RECOMMENDED TEXTS FOR INDEPENDENT READING

2nd Grade Science and Social Studies Unit 4

Informational Texts with Aligned Themes and Topics

Inventors and Scientists:

- *The House that Cleaned Itself: The True Story of Frances Gabe's (Mostly) Marvelous Invention* by Susan Romberg (760L)
- *Balloons Over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade* by Melissa Sweet (1000L)
- *The Right Word: Roget and his Thesaurus* by Jen Bryant and Melissa Sweet (590L)
- *Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions* by Chris Barton
- *The Doctor with an Eye for Eyes: The Story of Dr. Patricia Bath* by Julia Finley Mosca (530L)
- *Electrical Wizard: How Nikola Tesla Lit up the World* by Elizabeth Rusch (840L)
- *The Girl with a Mind for Math: The Story of Raye Montague* by Julia Finley Mosca (460L)
- *Counting on Catherine: How Catherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13* by Helaine Becker (710L)

Environmental Activists:

- *Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist* by Jess Keating
- *The Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree-Loving Woman Changed a City Forever* by H. Joseph Hopkins (760L)
- *Rachel Carson and Her Book that Changed the World* by Laure Lawlor (890L)
- *One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of Gambia* by Miranda Paul (570L)
- *Emi and the Rhino Scientist* by Mary Kay Carson (910L)
- *Our House is on Fire: Greta Thunburg's Call to Save the Planet* by Jeanette Winter (680L)
- *Mountain Chef: How One Man Lost His Groceries, Changed His Plans, and Helped Cook Up the National Park Service* by Annette Bay Pimentel (940L)
- *One Earth: People of Color Protecting our Planet* by Anuradha Rao (1050L)

Social Activists and Politicians:

- *Journey for Justice: The Life of Larry Itilong* by Dawn B. Mabalon and Gayle Romasanta
- *Pies from Nowhere: How Georgia Gilmore Sustained the Montgomery Bus Boycott* by Dee Romito and Laura Freeman (890L)
- *No Voice Too Small: Fourteen Young Americans Making History* edited by Lindsay H. Metcalf
- *Enough! 20 Protestors who Changed America* by Emily Easton (450L)
- *She was the First!: The Trailblazing Life of Shirley Chisholm* by Katheryn Russell-Brown
- *Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt* by Deborah Hopkinson (680L)

* lower Lexile or qualitative measures than core text
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