

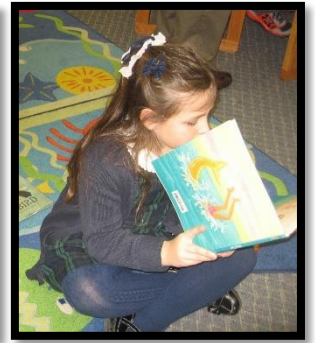


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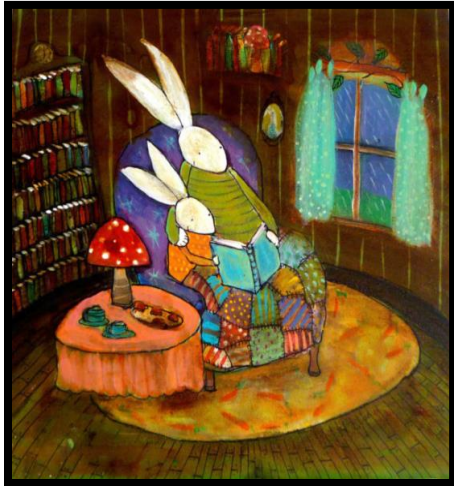
“It is not enough simply to teach children to read; we have to give them something worth reading. Something that will stretch their imaginations – something that will help them make sense of their own lives and encourage them to reach out toward people whose lives are quite different from their own.”

- Katherine Paterson



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Grade 1:



I LOVE TO READ!
-Kay Winters

***Say those words.
Go those places.
See those sights.
Think those thoughts.
Meet those kids
Who live in books,
Waiting for me
To find them.***

Dear New First Graders,

We are so excited to begin working and reading with you! Please choose one narrative and one expository book. After reading the book with your family, complete the book report provided in your First Grade Packet. Please bring the book reports to school during the first week of school. Remember Mom or Dad can help. But the drawing and writing should be your special project! Enjoy your reading and have a fantastic summer!

Sincerely,
Ms. Deuring and Mrs. Landgren

Choose 1 Expository Author

Gail Gibbons

SeeMore Readers by Seymour Simon

Rookie READ –ABOUT Series

Choose 1 Narrative Author

Tedd Arnold

Laura Numeroff

Dr. Seuss

David Shannon

Rosemary Well

Mo Willems

We are encouraging first grade readers to look for the “I Can Read” Series. Levels 1 or 2 may be appropriate for your child depending on his/her reading ability.

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Grade 2:

Here is a suggested summer reading list for your child. Your child is not expected to read all the books by her/himself from this list. Here are some ideas for you and your child:

- Choose several books to read together.
- Select a book and read a chapter each day to your child.
- Have your child pick a few books to read independently.

BEGINNING TO READ

Amelia Bedelia Series by Peggy Parish
Elephant & Piggy Series by Mo Willems
Frog and Toad Series by Arnold Lobel
Henry and Mudge Series by Cynthia Rylant
Little Bear Series by Else Holmelund Minarik
Minnie and Moo Series by Denys Cazet
Mr. Putter and Tabby Series by Cynthia Rylant
Pete the Cat by James Dean
Yoko and Friends School Days Series by Rosemary Wells

SUGGESTED TITLES AND SERIES

Anna Hibiscus by Atinuke
Big Nate Series by Lincoln Peirce
Cam Jansen Books by David A. Adler
Clementine Books by Sara Pennypacker
Fly Guy By Ted Arnold
Franny K. Stein by Jim Benton
Horrible Harry Series by Suzy Kline
Judy Moody Series by Megan McDonald
Junie B. Jones Books by Barbara Park
Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne
Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo
My Weird School by Dan Gutman
Ready Freddy by Abby Klein
Stuart Series by Sara Pennypacker

SUGGESTED AUTHORS

Brett, Jan
Bunting, Eve
Christopher, Matt
Cleary, Beverly
Cooney, Barbara
dePaola, Tomie
Gibbons, Gail
Henkes, Kevin
Mayer, Mercer
Numeroff, Laura
Dr. Seuss
Van Allsburg, Chris
Steig, Willam
Willems, Mo

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Grade 3:

Books take us on adventures to imaginary and real-life places without leaving home. The more your children read the better learners they will become. The following list is a suggestion for various reading abilities. Please have your children select books that they will enjoy. Students should read for twenty minutes each day of summer vacation. Parents are encouraged to read to their children as well. Students will receive a form to keep track of summer reading.

