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Fiction

Oliver and his Alligator by Paul Schmid (E Sch)

Nervous about the first day of school, Oliver brings an alligator to school for protection.

Marshall Armstrong is new to our school by David Mackintosh (E Mac)

Marshall Armstrong, the new boy in school, has strange ears, eats "space food," and is different from the other students in every way, but he proves himself when he invites the entire class to his birthday party.

Frindle by Andrew Clements (jF Cle)

When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

Wonder by R.J. Palacio (jF Pal)

Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates.

Schooled by Gordon Korman (jF Kor)

After his hippie grandmother ends up in the hospital, Cap Anderson is forced to leave the commune where he is homeschooled and attend Claverage Middle School, where his odd looks and behavior make him the target of bullies.

Non-fiction

Careers with Animals by The Humane Society of the United States (j636 Hum)

Describes various careers dealing with animals and the education and training necessary for such jobs as veterinarian, pet trainer, wildlife rehabilitator, humane investigator, photographer, and naturalist.

More picture-perfect science lessons: using children's books to guide inquiry K-4 by Karen Ansberry and Emily Morgan (j372.3 Ans)

Using a common format for teaching inquiry-based science, offers fifteen lessons for students in grades K-4 that use picture books to increase understanding of scientific subjects.

Nasreen's secret school: a true story from Afghanistan by Jeanette Winter (j371 Win 1/10)
After her parents are taken away by the Taliban, young Nasreen stops speaking, but as she spends time in a secret school, she slowly breaks out of her shell.

Picture-perfect science lessons: using children's books to guide inquiry 3-6 by Karen Ansberry and Emily Morgan (j372.3 Ans)

Provides fifteen lesson plans that incorporate picture books into the science curriculum.

Separate but Equal: the desegregation of America's schools by Anne Wallace Sharp (j379.2 Sha)

Describes the inequality of education between white and African American students after the Civil War, the legal cases that forced the integration of schools, and the reactions to the desegregation of schools that still continue today.