**Top 10 Books and Book Resources**

1. Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch
   1. Princess Elizabeth set out on a journey to say her fiancé from a fire breathing dragon
   2. Challenges gender roles
   3. Discusses the meaning of happiness
2. Something From Nothing by Phoebe Gilman
   1. Adaptation of Jewish tale about a grandfather who continues to transform Joseph’s baby blanket
   2. Highlights important family connections and their traditions
   3. Demonstrates problem solving and reusing of materials
3. Quiltmaker's Gift by Jeff Brumbeau
   1. A talents quiltmaker, who gives her beautiful creations to others, helps a greedy King to have a paradigm shift
   2. Questions what is means to be generous and what it means to be happy
   3. Cautions against greed and obsessions with material wealth
4. The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
   1. A vibrantly coloured caterpillar adventures through food and life to become a butterfly and makes little holes in each meal
   2. Teaches counting, the day of the week and the life cycle of a butterfly
   3. Encourages a balanced diet
5. A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
   1. Based on a true story, this novel follows Nya and Salva (South Sudan natives whose stories are separated by 25 years) on their journeys of fetching water and keeping their families safe
   2. Centralized on perseverance and the importance of never giving up hope
   3. Embodies compassion for others
6. North Star to Freedom by Gena K. Gorrell & Lawrence David
   1. This historical chronicle depicts the journey African Americans, using the underground railroad, to acquire their freedom
   2. Revels the ill treatment and discriminatory practises used against African Americans from the Atlantic slave trade to the American Civil War
   3. Exemplifies strength of the human spirit and the perseverance towards a better life
7. Secret Path by Gordon Downie
   1. Tells the story of a First Nations boy trying to find his way home from the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School (song by Downie that was converted into a song)
   2. Outlines the plight of Indgenous people trying to regain their heritage
   3. Recognizes the loss of identity and ethnocentrism
8. The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds
   1. Exhibits a child who initially doubts her artistic abilities, but, with encouragement from her teacher, learns to believe in herself
   2. Indicates a paradigm shift
   3. Encouragement to be proud of oneself and their creations
9. The Chick and the Duckling by Mirra Ginsburg
   1. A chick goes through a process of trying to be like other animals, but ultimately decides that the best person to be is himself
   2. Outlines a journey of self discovery
   3. Suggests that everyone has their own unique qualities that should be celebrated
10. Number the Stars by Lois Lowery
    1. This novel recounts the relationship between Annemarie and Ellen, a Jewish girl living in the midst of WWII, where Annemarie breaks down the walls of prejudice to save Ellen and her family
    2. Represents historical representation of the atrocities of WWII
    3. Confirms that small deeds can make a large impact

* Book Resources:
  + AB Education 4-12 Recommend Novel List -<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/a0161050-c8a6-43c0-b66b-b714c79a2ce7/resource/68e64d1e-679f-4e0e-a7d1-51d866c609be/download/3802651-EDUC-ELA-novel-grades-4to12.pdf>
  + Teacher First 100 Books -<http://www.teachersfirst.com/100books.cfm>
  + Caldecott Winners -<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/caldecotthonors/caldecottmedal>
  + Character Building Books -<http://www.the-best-childrens-books.org/Character-Education-books.html>
  + <http://www.goodnet.org/articles/25-childrens-books-that-teach-kids-meaningful-values>
  + ALSC Graphic Novel List -<http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/graphicnovels2016>