

**Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School
2016-2017 Summer Reading List
Kindergarten- Grade 4 Summer Reading List**

Kindergarten Required Reading:

An adult should read the following book to their child.

<p><i>The Night Before Kindergarten</i> It's the first day of school! Join the kids as they prepare for kindergarten, packing school supplies, posing for pictures, and the hardest part of all—saying good-bye to Mom and Dad. But maybe it won't be so hard once they discover just how much fun kindergarten really is! Guided Reading Level M</p>	<p>Natasha Wing</p>
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First Grade Required Reading: Choose at least one.

Children may not be able to read these books independently. Please feel free to read books from this selection to your child.

<p><i>Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See?</i> A big happy frog, a plump purple cat, a handsome blue horse, and a soft yellow duck — all parade across the pages of this delightful book. Guided Reading Level C</p>	<p>Bill Martin</p>
<p><i>Today is Monday</i> Each large spread features a different animal enjoying a tasty meal: a porcupine with Monday's string beans; a snake with Tuesday's spaghetti; an elephant with Wednesday's "ZOOOOP"...right up to a monkey with Sunday's ice-cream treat. Guided Reading Level D</p>	<p>Eric Carle</p>
<p><i>The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear</i> Little Mouse will do all he can to save his strawberry from the Big, Hungry Bear, even if it means sharing it with the reader. The Little Mouse and the Big Hungry Bear are known and loved by millions of children around the world. Little Mouse loves strawberries, but so does the bear...How will Little Mouse stop the bear from eating his freshly picked, red, ripe strawberry. Guided Reading Level I</p>	<p>Don and Audrey Wood</p>
<p><i>Fish is Fish</i> A modern fable of a minnow who wants to follow his tadpole friend, who becomes a frog, onto land. Guided Reading Level L</p>	<p>Leo Lionni</p>

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Second Grade Required Reading: Choose at least one.

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<p><i>Rosie's Walk</i> Rosie the hen sets out for her daily walk on the farm, leaving the safety of her chicken coop. Guided Reading Level F</p>	<p>Pat Hutchins</p>
<p><i>A Color of His Own</i> Elephants are gray. Pigs are pink. Only the chameleon has no color of his own. Guided Reading Level I</p>	<p>Leo Lionni</p>
<p><i>Thunder Cake</i> While gathering the ingredients for her grandmother's "thunder cake," a young girl begins to overcome her fear of storms. Guided Reading Level M</p>	<p>Patricia Polacco</p>
<p><i>Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale</i> A mosquito brags to an iguana that he spied a farmer digging yams as big as mosquitoes. Guided Reading Level N</p>	<p>Verna Aardema</p>

Third Grade Required Reading: Choose at least one.

<p><i>Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot vs. the Uranium Unicorns from Uranus</i> Ricky Ricotta loves his Mighty Robot, but sometimes it's hard for a little mouse to have a best friend who's so BIG. Guided Reading Level L</p>	<p>Dav Pilkey</p>
<p><i>Class President (Marvin Redpost, Book #5)</i> It's "hole" day at school and all the students are wearing their very worst clothes. Guided Reading Level M</p>	<p>Louis Sachar</p>
<p><i>26 Fairmount Avenue</i> Tomie's family starts building their new house at 26 Fairmount Avenue in 1938, just as a hurricane hits town, starting off a busy, crazy year. Guided Reading Level N</p>	<p>Tomie dePaola</p>
<p><i>The World According to Humphrey</i> You can learn a lot about life by observing another species. That's what Humphrey was told when he was first brought to Room 26. Guided Reading Level Q</p>	<p>Betty Birney</p>

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Fourth Grade Required Reading: Choose at least one.

