

## Supplemental Book Suggestions

### Unit 4

Any texts and stories related to the Earth, the environment, and sustainability are appropriate to support learning in this Unit.

Notes:

\*OP: Out of print titles may be available in libraries or via used book stores (e.g., Amazon, etc.).

\*\*RL: Reading Level noted if above grade 3

#### Maine Authors and Maine Connections

*Creekfinding: a True Story*, Jacqueline Briggs Martin

*Days of the Ducklings*, Bruce McMillan

*Dinosaurs!* Gail Gibbons

*Dogosaurus*, Rex Anna Staniszewski; illustrated Kevin Hawkes

*Farmer Will and the Growing Table*, Jacqueline Briggs Martin

*Farming*, Gail Gibbons

*Follow the Moon Home: a Tale of One Idea, Twenty Kids, and a Hundred Sea Turtles*,  
Philippe Cousteau and Deborah Hopkinson

*A Garden of Whales*, Maggie Davis

*Growing Colors*, Bruce McMillan

*How the Ladies Stopped the Wind*, Bruce McMillan

*Miss Rumphius*, Barbara Cooney

*Mystery Vine* Cathryn Falwell

*Plesiosaur (Ancient Animals)*, Sarah L Thomson

*Project Puffin: How We Brought Puffins Back to Egg Rock*, Stephen W Kress,

*The Wonderful Egg*, Dahlov Zorach Ipcar

#### Sustainable Systems (Non fiction)

*Don't Throw That Away!: a Lift-the-Flap Book About Recycling and Reusing*, Lara Bergen

*Clothes and Toys (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)*, Deborah Chancellor RL 4.8

*Waste and Recycling Collector (My Early Library: My Friendly Neighborhood)*, Czeena  
Devera

*Fun with Recycling: 50 Great Things for Kids to Make from Junk*, Marion Elliot OP

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*Glass (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)*, Alexandra Fix OP  
*Metal (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)*, Alexandra Fix OP  
*Water (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)*, Alexandra Fix OP  
*Saving Water What's the Problem?*, Sloane Gould  
*Garbage and Litter (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)*, Jen Green RL 4.8  
*Reusing and Recycling (Help the Environment)*, Charlotte Guillain  
*Young Discoverers: Garbage and Recycling*, Rosie Harlow RL 4.8  
*Follow That Paper!: a Paper Recycling Journey (Keeping Cities Clean)*, Bridget Heos  
*Our World of Water: Children and Water Around the World*, Beatrice Hollyer RL 4.6  
*The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle Story about Recycling (Little Green Books)*, Alison Inches RL 4.5  
*A Cool Drink of Water (images and ideas from around the world)*, Barbara Kerley  
*I am Not a Box! (Ready-Made Recycling)*, Emily Kington  
*I am Not an Egg Carton! (Ready-Made Recycling)*, Emily Kington  
*Trash Magic: a Book About Recycling a Plastic Bottle (A+ Books: Earth Matters)*, Angie Lepetit  
*Recycling, Step by Step*, Jean Lundquist E- Book  
*A Trip to the Recycling Center (PowerKids Readers: My Community)*, Sara Milner  
*Being Responsible (First Step Non fiction)*, Robin Nelson  
*How I Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle (First Step Non fiction)*, Robin Nelson  
*Garbage and Recycling (How Does My Home Work?)*, Chris Oxlade  
*Recycling (Green Planet)*, Rebecca Pettiford  
*What Happens at a Recycling Center? (Where People Work)*, Kathleen Pohl  
*Responsibility (Character education)*, Lucia Raatma  
*Recycle That! (Rookie Read About Science)*, Fay Robinson OP  
*Food and Garden Waste (Recycling)*, Kate Walker  
*Metal Cans (Recycling)*, Kate Walker  
*Time to Recycle (Pebble Plus Earth and Space)*, Rebecca Weber  
*Wangari's Trees of Peace: a True Story from Africa*, Jeanette Winter

### **Children as Change Agents**

*Making a Difference Respecting our World*, Sue Barraclough OP  
*I can Reuse and Recycle (Pebble Plus: Helping The Environment)*, Mary Boone  
*Olivia's Birds: Saving the Gulf (an Audubon book,)* Olivia Boulter RL 4.9  
*Choose to Reuse*, Lisa Bullard  
*Be the Change : a Grandfather Gandhi Story*, Arun Gandhi  
*The New Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth*, Sophie Javna RL 6.4

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*How I Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle (First Step Nonfiction: Responsibility In Action)*, Robin Nelson

*Make a Change*, Rhonda Rucker

*Our Earth How Kids are Saving the Planet*, Janet Wilson RL 6.3

### **Gardening (Fiction)**

*The Curious Garden*, Peter Brown RL 4.4

*Flower Garden*, Eve Bunting

*Sunflower House*, Eve Bunting

*The Tiny Seed*, Eric Carle

*How Groundhog's Garden Grew*, Lynne Cherry OP

*Jack's Garden*, Henry Cole

*Planting a Rainbow*, Lois Ehlert

*Pandas Planting*, Megan Halsey

*Tops and Bottoms*, Janet Stevens

*The Gigantic Turnip* Aleksei, Tolstoy and Niamh Sharkey (and other versions of this same tale)