SUGGESTED SERIES

Adler, David - Cam Jansen Series
Barrows, Annie – Ivy + Bean Series
Brown, Jeff – Flat Stanley Series
Danziger, Paula - Amber Brown Series
Eager, Edward – *Half Magic* (any sequels)
Gannett, Ruth Stiles-My Father's Dragon Series
Geronimo Stilton Series
Gutman, Dan – My Weird School Series
Kinney, Jeff – Wimpy Kid Series
Klein, Abby – Ready, Freddy! Series
Kline, Suzy - Horrible Harry Series
Krosoczka, Jarrett - Lunch Lady Series
Krulik, Nancy – Katie Kazoo Series
McDonald, Megan – Judy Moody Series
Osborne, Mary Pope - Magic Tree House Series
Park, Barbara - Junie B. Jones Series
Parrish, Peggy - any Amelia Bedelia titles
Peirce, Lincoln- Big Nate
Roy, Ron – A to Z Mysteries Series
Snicket, Lemony- *Series of Unfortunate Events*
Warner, Gertrude- Boxcar Children
Winkler, Henry – Hank Zipzer Series

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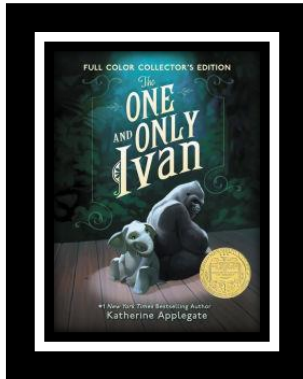
Bunting, Eve
Byars, Betsy
Cherry, Lynne
Christopher, Matt
Cleary, Beverly
Clements, Andrew
Climo, Shirley
Dahl, Roald
Demi
DiCamillo, Kate
Estes, Eleanor
Gutman, Dan
Henkes, Kevin
Hurwitz, Johanna
King-Smith, Dick
MacLachlan, Patricia
Marshall, James
Park, Barbara
Polacco, Patricia
Say, Allen
Scieska, Jon
Simon, Seymour
White, E. B.
Wilder, Laura Ingalls

POETRY

Prelutsky, Jack
Silverstein, Shel
Douglas Florian

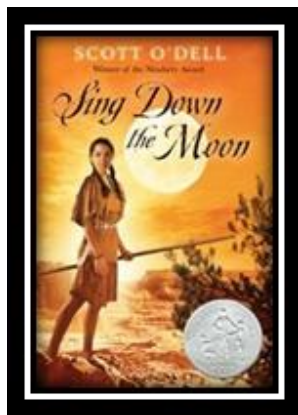
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Grade 4: Required



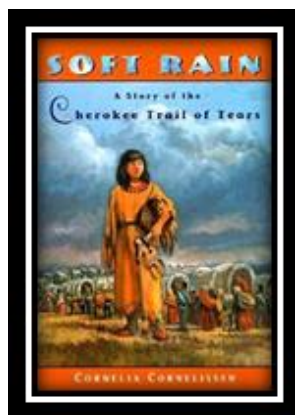
The One and Only Ivan (Applegate)

This tender tale of friendship and hope is narrated by a silverback gorilla living at The Big Top Mall, a shabby, circus-themed roadside attraction. It won the Newbery Award medal in 2013.



