

## RECOMMENDED TEXTS FOR INDEPENDENT READING

### 2nd Grade Science and Social Studies Unit 1

#### Informational Texts to Build Content Knowledge

- *Habitats: City Parks* by Wendy Davis (840L)\*\*
- *Habitats: Arctic Tundra* by Michael H. Forman (830L)\*\*
- *Desert Giant* by Barbara Bash (980L)\*\*
- *In the Forest* (National Geographic Kids) by Shira Evans (450L)
- *Ocean Animals* (Look & Find Out) by Alice B. McGinty (480L)
- *Land Habitats* by Bobbie Kalman (500L)
- *Rainforests* (Explore My World) by Marfe Ferguson Delano (660L)
- *A Grassland Habitat* by Bobbie Kalman (450L)
- *Deserts* by Gail Gibbons (710L)\*\*

#### Fiction Texts with Aligned Themes and Topics

- *Orangutan: A Day in the Rainforest Canopy* by Rita Goldner
- *The Salamander Room* by Anne Mazer (440L)
- *On Duck Pond* by Jane Yolen (680L)
- *The Home Builders* by Varsha Bajaj (660L)
- *Woodland Dreams* by Karen Jameson
- *Beyond the Pond* by Joseph Kuefler (660L)
- *In the Woods* by David Elliott
- *The Brilliant Deep* by Kate Messner (830L)\*\*
- *Over and Under the Pond* by Kate Messner (660L)
- *Over and Under the Rainforest* by Kate Messner (810L)\*\*
- *Along the Tapajós* by Fernando Vilela (730L)

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