<p><i>The Enormous Crocodile</i> The Enormous Crocodile decides that he wants a nice juicy child for lunch, horrifying the other animals in the jungle. Guided Reading Level N</p>	<p>Roald Dahl</p>
<p><i>The Courage of Sarah Noble</i> When Sarah Noble was eight years old she had her great adventure — going with her father into the wilds of Connecticut to cook for him while he built a house. Guided Reading Level O</p>	<p>Alice Dagliesh</p>
<p><i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i> Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni's mother walked out on her seven years ago, and she's been asking about her ever since — so that she won't forget her mom. But when she moves to Naomi, Florida, and befriends a lively stray dog, the canine helps her meet some unusual characters who teach her about love, life, and forgiveness. Guided Reading Level R</p>	<p>Kate DiCamillo</p>
<p><i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i> The land is all-important to the Logan family. But it takes awhile for Cassie and her three brothers to understand just how lucky they are to have it. Guided Reading Level W</p>	<p>Mildred D. Taylor</p>

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Recommended Book List by Guided Reading Level

**Students in Grades 1-4 should choose a minimum of two books
from the recommended book list.**

Guided Reading Level A

<p><i>Do You Want to Be My Friend?</i> This classic tale of friendship tracks a small gray mouse’s search for the perfect pal. He asks various animals the same question: ‘Do you want to be my friend?’</p>	Eric Carle
<p><i>Have You Seen My Duckling</i> None of the pond-residents — bird, turtle, beaver, or fish — has seen Mother Duck's missing baby.</p>	Nancy Tafuri
<p><i>Growing Colors</i> Such a brilliant presentation of colors will be an eyeful for any young reader.</p>	Bruce McMillan
<p><i>Eating Apples</i> Simple text and photographs describe different ways to enjoy apples--whole, sliced, cooked, and juiced.</p>	Gail Saunders- Smith

Guided Reading Level B

<p><i>How Many Fish?</i> There are six little fish. Along come six little feet. What will happen when they meet?</p>	Caron Lee Cohen
<p><i>Have You Seen My Cat?</i> A little boy's cat is missing and he is worried. Beautiful illustrations and a brief, easy-to-read text lead small readers on a round-the-world quest for the lost cat, and to an ending that is a wonderful surprise.</p>	Eric Carle
<p><i>Growing Vegetable Soup</i> Together, a father and child share the joys of planting, watering, and watching seeds grow.</p>	Lois Ehlert
<p><i>Let's Go Visiting</i> Let’s go visiting and see who's ready to play--one foal, two calves, three kittens, four piglets, five ducklings, and six puppies! This adventure-filled cumulative counting book will help youngsters practice their counting skills while they learn to identify their favorite animal babies.</p>	Sue Williams

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Guided Reading Level C

<i>A Rainbow of My Own</i> A small boy imagines what it would be like to have his own rainbow to play with.	Don Freeman
<i>Bugs!</i> Each title features full-color, often hilarious illustrations and engaging stories that always involve a young child figuring out concepts or solving problems on his or her own.	Patricia McKissack
<i>It Looked Like Spilt Milk</i> The white shape silhouetted against a blue background changes on every page.	Charles Shaw
<i>I Went Walking</i> A young child's walk becomes an exuberant adventure meeting a myriad of friendly, familiar farmyard animals.	Sue Williams
<i>Spots, Feathers, and Curly Tails</i> There are all kinds of animals that live on a farm: chickens, bulls, horses, cows, and many others.	Nancy Tafuri

Guided Reading Level D

<i>From Head to Toe</i> From their heads down to their toes, kids will be wriggling, jiggling, and giggling as they try to keep up with these animals.	Eric Carle
<i>One Happy Classroom</i> A happy classroom is full of busy students who help the reader count from one to ten and back again.	Charnan Simon
<i>Bears on Wheels</i> Many bears are riding unicycles, bicycles and multi-wheeled bikes in this book.	Stan and Jan Berenstain
<i>Sleepy Dog</i> A dog and his pet cat share good-night kisses and playful dreams until morning wakes them.	Harriet Ziefert
<i>Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!</i> Pretty ladybugs, fluttering butterflies, creepy daddy longlegs, and roly-poly bugs are some of the familiar creatures featured in this whimsically illustrated insect album.	Bob Barner

