



Our Approach

■ Building knowledge to nurture critical thinking

Across units and grade levels, students build age-appropriate knowledge of themselves, the world, and their power to make change. Students expand their vocabulary through repeated exposure and practice with words drawn from unit texts.

■ Centering diverse, relevant, and rigorous texts

With Fishtank ELA, all students experience complex, whole-class texts from a range of genres, perspectives, and voices, which serve to both affirm their lived experiences and expand their worldview.

■ Prioritizing student voices and ideas to build agency

Fishtank ELA units and lessons ensure that every student has the opportunity to think, write, and engage in discussion about thoughtprovoking questions. Through formal and informal discourse, students utilize new knowledge and vocabulary, develop their own ideas, and work on communicating them clearly in conversation with classmates.

■ Learning to write, writing to learn

In Fishtank ELA, writing and language skills are taught in context, connected to core texts and unit focus areas. Students write daily in response to lesson Target Tasks, building their writing fluency and using writing as a tool to synthesize ideas and refine their thinking. Each unit also contains longer process-based writing projects in a variety of genres.

■ Preparing teachers to support students

At Fishtank Learning, we deeply value the expertise teachers bring to their work. We offer resources that help teachers efficiently internalize the Fishtank content and apply their firsthand knowledge of their students' strengths and needs to determine the supports to offer.



Develop critical readers, writers, and thinkers through authentic, engaging texts that affirm students' experiences and expand their perspectives.



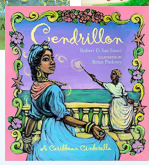

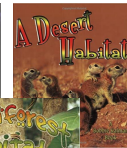





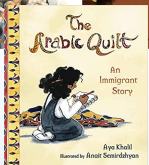


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<p>Welcome to School</p>  	<p>Noticing Patterns in Stories</p>  	<p>Celebrating Fall</p>  	<p>Falling in Love with Authors and Illustrators</p>  	<p>Winter Wonderland</p>  	<p>What is Justice?</p>  	<p>Exploring Life Cycles</p>  	<p>Reduce, Reuse, Recycle</p>  
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1st

<p>Being a Good Friend</p>  	<p>Folktales Around the World</p>   	<p>Amazing Animals</p>   	<p>Love Makes a Family</p>   	<p>Inspiring Artists and Musicians</p>   
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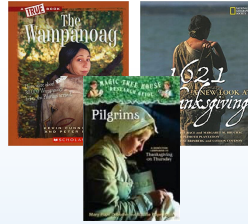
<p>Cinderella Around the World</p>   	<p>Exploring Habitats</p>  	<p>Belonging and Friendship: Pinky and Rex</p>   	<p>Stories of Immigration</p>   	<p>Finding Your Power: Freddie Ramos</p>  
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3rd

Defining Identity:
Dyamonde Daniel and
My Name is María Isabel



Rediscovering
Thanksgiving:
Fact vs. Fiction



Passing Down Wisdom:
Hispanic and African
American Folktales



Understanding the
Animal Kingdom

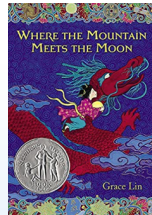


Embracing Difference:
The Hundred Dresses and
Garvey's Choice

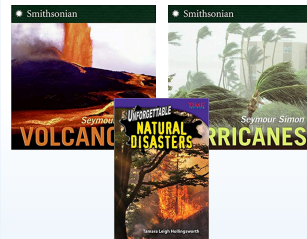


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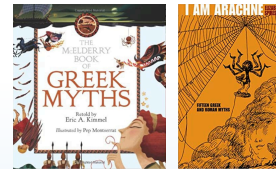
Finding Fortune:
*Where the Mountain
Meets the Moon*



Preparing for the Worst:
Natural Disasters



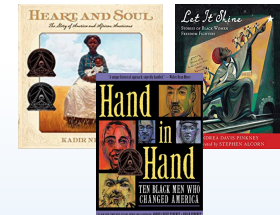
Interpreting Perspectives:
Greek Myths



Believing in Yourself:
The Wild Book

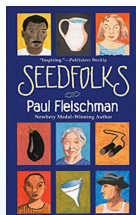


Heart and Soul:
The Story of America
and African Americans

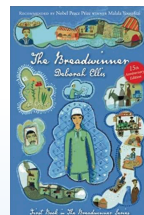


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Building Community:
Seedfolks



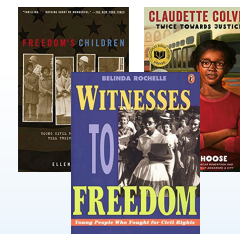
Exploring Human Rights:
The Breadwinner



Protecting the Earth:
Plastic Pollution



Young Heroes:
Children of the Civil
Rights Movement



Friendship Across
Boundaries:
Return to Sender





Our Mission and Vision

We help teachers engage, challenge, and inspire students with quality curriculum materials. We envision a world in which all students are empowered to become critical thinkers, problem solvers, and change agents.

Our Core Values

We believe in students.

When they receive the support that they need, all students can master grade-level content, solve critical problems, and discuss complex ideas.

We trust teachers.

Teachers are in best position to understand the unique strengths and needs of their students, so we aim to provide them with the right balance of guidance and autonomy.

We strive for racial equity and social justice.

Rigorous grade-level curriculum is a key component of any anti-racist classroom. Our curricular materials center students, reflect multiple perspectives and experiences, and empower students to think critically.

We listen, learn, and adapt.

We continually seek to improve our resources for teachers and students by turning to the research, collaborating with partners, and actively seeking out feedback from our users.

