

Little Ray Children’s Books Inc.
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Florida B.E.S.T. Standards Alignment & Educational Justification

Publisher: Little Ray Children’s Books Inc.

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Distribution: Ingram Content Group

Curriculum Availability: Approved for inclusion in Alachua, Palm Beach, and Manatee County Public School Media Libraries.

I. Curriculum Alignment Summary

Little Ray Children’s Books provides nature-based narratives designed to support Florida **B.E.S.T. (Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking)** standards. Our materials bridge the gap between foundational literacy and Social-Emotional Learning (SEL), providing educators with vetted tools for classroom engagement.

II. Technical Standards Mapping

- **Phonological Awareness (K-2):**
 - **ELA.K.F.1.2 / ELA.1.F.1.2:** Texts utilize rhythmic meter and alliteration to reinforce sound-letter associations and phonemic awareness.
- **Literary Analysis & Character (K-5):**
 - **ELA.1.R.1.1 / ELA.2.R.1.1:** Stories like *The Foxy Armadillos* utilize realistic social themes to help students identify plot elements and character traits.
- **Cross-Curricular Nature Science:**
 - **ELA.V.1.1:** Content integrates domain-specific vocabulary related to Florida ecosystems, supporting both literacy and science benchmarks.

III. Community & Clinical Validation

Our materials are currently utilized in high-impact partnerships, including the **Wolfson Children’s Hospital Literacy Project** and the **Coins for Curiosity** classroom pilot program.