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### A Repair Kit for Grading Yearling Books

When twelve-year-old Izzy discovers a beat-up baseball marked with the words "Because magic" while unpacking in yet another new apartment, she is determined to figure

out what it means. What secrets does this old ball have to tell? Her mom certainly isn't sharing any especially when it comes to Izzy's father, who died before Izzy was born. But when she spends the summer in her Nana's remote New Mexico village, Izzy discovers long-buried secrets that come alive in an enchanted landscape of watermelon mountains, whispering winds, and tortilla suns. Infused with the flavor of the southwest and sprinkled with just a pinch of magic, this heartfelt middle grade debut is as rich and satisfying as Nana's homemade enchiladas.

Planting a Path to Peace Chronicle Books  
Slowly Jack learns the pleasures of writing poetry as Miss Stretchberry encourages him to tell his own story through verse. What emerges is a moving and memorable story about a boy and his dog and his growing passion for poetry.

The History and Present State of Electricity  
National Academies Press

This collection of letters from the 26th President of the United States to his six children was an immediate bestseller when it was originally published in 1919, shortly after Roosevelt's death. Written between 1898 and 1911, the letters show Roosevelt as a devoted and encouraging father, with a sense of humor and a skilled sketching hand.

**Winesburg, Ohio (A Group of Tales of**

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**Ohio Small-Town Life)** e-artnow

Apolonia "Lina" Flores is a sock enthusiast, a volleyball player, a science lover, and a girl who's just looking for answers. Even though her house is crammed full of books (her dad's a bibliophile), she's having trouble figuring out some very big questions, like why her dad seems to care about books more than her, why her best friend's divorced mom is obsessed with making cascarones (hollowed eggshells filled with colorful confetti), and, most of all, why her mom died last year. Like colors in cascarones, Lina's life is a rainbow of people, interests, and unexpected changes. In her first novel for young readers, Diana López creates a clever and honest story about a young Latina girl navigating growing pains in her South Texan city.

**Lightning Thief, The (Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book 1)** Kumon Pub North America Limited

In today's rapidly changing and information-rich world, students are not acquiring adequate knowledge and skills to prepare them for careers in mathematics, science, and

technology with the traditional approach to assessment and instruction. New competencies (e.g., information communication and technology skills) are needed to deal successfully with the deluge of data. In order to accomplish this, new "educationally valuable" skills must be acknowledged and assessed. Toward this end, the skills we value and support for a society producing knowledge workers, not simply service workers, must be identified, together with methods for their measurement. Innovative Assessment for the 21st Century explores the faces of future assessment—and ask hard questions, such as: What would an assessment that captures all of the above attributes look like? Should it be standardized? What is the role of the professional teacher?

**Practices, Crosscutting Concepts, and Core Ideas** Nelson Thornes

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

Donavan's Word Jar

ReadingGrade 6

Board-specific Teacher Support Packs provide advice and assistance on how to approach this new qualification. This Pack is appropriate for Edexcel and includes information on how to prepare students for external assessment and how to assist them in preparing their portfolios.

*Florida Science* John Wiley & Sons

The bestselling guide for school leaders—updated in a new edition Data-driven instruction is the philosophy that schools should focus on two simple questions: how do you know if are students learning? And when they are not, what do you do

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about it? Driven by Data 2.0 is a practical guide that answers these questions to empower schools to achieve significant gains in student achievement. Rooted in a proven framework that has been implemented in thousands of schools, the book presents what makes schools successful along with tools to put the framework into place to make data work for your schools: Assess—set the roadmap for learning Analyze—identify why students struggle Act—teach more effectively what students need Build the culture—train and develop your staff so that data-driven instruction can thrive If you're a K - 12 leader, coach, or teacher looking to implement data-driven instruction in your school district, Driven by Data 2.0 has the tools to train your staff: PD materials, videos of exemplar practice and all the resources you need to achieve remarkable results.

### **Developing Assessments for the**

### **Next Generation Science Standards**

John Wiley & Sons

When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, 11-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya in search of safe haven. Based on the life of Salva Dut, who, after emigrating to America in 1996, began a project to dig water wells in Sudan. By a Newbery Medal-winning author.

### **Seeds of Change** Doubleday

Nineteen poems about moles, shrews, worms, muskrats, and other small animals that inhabit the woods and fields.

The Fast and the Furriest Carson-Dellosa Publishing

"A biography of Kenyan Nobel Peace Prize winner and environmentalist Wangari Maathai, a female scientist who made a stand in the face of opposition to women's rights and her own Greenbelt Movement, an effort to restore Kenya's ecosystem by planting millions of trees"--Provided by publisher.

*Dragonwings* Dramatists Play Service Inc

Communicating about student achievement requires accurate, consistent and meaningful grades. Educators interested in examining and improving grading practices should ask the following questions: \* Am I confident that students in my classroom receive consistent, accurate and meaningful grades that support learning? \* Am I confident that the grades I assign students accurately reflect my school or district's published performance standards and desired learning outcomes? In many schools, the answers to these questions often range from "not very" to "not at all." When that's the case, grades are "broken" and teachers and schools need a "repair kit" to fix them. A Repair Kit for Grading: 15 Fixes for Broken Grades, 2/e gives teachers and administrators 15 ways to make the necessary repairs.

