Blossom & Root Year 4 Language Arts Literature List

Mythology | The Hero’s Journey | Finding Your Voice

Required Selections
- Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O’Brien
- A Child’s Introduction to Greek Mythology by Heather Alexander
- Echo Mountain by Lauren Wolk
- Ramayana: Divine Loophole by Sanjay Patel
- Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome
- Poetry for Young People: Langston Hughes Edited by David Roessel and Arnold Rampersad
- Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia
- They Call Me Güero: A Border Kid’s Poems by David Bowles
- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L’Engle
- D’Aulaire’s Book of Norse Myths by Ingri d’Aulaire, Edgar Parin d’Aulaire
- A Wish in the Dark by Christina Soontornvat

Optional Additional Selections
These books are optional, and are accounted for in the curriculum guide if you choose to add them, with recommended chapters or selections to read each week:
- Optional additional selection to read during Greek mythology unit: The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book 1) by Rick Riordan
- Optional additional selection to read during Norse mythology unit: Odd and the Frost Giants by Neil Gaiman
- Optional additional poetry selections (weeks 1 - 15): Poetry for Kids: Emily Dickinson edited by Susan Snively
- Optional additional poetry selections (weeks 24 - 36): Hip-Hop Speaks to Children: A Celebration of Poetry with a Beat by Nikki Giovanni