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<i>The Eye Book</i> A boy and rabbit both have two eyes that see all kinds of things, from blue and red, to a bird and a bed.	Dr. Seuss and Theo LeSieg
<i>Puppy Mudge Takes a Bath</i> Henry's puppy, Mudge, loves to roll in the mud. But he doesn't like to take a bath!	Cynthia Rylant
<i>My Camp Out</i> A young girl camps out in her bedroom and is joined by her mother. She begins her expedition with confidence and all the equipment necessary for an overnight excursion.	Marcia Leonard
<i>Tiny Goes to the Library</i> This is the third book about the giant beige dog that follows his young owner everywhere. The best friends' latest adventure takes them to the library.	Cari Meister
<i>Berries to Jelly</i> In this fun and informative series, curious readers will discover how some of their favorite products are made from start to finish.	Inez Snyder
<i>The Nose Book</i> Noses are interesting and serve many purposes, including the one of holding up glasses.	Al Perkins

Guided Reading Level F

<i>Hooray for Fish!</i> Paddle along with Little Fish on a mesmerizing underwater tour of friends spotty and stripy, happy and gripy, hairy and scary, even curly whirly and twisty twirly.	Lucy Cousins
<i>Just Like Daddy</i> A very young bear describes all the activities he does during the day that are just like his daddy's.	Frank Asch
<i>Cookie's Week</i> Children will love following Cookie through the days of the week — and seeing all the trouble he causes around the house!	Cindy Ward & Tomie dePaola
<i>Who Will Be My Friends?</i> Although Freddy finds many people in his new town, not all of them have time to play ball with him.	Syd Hoff
<i>Bread Bread Bread</i> Lively prose and compelling photographs reveal the myriad of meanings, traditions, and uses for bread around the world.	Ann Morris
<i>Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother, Too?</i> Beautiful illustrations show that animal babies, like human children, have mothers who love them!	Eric Carle

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<i>Titch</i> Everything that Titch has is little except a seed that grows very tall.	Pat Hutchins
<i>Biscuit and the Baby</i> Biscuit wants to meet the new baby. But the baby is sleeping, and Biscuit must be patient — and quiet!	Alyssa Capucilli
<i>Sheep in a Jeep</i> A flock of hapless sheep drive through the country in this rhyming picture book.	Nancy Shaw
<i>Addition Annie</i> By targeting a skill, like being able to count, use numbers and recognize shapes, young readers are building fundamental skills with the help of fun, lively stories.	David Gisler
<i>I Love School</i> Come along to a warm, friendly world of reading and writing, singing and painting, and all-around fun that will make you want to yell, "I love school!"	Philemon Sturges
<i>Freight Train</i> When a train races by on a track, how many different cars are there? And in how many colors?	Donald Crews

Guided Reading Level H

<i>What Game Shall We Play?</i> Frog and Duck do not know what game to play, so they ask Fox, Mouse, and Squirrel.	Pat Hutchins
<i>Come Out and Play, Little Mouse</i> Every day of the week, a cat asks a little mouse to play, but the little mouse has many things to do during the day.	Robert Kraus
<i>Time to Sleep</i> A cozy bedtime tale that is magical in its simplicity, and yet sparkles with tiny facts about the animal world and hibernation.	Denise Fleming
<i>Big Red Barn</i> One day on a busy farm, where the horses, sheep, geese, goats, field mice, chickens, and cows seem to have the run of the place together with plenty of noisy offspring.	Margaret Wise Brown
<i>Pizza for Sam</i> An adorable pup named Sam romps through this book for beginning readers and watches eagerly as his owners set out cakes, cookies, and pies for a party.	May Labatt
<i>My Five Senses</i> How do you learn what the world is like? Through your five senses! Each sound and taste, each smell, sight, and touch helps you to discover something new.	Aliki

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<i>McDuff Moves In</i> These simple read aloud stories follow a charming little Scotty dog as he finds himself a family, goes off on adventures, and copes with newcomers.	Rosemary Wells
<i>A Big Fat Enormous Lie</i> An empty cookie jar and a small boy with a problem lead to one big fat enormous lie.	Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
<i>The Very Busy Spider</i> Early one morning, a little spider begins to spin her web on a fence post. One by one, the animals of the nearby farm try to divert her, each with its own sound.	Eric Carle
<i>Diary of a Worm</i> Learn about the daily ups and downs, school life, and dreams of a worm by reading this humorous diary.	Doreen Cronin
<i>Ten Black Dots</i> Children count all the way to ten with simple rhymes and brightly colored objects.	Donald Crews
<i>Bones</i> How many bones are there in the human body? Which bone is the longest? Or the smallest? Without bones, you would be a blob, like a jellyfish or a worm.	Stephen Krensky

