

QUARTER 1



CHARACTER BASED LITERACY

Responsibility Requires Action

Responsibility is the active side of morality: doing what I should do, doing what I said I would do, what is best for everybody; especially doing the one thing I should be doing right now.

High School

Cycle II 2017-2018

The Circuit

Francisco Jimenez

These 12 poignant short stories about a family of migrant workers in the California fields are based on the author's own experiences. Each story describes the tenacity and courage of a family determined to build on its limited opportunities. California author and setting.

The Long Valley

John Steinbeck

This classic collection, first published in 1938, serves as a wonderful introduction to Steinbeck's work. Set in the beautiful Salinas Valley of California, Where simple people farm the land and struggle to find a place for themselves in the world, these stories reflect Steinbeck's characteristic interests: the tensions between town and country, laborers and owners, past and present. (Book Jacket)

Julius Caesar

William Shakespeare

Brutus, best friend of the Roman ruler Caesar, reluctantly joins a successful plot to murder Caesar and subsequently destroys himself. (Circa 1599.)

Drama



Middle School

Cycle I 2017-2018

Tuck Everlasting

Natalie Babbitt

The Tuck family have become ageless by drinking from a magic spring. When ten-year-old Winnie Foster and a greedy evil stranger discover their secret, the Tucks are determined to prevent a disaster.

The Breadwinner

Deborah Ellis

Since the Taliban took over Afghanistan, 11-year-old Parvana has rarely been outdoors. Barred from attending school, shopping at the market, or even playing in the streets of Kabul, the heroine of *The Breadwinner* is trapped inside her family's one-room home. That is, until the Taliban hauls away her father and Parvana realizes that it's up to her to become the "breadwinner" and disguise herself as a boy to support her mother, two sisters, and baby brother.

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key

Jack Gantos

Joey Pigza is out of control because he has attention deficit disorder (ADD). After injuring another student, Joey finally gets the right professional help and starts to regain control of his actions. The story is told from Joey's point of view and is useful to introduce a discussion about ADD or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).