

Grade 4 Class Sets

Alligator pie Lee, Dennis Gr. 1-5 c1974
Summary: This classic edition of irresistible rhymes about elephants and Laundromats, hockey games and skyscrapers, features Frank Newfeld's unforgettable illustrations. The poems reflect a Canadian child's world and children will identify with the universal themes in Lee's poetry. **(65 copies)**
CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: English Language Arts Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5- Imaginative and Literary Context.

Alligator stew Lee, Dennis Gr. 1-5 c2005
Summary: This is a treasury of some of the best-loved poems ever written for Canadian children. In this special collection, you will find lots of reasons to smile and giggle as you read each and every verse. **(27 copies)**

Amber: the story of a red fox Woods, Shirley Gr. 4 c2004
Summary: This touching and accurate depiction of the life cycle of a family of foxes is factual and yet filled with excitement and adventure. It is appealing to young readers, as it was selected as the 2005 Diamond Willow award winner. **(40 copies)**

Amelia Bedelia Parish, Peggy Gr. 2-4 c1963
Summary: A literal-minded housekeeper causes a ruckus in the household when she attempts to make sense of some instructions. **(28 copies/support material)**

Animals and Their Young: How Animals Produce and Care for their babies Hickman, Pamela Gr. 3 & 4 c2003
Summary: Whether it's giving birth, protecting their young from predators or teaching them survival skills, animals produce and care for their babies in some extraordinary ways. **(40 copies)**
Also recommended for grade 1-5 Science.

Belle of Batoche Guest, Jacqueline Gr. 4-5 c2004
Summary: Belle must put aside her struggle to become the church bell ringer when those she loves are threatened during the battle of Batoche, part of the Riel Rebellion. **(47 copies)**

Birthday Girl, The. Little, Jean Gr. 4 c2004
Summary: Nell has a wonderful birthday, so why does the next day have to be so awful? And where could her cat, Lady Jane Grey, have got to? **(40 copies)**

- Hidden Buffalo** Wiebe, Rudy Gr. 4 c2006
Summary: This tale is based on an ancient Cree legend. They search the prairie for the great buffalo herds that will provide food for the coming winter. They find none, and grow desperate with hunger. Sky Running wants to help his people. One night he has a vision that reveals to him where the great herds are in the badlands to the south, the territory of his tribe's fiercest rivals. The tribe must decide whether to follow a young boy's vision and risk venturing into enemy territory, or worse, stay and risk the harsh winter without sufficient food. **(40 copies)**
CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: Social Studies Grade 4; Dynamic Relationships.
- Hockey tree, The** David Ward Gr. 3-4 c2008
Summary: A warm tale of family and winter, tradition and hockey. **(40 copies)**
CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: English Language Arts Grade 3 & Grade 4; Personal and Philosophical Context
- How Coyote Stole the Summer** Steven Krensky Gr. 2-4 c2009
Summary: Brrrr! Coyote is always cold! That's because it's winter all year long. But Old Woman has something amazing called summer. It's tied up in a little bag in her tipi. Coyote and his friends Raven, Wolf, Moose, Elk, Stag, and Antelope make a plan to steal summer. But when Coyote grabs the bag, Old Woman's children chase after him. Will his plan work? Will everyone have a chance to share summer's warmth? Find out what happens in this fast-paced tale! **(40 copies)**
- Jacob Two-Two and the dinosaur** Richler, Mordecai Gr. 4 c1987
Summary: When Jacob Two-Two's father brings him back a small lizard from Kenya, it grows to enormous proportions and to protect his new identifiable Diplodocus from frightened grown-ups, Jacob runs away with him to British Columbia. **(37 copies)**
- Jacob Two-Two meets the hooded fang** Richler, Mordecai Gr. 4 c1975
Summary: Unjustly imprisoned by the Hooded Fang and other big people, Jacob Two-Two awaits the aid of the members of Child Power to free him and two hundred other children. **(50 copies/support materials)**
- James and the giant peach** Dahl, Roald Gr. 4 c1967
Summary: Wonderful adventures abound after James escapes from his fearful aunts by rolling away inside a giant peach. **(38 copies/support material)**
- Little house Christmas, A** Wilder, Laura Ingalls Gr. 4 c1932
Summary: A collection of stories which describe the experiences of a pioneer girl and her family as they celebrate various Christmases In the Big Woods in Wisconsin, on the prairie in Indian Territory, and on the banks of Plum Creek. **(15 copies)**

Lucky's Mountain Maycock, Dianne Gr. 4 c2007

Summary: After the death of her father forces the family to leave the close-knit mining town where they have always lived, Maggie Sullivan finds her world falling apart even further when she is told she must leave behind her beloved dog, Lucky. **(40 copies)**

CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: English Language Arts Grades 4 & 5; Social, Cultural, and Historical Context.