Sing Down the Moon (O'Dell)

The Navajo tribe's forced *march from* their homeland to Fort Sumner by white soldiers and settlers is dramatically and courageously told by young Bright Morning.

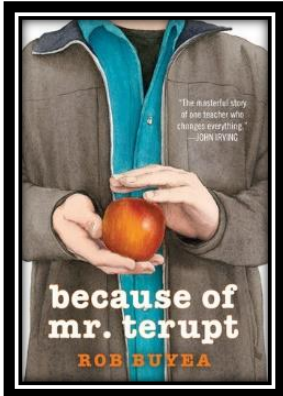


Soft Rain: A Story of the Cherokee Trail of Tears
(Cornelissen)

This novel recounts the relocation of the Cherokee people in 1838 and their forced march westward across the Trail of Tears, as witnessed through the eyes of a nine-year-old girl who is forced to leave behind her blind grandmother, her father, brother, and even her puppy.

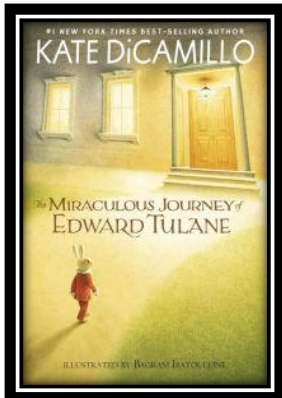
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Grade 5: Required



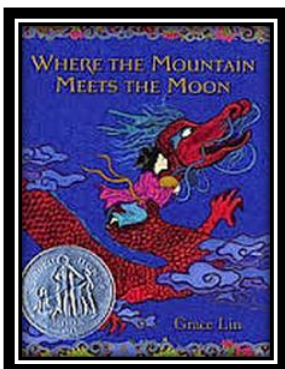
Because of Mr. Terupt (Buyea)

It's the start of fifth grade for seven kids at Snow Hill School. There's Jessica, the new girl; Alexia, the bully; Peter, class prankster and troublemaker; Luke, the brain; Danielle, who never stands up for herself; shy Anna; and Jeffrey, who hates school. Mr. Terupt, their new and energetic teacher, seems to know how to deal with them all and makes the classroom a fun place.



The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
(DiCamillo)

Kate DiCamillo takes us on an extraordinary journey, from the depths of the ocean to the net of a fisherman, from the bedside of an ailing child to the bustling streets of Memphis. Along the way, we are shown a miracle that even a heart of the most breakable kind can learn to love, to lose, and to love again.

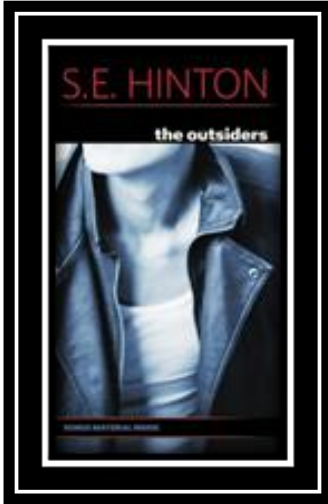


Where the Mountain Meets the Moon (Lin)

In this Newbery Honor book, a fantasy with elements of "The Wizard of Oz" and Chinese folklore, a young girl named Minli embarks on an epic journey to find the mythical Old Man of the Moon.

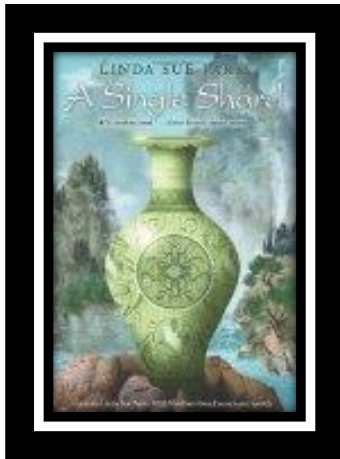
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Grade 6: Required



The Outsiders (Hinton)

When it was first published in 1967, *The Outsiders* defied convention with its immediate, deeply sympathetic portrayal of Ponyboy and his struggle to find a place for himself in a difficult world.