Guided Reading Level J

<i>The Paperboy</i> When the whole neighborhood is still asleep, the paperboy is in the garage, rolling papers and filling his red bag to the top.	Dav Pilkey
<i>Bones Mysteries Series: Bones and the Big Yellow Mystery</i> Young detective Jeffery Bones is always ready to help when a mystery strikes!	David A. Adler
<i>Too Much Noise</i> Peter goes off to the village wise man to find out what he could do about his noisy house.	Ann McGovern
<i>My Monster Mama Loves Me So</i> At once tender and funny, this monster bedtime story is guaranteed to generate giggles, tickles, and plenty of monster hugs.	Laura Leuck
<i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> A hungry caterpillar eats his way through a varied and very large quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep.	Eric Carle
<i>Johnny Appleseed: An American Who Made a Difference</i> Follow the adventures of Johnny Appleseed as he travels across the early United States.	Alyse Sweeny

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Guided Reading Level K

<i>A House for a Hermit Crab</i> Hermit Crab has outgrown his first shell, and, as hermit crabs do, he must look for a new house.	Eric Carle
<i>The Sand Castle Contest</i> While on vacation. Matthew is excited to take part in the local sand castle contest. The winner gets a bathtub filled with ice cream! But Matthew is just too good at building sand castles.	Robert Munsch
<i>The Alphabet Tree</i> When a fierce wind threatens to blow all the little letters out of the alphabet tree, they must band together in words—and then sentences—to create a message that's even stronger than the wind: peace on earth.	Leo Lionni
<i>Annie and the Wild Animals</i> When Annie's cat disappears, she attempts friendship with a variety of unsuitable woodland animals.	Jan Brett
<i>My Baseball Book</i> Provides an introduction to baseball, describing the equipment, playing field, rules, players, and process of the game.	Gail Gibbons
<i>Cactus Hotel</i> It is another hot day in the desert. Birds and other animals scurry about looking for food. When they get tired they stop to rest at a giant cactus.	Brenda Z. Guiberson

Guided Reading Level L

<i>Mud Pony</i> There was once a poor boy in an Indian camp who longed for a pony more than anything.	Caron Lee Cohen
<i>Is Your Mama a Llama?</i> “Is your mama a llama?” Lloyd, the baby llama asks his creature friends.	Deborah Guarino
<i>Good Night Gorilla</i> A weary zoo keeper bids good night to his charges and then goes home to bed. He doesn't notice that clever Gorilla has pick-pocketed his keys and is letting the animals out of their cages.	Peggy Rathmann
<i>Hill of Fire</i> This is the exciting story of the eruption of Parícutin—the volcano in Mexico that burst from a farmer’s field and changed the lives of the people who lived nearby.	Thomas Lewis
<i>Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse</i> Alexander always seems to create a ruckus. The family he lives with screams when they see him and chase him with a broom.	Leo Lionni
<i>Manners</i> There's plenty to learn, plenty to look at, and plenty to share in a clever book that demonstrates the importance of manners.	Aliki

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Guided Reading Level M

<i>Follow the Drinking Gourd</i> Peg Leg Joe, a white one-legged sailor and handyman, who hired himself out to plantation owners, and eventually made friends with slaves.	Jeanette Winter
<i>Ghosts Don't Eat Potato Chips (Bailey School Kids)</i> Spooky things are happening in Aunt Matilda's house. Potato chips on the floor are spelling out secret messages and forming trails.	Marcia Thorton Jones
<i>The One in the Middle is the Green Kangaroo</i> Freddy hates being the middle child in his family...until he gets a part in the school play and has a chance to show everyone-including himself-just how special he is.	Judy Blume
<i>Stink and the Incredible Super-Galactic Jawbreaker</i> When Stink buys a huge jawbreaker that doesn't break his jaw, he writes to the manufacturer and receives 21,280 jawbreakers for his trouble!	Megan McDonald
<i>Judy Moody Gets Famous!</i> Everyone seems to have had a brush with fame except third grader Judy Moody. Judy's plans to become famous take on unusual forms.	Megan McDonald
<i>The Art Lesson</i> Tommy knows he wants to be an artist when he grows up. He draws pictures every chance he gets, and his family and friends encourage him, hanging his pictures up everywhere.	Tomie dePaola

