



Core Virtues - Stories by Grade Level

Kindergarten

August/September: Courage

- **Classroom** - *What Your Kindergartener Needs to Know: Momotaro: Peach Boy*
- **P.E.** - *The Ugly Duckling* by Hans Christian Andersen
- **Tech.** - *Tom Thumb* by Richard Jesse Watson

October: Perseverance

- **Classroom** - *What Your Kindergartener Needs to Know: Momotaro: Peach Boy*
- **P.E.** - *The Ugly Duckling* by Hans Christian Anderson
- **Tech.** - *The Steadfast Tin Soldier* by Hans Christian Anderson

November: Humility

- **Classroom** - *What Your Kindergartener Needs to Know: King Midas and the Golden Touch*
- **P.E.** - *The Children's Book of Virtues: The Tortoise and the Hare*
- **Tech.** - *The Magical Wishing Fish, Brothers Grimm*

December: Wisdom/Good Judgement

- **Classroom** - *The Children's Book of Virtues: The King and His Hawk*
- **P.E.** - *"The Lion and the Mouse"*- Aesop's Fable
- **Tech** - *The Greatest Treasure* by Demi

January: Respect

- **Classroom** - *Over in the Meadow* by Olivia A. Wadsworth (poem)
- **P.E.** - *"Androcles and the Lion"*- Aesop's Fable
- **Tech.** - *Fritz and the Beautiful Horse* by Jan Brett

February: Honesty

- **Classroom** - *Ruthie and The Not So Tenny Tiny Lie* by Laura Rankin
- **P.E.** - *"The Boy Who Cried Wolf"*- Aesop's Fable
- **Tech** - *The Empty Pot* by Demi

March: Responsibility

- **Classroom** - *Fritz and the Beautiful Horses* by Jan Brett
- **P.E.** - *"The Little Prince"* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

- **Tech.** - *The Other Dog* by Madeline L'Engle

April: Citizenship

- **Classroom** - *The Firekeeper's Son* by Linda Sue Park
- **P.E.**- "*Swimmy*" by Leo Lionni
- **Tech** - *Dog vs Cat* by Chris Gall

May: Integrity

- **Classroom** - "*Marquette in Iowa*" from *Great Americans for Little Americans*" by Edward Eggleston
- **P.E.**- *The Little Red Hen*
- **Tech** - *We Don't Eat Our Classmates* by Ryan T, Higgins

First Grade

August/September: Courage

- **Classroom** - *How Washington Got out of a Trap from Stories of Great Americans for Little Americans*
- **P.E.** - *The Children's Book of Virtues: The Little Hero of Holland*
- **Tech.** - *Putnam and The Wolf from Stories of Great Americans for Little Americans*

October: Perseverance

- **Classroom** - *Jack and The Beanstalk* by Thomas Nelson
- **P.E.** - *Issunboshi* by George Suyeoka
- **Tech.** - *Washington's Last Battle from Stories of Great Americans for Little Americans*

November: Humility

- **Classroom** - *Pinocchio* by Carlo Collodi
- **P.E.** - *The Stonecutter: An Indian Folktale* by Patricia Newton
- **Tech.** - *Passing the Music Down* by Sarah Sullivan

December: Wisdom/Good Judgement

- **Classroom** - *Pinocchio* by Carlo Collodi
- **P.E.** - *King Midas and the Golden Touch* by Charlotte Craft
- **Tech.** - *A Stone Sat Still* by Brendan Wenzel

January: Respect

- **Classroom** - *Finding Winnie* by Lindsay Mattick
- **P.E.** - *Aesop's Fables: The Lion and the Mouse*
- **Tech.** - *Aesop's Fables: The Fox and the Stork*

February: Honesty

- **Classroom** - *Aesop's Fables: The Honest Woodcutter, The Boy Who Cried Wolf*
- **P.E.** - *Honest Abe* by Edith Kunhardt
- **Tech.** - *The Gold Coin* by Alma Flor Ada

March: Responsibility

- **Classroom** - *Aesop's Fables: The Ant and the Grasshopper*
- **P.E.** - *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
- **Tech** - *The Golden Rule* by Ilene Cooper

April: Citizenship

- **Classroom** - *A Picture Book of John and Abigail Adams* by David A Adler and Michael S Adler
- **P.E.** - *The Tree of the Dancing Goats* by Patricia Polacco
- **Tech.** - *The Apple Pip Princess* by Jane Ray

May: Integrity

- **Classroom** - *The Mitten Tree* by Candace Christiansen
- **P.E.** - *The Babe and I* by David Adler
- **Tech** - *Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian Pura Belpre* by Amika Aldamuy

