The following is a set of books selected to support the concepts introduced in the Kindergarten Balls and Ramps FOSS module. All books were in print and available at the listed prices as of August 2005.

**Armentrout, David. HOW CAN I EXPERIMENT WITH AN INCLINED PLANE?** Rourke. 2003. 32p., $28.50, ISBN 1-58952-594-9. Investigates inclined planes through simple experiments that demonstrate how they work. The author also defines an inclined plane and explains its function as a simple machine.


**Foster, Kelli. LET’S PLAY BALL.** Follett. 1996. 30p., $8.36. ISBN 0-8120-9435-2. Finding a lost baseball is the only thing standing in the way of a perfect ball-playing day.


**Glover, David. RAMPS AND WEDGES.** Heinemann. 1997. 24p, $16.95, $6.95 pb., ISBN 1-57572-083-3. A different look at simple machines uses a variety of examples from scissors and axes to zippers and hairpin turns to demonstrate the
power of the inclined plane and to show how ramps and wedges make work and play easier. Illustrated with color photographs.

**Gold-Dworkin, Heidi. FUN WITH MIXING AND CHEMISTRY.** McGraw-Hill. 2000. 58p, $22.20, $12.95 pb., ISBN 0-07-134825-5. This book of experiments for young children explores the world of chemistry. Of particular interest is the section on chemicals that bounce, including directions for making a ball out of borax and white glue.

**Hillert, Margaret. THE BALL BOOK.** Mod.Curr. 1981. 31p, $12.26, ISBN 0813656060. In this easily read text, the author shows many different people playing a variety of games involving balls.


**Lucado, Max. YOU ARE MINE.** Crossway. 2001. 31p., $13.59, ISBN 1-58134-276-4. When Pundhinello tries to prove his worth by getting more boxes and balls than the other Wemmicks, he learns that his maker, Eli loves him because of who he is and not what he possesses.

**Madgwick, Wendy. ON THE MOVE.** Steck-Vaughn. 1999. 32p., $25.64, $5.95pb., ISBN 0-8172-5884-1. Things do not move by themselves – there must be a force to pull or push them. This text provides 11 simple demonstrations to help young children understand the concept of movement. All are connected to the BALLS AND RAMPS investigations and can be done by children with materials commonly found in the classroom.

**Morrison, Keith. STITCHES.** Ambassador. 2003. 32p., $12.95, ISBN 1-929039-15-8. One of the balls in a baseball factory, which dreams of playing in the major leagues, has a happy and surprising life after a mailman takes him home to his young son.

**Oxlade, Chris. RAMPS AND WEDGES.** Heinemann. 2003. 32p., $24.21, ISBN 1403438021. Uses a variety of examples, from scissors and axes to zippers and hairpin turns to demonstrate the power of the inclined plane and shows how ramps and wedges make work and play easier.

**Reiser, Lynn. THE LOST BALL/LA PELOTA PERDIDA.** HarperCollins. 2002. unp., $16.00, ISBN 0-06029763-8. Two young boys and their dogs are playing ball in the park. The balls become lost and they go in search, finding every kind of ball. The dogs retrieve a soccer ball, a baseball, etc., until they finally find the balls
that belong to them. The scant text is in this bilingual book is illustrated in black and white with only the different types of balls in color.


Saltzberg, Barney. MRS. MORGAN’S LAWN. Follett. 1998. 32p., $4.95pb., ISBN 0-7868-1294-X. Mrs. Morgan, who is very fussy and protective about her front yard, confiscates all the soccer balls, baseballs, and other kinds of balls that land there while neighborhood children are playing.


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