Guided Reading Level N

<i>Dandelions</i> Embarking on a new life, Zoe and her family journey west to the Nebraska Territory in the 1800s.	Eve Bunting
<i>Chicken Sunday</i> After being initiated into a neighbor's family by a solemn backyard ceremony, a young Russian American girl and her African American brothers' determine to buy their grandma Eula a beautiful Easter hat.	Patricia Polacco
<i>Julius, the Baby of the World</i> Lilly, thinks her new baby brother, Julius, is disgusting -- if he was a number, he would be zero.	Kevin Henkes
<i>A Picture Book of George Washington</i> This biography provides an account of the life of the "Father of Our Country," from his birth in Virginia through the Revolutionary War to his two presidencies.	David Adler
<i>I am Rosa Parks</i> When Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white man on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama, in December 1955, she made history.	Rosa Parks
<i>My Visit to the Dinosaurs</i> Dinosaurs are extinct now, but you can visit dinosaur skeletons in a museum. There you will meet how they ruled the earth millions of years ago.	Aliki

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<i>Abiyoyo</i> A fearsome giant, Abiyoyo, suddenly appears in a small South African town, causing the people to run for their lives.	Pete Seeger
<i>The Memory Coat</i> A Jewish family must leave Russia when the Cossacks raid the country. Grandma Bubba tries to convince Grisha, her grandson, to leave behind an old coat.	Elvira Woodruff
<i>The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush</i> Little Gopher follows his destiny as revealed in a Dream-Vision of becoming an artist for his people.	Tomie dePaola
<i>Cendrillon: A Caribbean Cinderella</i> You may think you already know this story about a beautiful servant girl, a cruel stepmother, a magnificent ball, and a lost slipper.	Robert D. San Souci
<i>Jake Drake, Know-It-All</i> Jake Drake is excited about Despres Elementary School's first science fair. He wants to win the grand prize.	Andrew Clements
<i>Henry and the Paper Route</i> Henry, the quintessential all-American boy, is seized with the urge to do something really important.	Beverly Cleary
<i>Knights in Shining Armor</i> A profile of medieval knighthood describes the skills, armor, and weapons utilized by knights.	Gail Gibbons

Guided Reading Level P

<i>Fantastic Mr. Fox</i> Fantastic Mr. Fox is on the run and the three meanest farmers around are out to get him.	Roald Dahl
<i>Sideways Stories from Wayside School</i> There was a terrible mistake-Wayside School was built with one classroom on top of another, thirty stories high!	Louis Sachar
<i>Babushka's Doll</i> Babushka's doll was special. She had played with it only once, when she was a little girl like her high-spirited granddaughter, Natasha.	Patricia Polacco
<i>Angus and Sadie</i> Angus and Sadie are brother and sister. Angus is bigger. He is a good, brave, and clever dog -- and he likes that. Sadie isn't as quick to learn -- or to obey.	Cynthia Voigt
<i>George's Marvelous Medicine</i> George is alone again with his Grandma. Most Grandmas are sweet and friendly — but not George's Grandma!	Roald Dahl
<i>The Magic School Bus Has a Heart</i> Ms. Frizzle's class hops on the Magic School Bus and find themselves on a heart-pounding adventure!	Joanna Cole

