

Chapter 2—Family Reading Resource Guide

Chapter 2: Responsibility: A Basic Skill

Below is a list of readings that support this chapter's topic. Each title contains a link to a dedicated webpage where the item can be purchased or downloaded (if available). Click on the blue text at the end of the title to activate the link. If the link provided is not longer valid, you can search for the title using the ISBN provided with each title.

Elementary

Where the Wild Things Are. Author: Maurice Sendak. A story of a little boy and main character of the story, named Max. After his mother sends him to bed without dinner, Max falls asleep and his room immediately transforms into a moonlit forest surrounded by a vast ocean. **ISBN: 978-0064431781.**

[Available at Amazon.](#)

I Just Forgot. Author: Mercer Mayer. Little Critter is having a very forgetful day in this classic, funny, and heartwarming book. Whether he's forgetting his lunchbox, forgetting to put on his rain boots, or forgetting to turn off the water, both parents and children alike will relate to this beloved story. A perfect way to teach children about responsibility! **ISBN: 978-0307119759.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

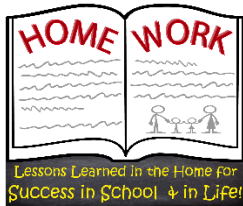
Arthur's Pet Business. Author: Marc Brown. PBS's beloved character Arthur starts his own pet-sitting business to show Mom and Dad that he can be responsible! Between the boa constrictor, an ant farm, and a group of frogs, however, he's got his hands full! **ISBN: 978-0316113168.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Strega Nona. Author: Tomie dePaola. When Strega Nona leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works in this classic Caldecott Honor. Author-illustrator Tomie dePaola combines humor in the writing and warmth in the paintings as he builds the story to its hilarious climax. **ISBN: 978-0671666064.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Preteen/Teen

Seedfolks. Author: Paul Fleischman. Newbery Medal-winning *Seedfolks* tells 13 stories from diverse perspectives—young and old, immigrant and native, haunted and hopeful. A fractured neighborhood unites with just a few seeds, turning a drab empty lot in Cleveland into beautiful green garden. **ISBN: 978-0064472074.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Rocky Road. Author: Rose Kent. This moving story of family, community, and ice cream proves that with a little help from the people around us, life really can be sweet-and a little nutty-just like Rocky Road. **ISBN: 978-0375863455.** [Available at Amazon.](#)



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Additional Titles to Explore

The Berenstain Bears and the Messy Room. Authors: Stan and Jan Berenstain. This story is a good way to teach children about tidying up, organization, and taking good care of their belongings. **ISBN: 978-0394856391.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Being Responsible: A Book About Responsibility. Author: Mary Small. Explains many different ways that children can be responsible and show responsibility. **ISBN: 978-1404810525.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

If Everybody Did. Author: Jo Ann Stover. The hilarious and terrible consequences of everyone doing his own thing are portrayed by author/artist Jo Ann Stover in *If Everybody Did*. Children and adults alike will enjoy this precautionary tale with its concise rhyming text, and amusing illustrations. **ISBN: 978-0890844878.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

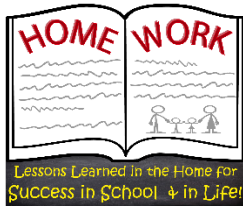
If You Made a Million. Author: David M. Schwartz. Marvelosissimo the Mathematical Magician is ready, willing, and able to explain the nuts and bolts—as well as the mystery and wonder—of earning money, investing it, accruing dividends and interest, and watching savings grow. Hey, you never know! **ISBN: 978-0688136345.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

You Can Count on Me: Learning About Responsibility. Author: Regina G. Burch. A book that helps children learn about responsibility. Activities such as feeding the family pet, doing homework, keeping promises, sharing with someone who has had an unfortunate loss of their snack, and cleaning up are among the topics covered in this 16-page book. **ISBN: 978-1574718300.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Do I Have To?: Kids Talk About Responsibility. Author: Nancy Loewen. Uses an advice-column format to define responsibility as a character value and demonstrate how it can be used in daily situations. **ISBN: 978-1404803633.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

The Kid Who Ran for President. Author: Dan Gutman. Humor, adventure, and excitement will draw kids into the world of elections and politics. This is a delightful, fast-paced, funny, and surprising account of a boy's run for the Oval Office in the year 2000. Under the tutelage of his brainy friend and self-appointed campaign manager, the affable sixth-grader takes on the Democrats and Republicans as a Third-Party candidate who can make waves. **ISBN: 978-0545442138.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Doing Good Together: 101 Easy, Meaningful Service Projects for Families, Schools, and Communities. Authors: Jenny Friedman, Ph.D., and Jolene Roehlkepartain. *Doing Good Together* answers the growing demand for family volunteerism with 101 hands-on service projects focused on easing poverty, promoting literacy, supporting the troops, helping the environment, and more. Each project provides time requirements, materials list, step-by-step instructions, debriefing questions, recommended



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books for kids and teens, and ideas for extending the activity. **ISBN: 978-1575423548.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Giant Steps to Change the World. Authors: Spike Lee and Tonya Lewis Lee. *Giant Steps to Change the World* encourages readers to follow in the footsteps of those who came before, to reject fears of inadequacy, and to ponder what they can contribute to society. Using examples of people throughout history who have taken "giant steps," this book urges kids to follow in their footsteps and not be hindered by fear or a sense that you are not good enough. **ISBN: 978-0689868153.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

It's Your World: Get Informed, Get Inspired & Get Going! Author: Chelsea Clinton. Chelsea Clinton combines facts, charts, photographs and stories to give readers a deep understanding of the world around them—and how anyone can make a difference. With stories about children and teens who have made real changes big and small in their families, their communities, in our country and across the world, this book will inspire readers of all ages to do their part to make our world a better place. **ISBN: 978-0399176128.** [Available at Amazon.](#)