Core Bands: below grade band, within band, and above band. Note, however, that Lexile® measures are just one indicator of text complexity, and teachers must use their professional judgment and consider qualitative factors as well. For more information, see Appendix 1 of the Common Core State Standards.

Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures below band level (below 420L)			
<i>Not a Box</i>	Antoinette Portis	Literature	BR
<i>The Gruffalo</i>	Julia Donaldson (author)	Literature	200
<i>The Sign on Rosie's Door</i>	Maurice Sendak (author)	Literature	300
<i>Joseph Had a Little Overcoat</i>	Simms Taback (author)	Literature	350*
<i>Spells</i>	Emily Gravett (author)	Literature	375*
<i>Max's Dragon</i>	Kate Banks (author)	Literature	420*

*Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level;



Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures within band level (420-820L)			
<i>Emma's Rug</i>	Allen Say (author)	Literature	450
<i>The Dot</i>	Peter H. Reynolds (author)	Literature	500
<i>The Wretched Stone</i>	Chris Van Allsburg	Literature	580
<i>The Hinky Pink: An Old Tale</i>	Megan McDonald (author)	Literature	610
<i>Jumanji</i>	Chris Van Allsburg (author)	Literature	620
<i>Extra Yarn</i>	Mac Barnett (author)	Literature	620
<i>Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China</i>	Ed Young (author)	Literature	670
<i>Sylvester and the Magic Pebble</i>	William Steig (author)	Literature	700
<i>Roxaboxen</i>	Alice McLerran (author)	Literature	710
<i>Fur and Feathers</i>	Janet Halfmann (author)	Literature	750



Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures above band level (over 820L)			
<i>Earthdance</i>	Joanne Ryder (author)	Literature	820
<i>The Curious Garden</i>	Peter Brown (author)	Literature	840
<i>Dona Flor: A Tall Tale about a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart</i>	Pat Mora (author)	Literature	860
<i>Chavela and the Magic Bubble</i>	Monica Brown (author)	Literature	860
<i>The Magic Raincoat</i>	Ryan David (author)	Literature	990
Wordless Picture Books Lexile-NP			
<i>Time Flies</i>	Eric Rohmann (author)	Wordless Picture Books	NP
<i>Tuesday</i>	David Wiesner (author)	Wordless Picture Books	NP
<i>Zoom</i>	Istvan Banyai (author)	Wordless Picture Books	NP
<i>Chalk</i>	Bill Thomson (author)	Wordless Picture Books	NP
<i>Cool Cat</i>	Nonny Hogrogian (author)	Wordless Picture Books	NP
<i>The Lion and the Mouse</i>	Jerry Pinkney (author)	Wordless Picture Books	NP
<i>Flotsam</i>	David Wiesner (author)	Wordless Picture Books	NP

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