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<i>If Your Name Was Changed at Ellis Island</i> This unique, interactive history book encourages readers to step into the past guided by a question-and-answer format in full color.	Ellen Levine
<i>Gooney Bird and the Room Mother</i> Mrs. Pidgeon's second grade class prepares for their Thanksgiving pageant, the lead role of Squanto is still up for grabs.	Lois Lowry
<i>Bunnica: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery</i> It all began when the Monroes went to the movies. At the theater Toby found a baby rabbit on his seat. He took it home and named Bunnica.	Deborah Howe & James Howe
<i>Leon and the Champion Chip</i> Having survived the sweatshop methods of Miss Hagemeyer, his needle-wielding fourth grade teacher at the Classical School, Leon braces himself for fifth grade.	Allen Kurzweil
<i>Toad Rage</i> Limpy, a cane toad who has seen many of his relatives flattened on the highway. He sets out to learn why humans hate cane toads.	Morris Gleitzman
<i>A River Ran Wild</i> Long before English settlers first came to New England, an Algonquin tribe discovered a sparkling, clear river they called Nash-a-way.	Lynne Cherry

Guided Reading Level R

<i>The Whipping Boy</i> Jemmy, who once made a meager living catching rats in the sewers, is now living in the king's castle as the whipping boy for Prince Horace, commonly known to the citizens of the kingdom as Prince Brat.	Sid Fleischman
<i>Strider</i> Can a stray dog change the life of a teenage boy? It looks as if Strider can.	Beverly Cleary
<i>A Dime a Dozen</i> Feelings shared by many young people in this collection of poetry, including thoughts about family members and secrets untold.	Nikki Grimes
<i>Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes</i> There is a Japanese legend that says that if a sick person folds 1,000 paper cranes, the gods will make her well again. Sadako spent long hours in bed, folding those paper cranes, and never giving up that hope.	Eleanor Coerr
<i>The Library Card</i> When Mongoose finds a blue library card hidden among the candy he's shoplifted, his friend Weasel tosses the card away. But the card comes back.	Jerry Spinelli
<i>The Great Fire</i> The Great Fire of 1871 was one of the most colossal disasters in American history. Chicago was transformed into a smoldering wasteland.	Jim Murphy

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Guided Reading Level S

<p><i>When Jessie Came Across the Sea</i> Thirteen-year-old Jessie lives with her grandmother in an Eastern European <i>shtetl</i>, or village. The two are poor, like everyone else they know, but happy.</p>	Amy Hest
<p><i>The Dollhouse Murders</i> On a visit to her Aunt Clare's home Amy discovers a doll house that is designed exactly like her great-grandparents' home.</p>	Betty Ren Wright
<p><i>Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt</i> As a seamstress, Clara dreams of a reunion with her Momma, who lives on another plantation and running away to freedom.</p>	Deborah Hopkinson
<p><i>The Rough-Face Girl</i> This moving adaptation of the classic children's story <i>Cinderella</i> tells how a disfigured Algonquin girl wins the heart of a mysterious being who lives by the lake near her village.</p>	Rafe Martin
<p><i>The Lemonade War</i> Evan and his sister Jessie usually get along just fine, until he finds out that she's skipping third grade. That means she'll be in his fourth grade class next year, showing him up every day with her perfect grades.</p>	Jacqueline Davies
<p><i>Room One: A Mystery or Two</i> Ted attends a one-room school in his small town of Plattsford, Nebraska. He loves mysteries, and when he sees a face in the window of an abandoned house, Ted knows that he has to investigate.</p>	Andrew Clements

Guided Reading Level T

<p><i>Harriet the Spy</i> Harriet M. Welsch is a spy. In her notebook, she writes down everything she knows about everyone, even her classmates and her best friends.</p>	Louise Fitzhugh
<p><i>Love that Dog: A Novel</i> Jack hates poetry. Only girls write it and every time he tries to, his brain feels empty. But his teacher won't stop giving her class poetry assignments. —Realistic Fiction</p>	Sharon Creech
<p><i>The Secret School</i> In 1925, fourteen-year-old Ida Bidson secretly takes over as the teacher when the one-room schoolhouse in her remote Colorado area closes unexpectedly.</p>	Avi
<p><i>The Sign of the Beaver</i> Until the day his father returns to their cabin 12-year-old Matt must try to survive on his own.</p>	Elizabeth George Speare
<p><i>The Kid Who Ran for President</i> Can you picture a kid as President? Imagine what we can accomplish. Where every lawmaker obeys a single kid — me!</p>	Dan Gutman
<p><i>Footprints on the Moon</i> Stunning photographs bring to life all the drama, excitement, and adventure of our quest to know our bright neighbor in the sky.</p>	Alexandra Siy