### **Gardening Composting, Seeds, Soil, and Earthworms (Non Fiction)**

*A Handful of Dirt*, Raymond Bial RL 5.8

*Seeds (Plant Parts series)*, Vijaya Bodach

*A Tree is a Plant*, Clyde Robert Bulla

*Garbage Helps your Garden Grow: a Compost Story*, Linda Glaser E Book

*Wonderful Worms*, Linda Glaser

*An Earthworm's Life (Nature Up close)*, John Himmelman

*Seed is Sleepy*, Dianna Hutts Aston

*What Do Roots Do?*, Kathleen Kudlinski

*A Green Kid's Guide to Composting (Green Kid's Guide To Gardening!)*, Richard Lay

*Pumpkin Circle*, George Levenson

*From Kernel to Corn* Robin Nelson

*Composting (Way To Grow! Gardening)*, Rebecca Pettiford

*Wiggling Worms at Work (Let's Read and Find out Science)*, Wendy Pfeffer

*What's Sprouting in My Trash: A book about Composting (A+ Books: Earth matters)*, Esther Porter

*Fruit is a Suitcase for Seeds (Exceptional Non fiction Titles for Primary Grades)*, Jean Richards

*One Bean*, Anne Rockwell

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*Compost basics*, Mari Schuh and Gail Saunders Smith O.P.  
*Plant Stems Roots (Look once, Look Again)*, David Schwartz  
*Compost Stew*, Mary McKenna Siddals RL 4.8

### **Examples of Field Guides**

*Berries, Nuts, and Seeds Take Along Guide*, Diane Burns  
*Wildflowers (National Audubon Society First Field Guide)*, by Susan Hood  
*A Field Guide to Monsters*, Johan Olander RL 7.3  
*National Audubon Society Field Guides* (series)  
*Peterson Field Guides* (series try editions of Trees, Plants, Animals of New England)  
*National Audubon Society First Field Guide Mammals*, Scholastic  
*Birds (National Audubon Society First Field Guides)*, Scott Weindensaul

### **Mentor Texts for Persuasive Writing**

*Click Clack Moo*, Doreen Cronin  
*Can I have a Stegosaurus, Mom*, Lois Grambling O.P.  
*I Wanna Iguana*, Karen Kaufman Orloff  
*I Wanna New Room*, Karen Kaufman Orloff  
*Persuading Miss Doover*, Robin Pulver  
*Stella Writes an Opinion*, Janiel M. Wagstaff  
*Don't let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*, Mo Willems

### **Fossils and Archeology (Non Fiction)**

*Right Here on This Spot*, Sharon Addy O.P.  
*Fossils (Blastoff! Readers Level 3: Earth Science Rocks!)*, Chris Bowman  
*Archaeologists Dig for Clues*, Kate Duke  
*Fossils (Sandcastle-Our Extreme Earth)*, Rebecca Felix  
*Figuring Out Fossils*, Sally Walker RL 4.3

### **Other Earth Science topics**

*The Barefoot Book of Earth Tales*, Dawn Casey  
*Cracking up a Story about Erosion (Science Works)*, Jacqui Bailey RL 5.1  
*If You Find a Rock*, Peggy Christian  
*Erosion Changing Earth's Surface (Amazing Science, Picture Windows)*, Robin Koontz  
*Composting Nature's Recyclers (Amazing Science, Picture Windows)*, Robin Koontz RL 4.1  
*All about Erosion*, Charmaine Robertson  
*Where Does the Garbage Go? (Let's Read and Find Out Science 2)*, Paul Showers

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## Literature for Teachers

*Schoolyard Enhanced Learning Using the Outdoors as an Instructional Tool, K-8*, Herbert Broda

*Moving the Classroom Outdoors Schoolyard Enhanced Learning in Action*, Herbert Broda

*How to Grow a School Garden Complete Guide for Parents and Teachers*, Arden Bucklin

*Spore Asphalt to Ecosystems Design Ideas for Schoolyard Transformation*, Sharon Danks

*Gardening for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Special Educational Needs*

*Engaging with Nature to Combat Anxiety, Promote Sensory Integration and Build Social Skills*, Natasha Etherington

*Gardening Projects for Kids Fantastic Ideas for Making Things, Growing Plants and Flowers, and Attracting Wildlife*, Jenny Hendy O.P.

*Kid's Container Gardening: Year Round Projects for Inside and Out*, Cindy Krezel E Book

*Learning Gardens and Sustainability Education Bringing Life to Schools and Schools to Life*,

Dilafroz Williams