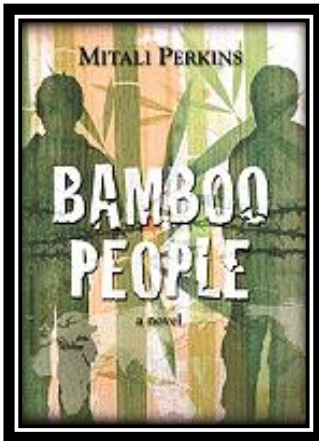


A Single Shard (Park)

In this Newbery Medal-winning book, a broken piece of pottery sets events in motion as an orphan struggles to pay off his debt to a master potter. This finely crafted novel brings 12th-century Korea and these indelible characters to life.

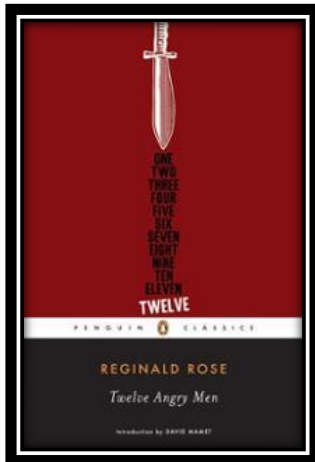
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Grade 7: Required



Bamboo People (Perkins)

This coming-of-age story is narrated by two 14-year-old boys on opposing sides of the conflict between the Burmese government and the Karenni, one of the many ethnic minorities in Burma. When the boys' paths intersect, they are forced to make difficult decisions.

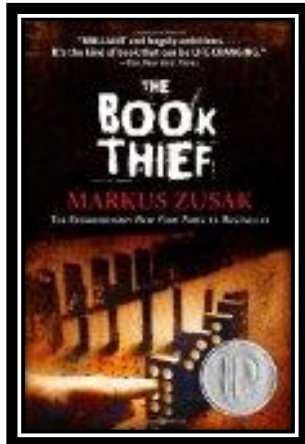


Twelve Angry Men (Rose)

A blistering character study and an examination of the American melting pot and the judicial system that keeps it in check, *Twelve Angry Men* holds at its core a deeply patriotic belief in the U.S. legal system. The story's focal point, known only as Juror Eight, is at first the sole holdout in an 11-1 guilty vote. Eight sets his sights not on proving the other jurors wrong but rather on getting them to look at the situation in a clear-eyed way not affected by their personal biases. Rose deliberately and carefully peels away the layers of artifice from the men and allows a fuller picture of America, at its best and worst, to form.

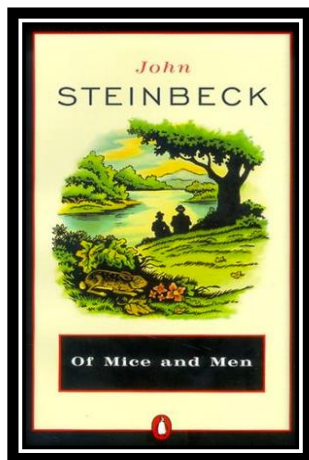
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Grade 8: Required



The Book Thief (Zusak)

Set during World War II in Germany, Zusak's groundbreaking novel is the story of Liesel Meminger, a foster girl living outside of Munich. Liesel, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing, encounters something she can't resist: books.



Of Mice and Men (Steinbeck)

Of Mice and Men is a novel written by Nobel Prize-winning author John Steinbeck. Published in 1937, it tells the tragic story of George Milton and Lennie Small, two displaced migrant ranch workers, who move from place to place in search of new job opportunities during the Great Depression in California.



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Students will find practice and review exercises in verbal skills, reading comprehension, analogies, essay writing, and mathematics, with review material designed to help students pinpoint areas where they need more intensive study. (Assigned Work)