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Guided Reading Level U

<p><i>My Side of the Mountain</i> Sam Gribley has decided to run away from his crowded apartment home, but unlike most kids who rarely get beyond their block, Sam goes from New York City all the way to Gribley in the Catskill Mountains.</p>	<p>Jean Craighead George</p>
<p><i>Toes</i> When a litter of cats is born into the McDonahue family, one kitten stands out from the rest. Toes has seven toes on each foot instead of five.</p>	<p>Tor Seidler</p>
<p><i>Love, Ruby Lavender</i> When Miss Eula leaves for Hawaii to visit her new grandbaby, Ruby is sure that she will have a horrible summer in boring old Halleluia, Mississippi.</p>	<p>Deborah Wiles</p>
<p><i>Ginger Pye</i> Ginger Pye steals everyone's heart in the Pye family, especially the hearts of Jerry Pye and his sister Rachel. But then, someone steals Ginger!</p>	<p>Eleanor Estes</p>
<p><i>Stay! Keeper's Story</i> This is the story of a dog who tells his own tale. As a pup he is separated from his mother and siblings.</p>	<p>Lois Lowry</p>
<p><i>Switched at Birthday</i> What if your birthday wish turned you into someone else? Lavender and Scarlet are nothing alike.</p>	<p>Natalie Standiford</p>

Guided Reading Level V

<p><i>Holes</i> Stanley Yelnats has had awful luck his whole life: He's overweight, kids tease him, his family is poor, and now he's accused of a crime he didn't commit!</p>	<p>Louis Sachar</p>
<p><i>Framed</i> Dylan is the only boy in the entire town. His best friends are two pet chickens and criminal instincts run in his family.</p>	<p>Frank Cottrell Boyce</p>
<p><i>Beetle Boy</i> Darkus Cuttle's dad mysteriously goes missing from his job as Director of Science at the Natural History Museum. Vanished without a trace! From a locked room!</p>	<p>M.G. Leonard</p>
<p><i>The Memory Bank</i> Hope Scoggins lives with her beloved sister Honey. Their parents are <i>so</i> horribly awful that one day, when the sisters disobey the "no laughing" rule, they banish Honey forever, telling Hope that she must simply "forget" her.</p>	<p>Carolyn Coman</p>
<p><i>Tracing Stars</i> Indie Lee Chickory is the fish freak of Plumtown. She's an expert at making fish faces, and her pet, the lobster Monty Cola, lives in a salt-water pool outside her bedroom window.</p>	<p>Erin Moulton</p>
<p><i>Jackie Robinson: American Hero</i> Robinson was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962 and became an icon for not only the sport, but also for the civil rights movement.</p>	<p>Sharon Robinson</p>

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Guided Reading Level W

<p><i>Maniac Magee</i> He wasn't born with the name Maniac Magee. He came into this world named Jeffrey Lionel Magee, but when his parents died and his life changed, so did his name.</p>	Jerry Spinelli
<p><i>The Kite Fighters</i> In a riveting narrative set in fifteenth-century Korea, two brothers discover a shared passion for kites.</p>	Linda Sue Park
<p><i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> Everything is wrong in Meg Murray's life. In school, she's been dropped down to the lowest section of her grade. She's teased about her five-year-old brother, who everyone mistakenly thinks is dumb.</p>	Madeleine L'Engle
<p><i>Chowder</i> An eccentric dog has trouble fitting in until he meets some animals at a petting zoo.</p>	Peter Brown
<p><i>Busy Like You Can't Believe</i> I'm Lucy Rose, and here's the thing about 4th: that grade is busy like you can't believe!</p>	Katy Kelly
<p><i>Reaching for the Moon</i> Buzz Aldrin retraces the incredible journey that led him to the Moon!</p>	Buzz Aldrin