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<http://www.ati.pearson.com> to  
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assessment, download study  
guides, and more!

15 Fixes for Broken Grades

Prentice Hall

"This workbook will introduce your  
child to grade six vocabulary and  
reading comprehension exercises in  
a step-by-step manner."--Cover.

**Energy Research Abstracts**

Scholastic Inc.

The classic story about the power  
of words Donavan Allen doesn't  
collect coins, comics, or trading  
cards like most kids. He collects  
words--big words, little words,  
soft words, and silly words.

Whenever Donavan finds a new word,  
he writes it on a slip of paper  
and puts it in his word jar. But  
one day, Donavan discovers that  
his word jar is full. He can't put  
any new words in without taking  
some of the old words out--and he  
wants to keep all his words.

Donavan doesn't know what to do,  
until a visit to his grandma  
provides him with the perfect  
solution.

**Something Beautiful Little,**  
Brown Books for Young Readers  
ReadingGrade 6Kumon Pub North  
America Limited

*A Practical Guide to Improve  
Instruction* Disney Electronic  
Content

Standards-Based Connections

Reading for grade 2 offers focused  
skill practice in reading  
comprehension. A skill assessment  
will point out students' learning  
gaps. This allows teachers to  
choose appropriate student pages  
for individualized remediation.  
The student pages emphasize five  
important reading comprehension  
skills: summarizing, inferring,  
story elements, comparing and  
contrasting, and cause and effect.  
The book includes high-interest  
fiction and nonfiction, with texts  
about moving day, volcanoes, Laura  
Ingalls Wilder, planets, poetry,  
and more. --Each 96-page book in  
the Standards-Based Connections  
Reading series includes a skill  
assessment, an assessment  
analysis, targeted practice pages,  
and an answer key, making this  
series an ideal resource for  
differentiation and remediation.

The skill assessments and  
assessment analyses help teachers  
determine individualized  
instructional needs. And, the  
focused, comprehensive practice  
pages and self-assessments guide  
students to reflection and  
exploration for deeper learning!  
*Principles to Actions*  
National Academies Press  
Offers a practical guide for  
improving schools  
dramatically that will enable  
all students from all  
backgrounds to achieve at  
high levels. Includes  
assessment forms, an index,  
and a DVD.

**Salt** McGraw-Hill Education  
Assessments, understood as tools  
for tracking what and how well  
students have learned, play a  
critical role in the classroom.  
Developing Assessments for the  
Next Generation Science Standards  
develops an approach to science  
assessment to meet the vision of  
science education for the future  
as it has been elaborated in A  
Framework for K-12 Science  
Education (Framework) and Next

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Generation Science Standards (NGSS). These documents are brand new and the changes they call for are barely under way, but the new assessments will be needed as soon as states and districts begin the process of implementing the NGSS and changing their approach to science education. The new Framework and the NGSS are designed to guide educators in significantly altering the way K-12 science is taught. The Framework is aimed at making science education more closely resemble the way scientists actually work and think, and making instruction reflect research on learning that demonstrates the importance of building coherent understandings over time. It structures science education around three dimensions - the practices through which scientists and engineers do their work, the key crosscutting concepts that cut across disciplines, and the core ideas of the disciplines - and argues that they should be interwoven in every aspect of science education, building in sophistication as students progress through grades

K-12. Developing Assessments for the Next Generation Science Standards recommends strategies for developing assessments that yield valid measures of student proficiency in science as described in the new Framework. This report reviews recent and current work in science assessment to determine which aspects of the Framework's vision can be assessed with available techniques and what additional research and development will be needed to support an assessment system that fully meets that vision. The report offers a systems approach to science assessment, in which a range of assessment strategies are designed to answer different kinds of questions with appropriate degrees of specificity and provide results that complement one another. Developing Assessments for the Next Generation Science Standards makes the case that a science assessment system that meets the Framework's vision should consist of assessments designed to support classroom instruction, assessments designed to monitor science learning on a broader scale, and indicators

designed to track opportunity to learn. New standards for science education make clear that new modes of assessment designed to measure the integrated learning they promote are essential. The recommendations of this report will be key to making sure that the dramatic changes in curriculum and instruction signaled by Framework and the NGSS reduce inequities in science education and raise the level of science education for all students.

Theodore Roosevelt's Letters to His Children Applewood Books

Narrative of Amundsen's attainment of the South Pole, December 1911. Vol. 2. contains appendices on the eastern sledge journey, the voyage of the Fram, the construction of the Fram, and scientific results of the expedition.

**Wonders, Your Turn Practice Book, Grade 3** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

In the early twentieth century,

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a young Chinese boy joins his  
father in San Francisco and  
helps him realize his dream of  
making a flying machine.