Second Grade

August/September: Courage

- **Classroom** - *St. George and The Dragon* by Margaret Hodges
- **P.E.** - *A Jataka Tale: The Brave Little Parrot*
- **Tech.** - *A Picture Book of Amelia Earhart* by David Adler

October: Perseverance

- **Classroom** - *What Your 2nd Grader Needs to Know: Beauty and the Beast*
- **P.E.** - *Brave Clara Barton* by Frank Murphy
- **Tech.** - *Thank you, Mr. Falker* by Patricia Polacco

November: Humility

- **Classroom** - *What Your 2nd Grader Needs to Know: The Magic Paintbrush, The Fisherman and His Wife*
- **P.E.** - *King Hugo's Huge Ego* by Chris Van Dusen
- **Tech.** - *The Story of Little Babaji* by Helen Bannerman

December: Wisdom/Prudence

- **Classroom:** *Who was George Washington* by Roberta Edwards
- **P.E.** - *Cookies: Bite Size Life Lessons* by Amy Rosenthal
- **Tech.** - *Decatur and the Pirates, Stories about Great Americans for Little Americans*

January: Respect

- **Classroom** - *The Ugly Duckling* by Hans Christen Andersen
- **P.E.** *Cinderella: A Grimm's Fairy Tale*
- **Tech** - *Freedom Summer* by Deborah Wiles

February: Honesty

- **Classroom** - *Frederick Douglass: The Lion Who Wrote History* by Walter Dean Myers
- **P.E.** - *A Pair of Red Clogs* by Masako Matsuno
- **Tech.** - *The Lying King* by Alex Beard

March: Responsibility

- **Classroom** - *The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Spear
- **P.E.** - *Brave Enough for Two* by Johnathon D Voss
- **Tech** - *The Fox and the Bramble* Aesop

April: Citizenship/Patriotism

- **Classroom-** *Who Was George Washington?* By Roberta Edwards
- **P.E.** - *Stories About Jefferson, Stories about Great Americans for Little Americans*
- **Tech** - *Boy Wanted from The Children's Book of Virtues*

May: Integrity/Magnanimity

- **Classroom** - *The Children's Book of Virtues: Little Sunshine*
- **P.E.** - *The Children's Book of Virtues: Please*
- **Tech** - *Dogger* by Shirley Hughes

Third Grade

August/September: Courage

- **Classroom** - *Odd and the Frost Giants* by Neil Gaiman
- **P.E.** - *What Your Third Grader Needs to Know: Horatius at the Bridge*

October: Perseverance

- **Classroom** - *Heracles from D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths*
- **P.E.** *How Benny West Learned to Be a Painter; Stories of Great Americans for Little Americans*

November: Humility

- **Classroom** - *Gittel's Hands* by Erica Silverman
- **P.E.** *The Children's Book of Virtues: The Tortoise and The Hare*

December: Wisdom

- **Classroom** - *On the Wings of Words* by Jennifer Berne
- **P.E.** - *The Three Questions* by John Muth

January: Respect

- **Classroom** - *The Princess and the Goblin* by George MacDonald
- **P.E.** - *The Someone New* by Jill Twiss

February: Honesty

- **Classroom** - *Sojourner Truth's Stomp and Stride* by Andrea Pinkney
- **P.E.** - *The Children's Book of Virtues: The Indian Cinderella*

March: Responsibility

- **Classroom** - *Farmer Boy* by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- **P.E.** - *Clark and His Men; Stories of Great Americans for Little Americans*

April: Citizenship/Patriotism

- **Classroom** - *Leave it to Abigail! The Revolutionary Life of Abigail Adams* by Barb Rosenstock
- **P. E.** - *Founding Mothers: Remembering the Ladies* by Cokie Roberts

May: Integrity/Magnanimity

- **Classroom** - *The Children's Book of Virtues: The Legend of the Dipper*
- **P.E.** - *Mother Teresa* by Demi

Fourth Grade

August/September: Courage

- **Classroom** - *The Bravest Man in the World* by Patricia Polacco
- **P.E.** - *What Your Fourth Grader Needs to Know: St. George and the Dragon*

October: Perseverance

- **Classroom** - *What Your Fourth Grader Needs to Know: The Wonderful Chuang Brocade*
- **P.E.** - *A Wizard From the Start; The Incredible Boyhood and Amazing Inventions of Thomas Edison* by Don Brown

November: Humility

- **Classroom** - "Echo and Narcissus" from *Realms of Gold*
- **P.E.** - *The Invisible Seam* by Andrew Frew