Guided Reading Level X

<p><i>The Black Pearl</i> From the depths of a cave in the Vermilion Sea, Ramon Salazar has wrested a black pearl so lustrous and captivating that his father is certain Ramon has found the legendary Pearl of Heaven.</p>	Scott O'Dell
<p><i>Out of the Dust</i> A poem cycle that reads as a novel, tells the story of a girl, who struggles to help her family survive the dust-bowl years of the Depression.</p>	Karen Hesse
<p><i>Henry Reed, Inc.</i> Henry Reed keeps a journal of his summer activities, which include setting up a research firm and embarking on a series of money-making projects with the aid of his ally and neighbor, Midge.</p>	Keith Robertson
<p><i>Homesick: My Own Story</i> This fictionalized autobiography tells the heartwarming story of a little girl growing up in an unfamiliar place.</p>	Jean Fritz
<p><i>The Last Present</i> Amanda and Leo have a history with birthdays. Now their friend's little sister, Grace, has fallen into a strange frozen state on her birthday, and Amanda and Leo must travel in time in order to fix whatever's wrong.</p>	Wendy Mass
<p><i>Plunked</i> When a young slugger gets hit by a pitch, he needs more than practice to get back his game.</p>	Michael Northrop

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<i>The Story of Salt</i> As a necessity for the human body, salt has been an important substance since the beginning of civilization.	Mark Kurlansky
<i>Finally</i> Rory Swenson has been waiting her whole life to turn twelve. And she's got a list to prove it.	Wendy Mass
<i>The Time of the Fireflies</i> When Larissa Renaud starts receiving eerie phone calls on a disconnected old phone in her family's antique shop, she knows she's in for a strange summer.	Kimberley Griffiths Little
<i>Doll Bones</i> Zach, Alice, and Poppy, friends from a Pennsylvania middle school who have long enjoyed acting out imaginary adventures with dolls and action figures, embark on a real-life quest to Ohio to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl.	Holly Black
<i>A House of Tailors</i> SEWING! NO ONE could hate it more than Dina Kirk. Endless tiny stitches, button holes, darts.	Patricia Reilly Giff

Guided Reading Z

<i>The Golden Door</i> The walled city of Weld is under attack from ferocious flying creatures that raid in the night, bringing death and destruction.	Emily Rodda
<i>...And Now Miguel</i> Every summer the men of the Chavez family go on a long and difficult sheep drive to the mountains. All the men, that is, except for Miguel.	Joseph Krumgold
<i>The Summer My Father was Ten</i> A stray baseball was the cause of the trouble; it flew into the garden of Mr. Bellavista, the old neighbor the kids called "Spaghetti Man." When the boy who would become Dad went to retrieve it, he couldn't resist throwing back a tomato instead.	Pat Brisson
<i>Dark Life</i> Dive deep into the vivid underwater world of Dark Life! The oceans rose, swallowing the lowlands. Earthquakes shattered the continents, toppling entire regions into the rising water.	Kat Falls
<i>Standing for Socks</i> In fifth grade, Fara Ross stood out from the crowd when she accidentally wore two different socks one day. Now she's famous for wearing mismatched socks every day.	Elissa Brent Weissman

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Popular Series to Consider:

<i>Fly Guy</i>	Tedd Arnold
<i>A-Z Mysteries</i>	Ron Roy
<i>Frog and Toad</i>	Arnold Lobel
<i>Elephant and Piggie</i>	Mo Willems
<i>Fox and His Friends</i>	James Marshall
<i>Magic Tree House</i>	Mary Pope Osbourne
<i>Young Cam Jansen</i>	David Adler
<i>Amber Brown</i>	Paula Danzinger
<i>Geronimo Stilton</i>	Germonimo Stilton
<i>Horrible Harry</i>	Suzy Kline
<i>Jigsaw Jones Mysteries</i>	James Preller
<i>Judy Moody</i>	Megan McDonald
<i>My Weird School</i>	Dan Gutman
<i>Fudge</i>	Judy Blume
<i>Babymouse</i>	Jennifer Holm
<i>Who Was...</i>	Various authors
<i>Boxcar Children</i>	Gertrude Chandler
<i>Clementine</i>	Sarah Pennypacker
<i>Encyclopedia Brown</i>	Donald J. Sobol
<i>Wayside School</i>	Louis Sacher