



I Begin With Spring: The Life and Seasons of Henry David Thoreau by Julie Dunlap.

Powerful poetry and stunning artwork celebrate the accomplishments, courage, and resilience of African Americans, highlighting specific moments and movements along with prominent Black writers, musicians, athletes, activists, and ordinary heroes. This unforgettable book will inspire discussion and further explorations.

Little Houses

Little Houses by Kevin Henkes. From the discovery of shells on the beach to wondering about the depths of the ocean, Henkes takes you on a journey of exploration and realization that we don't know what we don't know. Curiosity about the big world around us brings appreciation and excitement about knowing more. For ages 3 – 8.



On Earth by G. Brian Karas.

This is a fun book to pull out when kids start to be curious about the planet they live on. Simple explanations of the earth's rotation around the sun and how long that takes will help kids 4 to 8 years old understand big concepts like time and seasons. **On Earth** would also be a great place to start the study of planets and space.



We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom.

This is a tale of indigenous peoples who have sought to protect the water of the earth from the oil companies that pollute it. Gorgeous illustrations that accompany the text help teach children about protecting life-giving water and all the living things it sustains. For ages 6 - 10.

My Friend the Earth by Patricia MacLachlan.

The flowing illustrations in this book personify Earth and show her loving care over animals, habitats, and people. Cut outs and variously shaped pages will have kids physically exploring this book to discover what's on the next page. For ages 3 – 10.

How to Say Hello to a Worm: A First

Guide to Outside by Kari Percival. Preschoolers love to dig in the dirt and this book encourages that and more as we watch small children plant and tend a garden together. Bold and colorful illustrations enhance the simple text about exploring in the dirt. Information about gardening with toddlers is both helpful and positive! For ages 1 – 5.

Still This Love Goes On by Buffy Sainte-Marie.

This book celebrates the natural world and the people and places that inhabit it with lyrics from Saint-Marie's famous song lovingly illustrated by Julie Flett. Children. Find a recording online and listen to it as you turn pages. Explore the illustration by asking questions like "What is happening on this page?" For ages 0 - 8.

To Change a Planet by Christina Soontornvat.

Simple, but powerful text is accompanied by equally powerful illustrations in this book about how big, powerful and tough our earth is and yet, it is still so fragile. The big issues of climate change and pollution are explained clearly for kids ages 4 - 10.