December: Wisdom/Prudence

- **Classroom** - *King Arthur* by Alice M. Hadfield
- **P.E.** - *The House of Wisdom* by Florence Parry Heide

January: Respect

- **Classroom** - *A Sack Full of Feathers* by Debby Waldman
- **P.E.** - *The Artist and Me* by Shane Peacock

February: Honesty

- **Classroom** - *A Jataka Tale, The Merchant of Seri*
- **P.E.** - *The Children's Book of Virtues: The Indian Cinderella*

March: Responsibility

- **Classroom** - *Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery
- **P.E.** - *The Man Who Made Time Travel* by Katherine Lasky

April: Citizenship

- **Classroom** - *The Devoted Friend* by Oscar Wilde
- **P.E.** *The Other Side* by Jacqueline Woodson

May: Integrity

- **Classroom** - *Sleepy Hollow*
- **P.E.** - *Hidden Hope, How a Toy and a Hero Saved Lives During the Holocaust* by Elisa Boxer

Fifth Grade

August/September: Courage

- **Classroom** - [Courage - by Edgar Guest](#)
- **P.E.** - *What Your Fifth Grader Needs to Know: The Sun Dance*

October: Perseverance

- **Classroom** - *Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11* by Brian Floca
- **P.E.** - *The Children's Book of Virtues: Persevere* (poem)

November: Humility

- **Classroom** - *Confucius. The Golden Rule* by Russell Freedman
- **P.E.** - *The King's Equal* by Katherine Paterson

December: Wisdom

- **Classroom** - *The Fabled Life of Aesop* by Ian Lendler
- **P.E.** - *King Solomon and His Magic Ring* by Elie Wiesel

January: Respect

- **Classroom** - *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain
- **P.E.** - *The Summer My Father Was Ten* by Pat Brisson

February: Honesty

- **Classroom** - *Frederick's Journey* by Doreen Rappaport
- **P.E.** -

March: Responsibility

- **Classroom** - *Paperboy* by Mary Kay Kroeger
- **P.E.** - *Baseball Saved Us* by Ken Mochizuki

April: Citizenship

- **Classroom** - *Bravo Tavo* by Brian Meunier
- **P.E.** - *The Red Bicycle* by Jude Isabella

May: Integrity

- **Classroom** - *The Tale of the Mandarin Ducks* by Katherine Patterson
- **P.E.** - *Horatius at the Bridge from What Your Third Grader Needs to Know*

Sixth Grade

August/September: Courage

- **Classroom** - *Frederick's Journey* by Doreen Rappaport
- **P.E.** - *Realms of Gold Volume 1: Orpheus and Eurydice*

October: Perseverance

- **Classroom** - *The Only Woman in the Photo* by Kathleen Krull
- **P.E.** - *The Children's Book of Virtues: Persevere* (poem)

November: Humility

- **Classroom** - *I Once Was a Monkey* by Jeanne Lee
- **P.E.** - *Casey at the Bat*, poem by Ernest Lawrence Thayer

December: Wisdom

- **Classroom** - *The Arrow Over the Door* by Joseph Bruchac
- **P.E.** - *Hope for Flowers* by Trina Paulus

January: Respect

- **Classroom** - *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks
- **P.E.** - *The Name Jar* by Yangsook Choi

February: Honesty

- **Classroom** - *The Pied Piper of Hamlen* by Michael Morpungo
- **P.E.** -

March: Responsibility

- **Classroom** - *The Cats in Krasinski Square* by Karen Hesse
- **P.E.** - *Older Brother Younger Brother* by Nina Jaffe

April: Citizenship

- **Classroom** - *The Fox Maiden* by Elsa Marston
- **P.E.** - *Casey Over There* by Stanton Rabin

May: Integrity

- **Classroom** - *The Sun Dance, What Your Fifth Grader Needs to Know*
- **P.E.** - *The King and His Hawk, The Children's Book of Virtues*

Resources to order:

Bennett, William J. The Children's Book of America.

Illustrated by Michael Hague. Simon and Schuster, 1998. (Grades 4-6)

Chrisman, Arthur Bowie. Shen of the Sea: Chinese Stories for Children.

Illustrated by Else Hasselriis. Dutton Children's Books, 1968. (Grades 2,4)

Kilpatrick, William, ed. Great Lessons in Virtue and Character. A Treasury of Classic Animal Stories. (Baker Books, 2002) (Grades 4-6)

Bennett, William J. The Moral Compass: Stories for Life's Journey.

Simon and Schuster, 2008. (K-6)