Marie of the Metis Common, Dianne L Gr. 4 c1982

Summary: Tells the story of a young girl's experience during a buffalo hunt near the Pembina Hills in the late 1800's. Highlighted are the complex organization of people necessary for such an endeavor and the role of women in the hunt. Particularly noted is the role of Louis Riel. **(21 copies)**

Mirror Mirror: a book of reversible verse Singer, Marilyn Gr. 4 & 5 c2010

Summary: First, read the poems forward (how old-fashioned!), then reverse the lines and read again to give familiar tales, from Sleeping Beauty to that Charming Prince, a delicious new spin.

CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED:

Suggested Use: English Language Arts Grade 4 & 5- Imaginative and Literary Context. (30 copies)

Mr. Popper's penguins Atwater, Richard Gr. 4 c1988, 1938

Summary: The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar Regions. **(81 copies/support material)**

Night crossing, The Ackerman, Karen Gr. 4 c1994

Summary: In 1938, having begun to feel the persecution that all Jews are experiencing in their Austrian city, Clara and her family escape over the mountains into Switzerland. **(49 copies)**

On my honor Bauer, Marion Dane Gr. 4-6 c1986

Summary: During a bicycle trip to the state park, Joel dares his best friend, Tony, to a swimming race in the dangerous Vermillion River. The boys have been warned never to go near the river, but Tony can't let Joel think he's scared. Both boys jump in. When Joel reaches the sandbar he turns and looks for Tony and finds that he has vanished. Joel is stunned. How can he face their parents and the terrible truth? **(40 copies/support material)**

Owls in the family Mowat, Farley Gr. 4 c1961

Summary: Billy finds Wol in a storm and Weeps in an old oil barrel. The story describes the adventures of Wol and Weeps, two owls from Saskatchewan who shake up a whole neighborhood, turn a house topsy-turvy and outsmart Mutt, the dog hero of "The Dog Who Wouldn't Be". **(153 copies/support material)**

Pizza the size of the sun, A Prelutsky, Jack Gr. 4 c1996

Summary: A collection of humorous poetry on a variety of topics. (29 copies)

Poppy Avi Gr. 4 c1995
Summary: Poppy the deer mouse urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas. **(45 copies)**

Sarah, plain and tall MacLachlan, Patricia Gr. 4 c1985
Summary: When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay. **(113 copies/support material)**

Shiloh season Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds Gr. 4 c1996
Summary: When mean and angry Judd, who has never known kindness, takes to drinking and mistreats his dogs, Marty discovers how deep a hurt can go and how long it takes to heal. **(49 copies)**

Skylark MacLachlan, Patricia Gr. 4 c1994
Summary: Sequel to the Newbery Medal winner "Sarah, Plain and Tall". When a drought tests the commitment of a mail-order bride from Maine to her new home on the prairie, her stepchildren hope they will be able to remain a family. **(42 copies/support material)**

Spinning through the universe: a novel in poems from room 214

Frost, Helen Gr. 4 & 5 c2004
Summary: A collection of poems written in the voices of Mrs. Williams of room 214, her students, and a custodian about their interactions with each other, their families, and the world around them. Includes notes on the poetic forms represented.
CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED:
Suggested Use: English Language Arts Grade 4 & 5- Personal and Philosophical Context. (30 copies)

Stone fox Gardiner, John Reynolds Gr. 4 c1980
Summary: Little Willie hopes to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm with the purse from a dog sled race he enters. **(130 copies/support material)**

Tales of a fourth grade nothing Blume, Judy Gr. 4 c1987, 1972
Summary: Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever increasing problem. **(77 copies/support material)**

Taste of blackberries, A Smith, Doris Buchanan Gr. 4 c1973
Summary: A young boy recounts his efforts to adjust to the accidental death of his best friend. **(39 copies/support material)**

Upchuck and the Rotten Willy Wallace, Bill Gr. 4 c1998
Summary: Upchuck the cat falls off a fence one night - into the yard of a beast as big as a car and black as death, his name was Rotten Willy. **(34 copies)**

Whipping boy, The Fleischman, Sid Gr. 4 c1986
Summary: A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws. **(47 copies/support material)**

Winter poems Rogasky, Barbara Gr. 4-6 c1994
Summary: A collection of winter poems ranging from late fall to early spring, by such authors as Shakespeare, Edgar Allan Poe, and Wallace Stevens. **(15 copies)**

Wolf Island Godkin, Celia Gr. 4 c1993
Summary: When a family of wolves is removed from the food chain on a small island, the impact on the island's ecology is felt by the other animals living there. **(31 copies/support material)**

Word after word after word MacLachlan, Patricia Gr. 4 & 5 c2010
Summary: Every school day feels the same for fourth graders Lucy and Henry and Evie and Russell and May. Then Ms. Mirabel comes to their class—bringing magical words and a whole new way of seeing and understanding.
CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED:
Suggested Use: English Language Arts Grade 4 & 5- Communicative Context; Personal and Philosophical Context. (30 copies)