

SUMMER READING

Grade 1 going to GRADE 2 IN SEPTEMBER

Picture Books

Airport by Byron Barton – Families enter the airport and board a plane.

Baby Duck's New Friend by Frank Asch – Surprise! Baby duck's friend only looks like a real duck.

The Beeman by Laurie Krebs – A boy's grandpa knows all about handling bees.

Big Bear Ball by Joanne Ryder – The bears dance under a full moon.

The Biggest, Best Snowman by Margery Cuyler – How can Little Nell build a great BIG snowman?

Dinnertime! by Sue Williams – Six rabbits make it safely home while being chased by a fox.

Dot & Jabber and the Mystery of the Missing Stream by Ellen Walsh – The mice detectives figure out why the stream dried up after it rained.

Fix It Duck by Jez Alborough – Disaster lurks around this repair duck.

Frog by Susan Cooper – Little Joe learns how to imitate his frog friend.

Froggy Goes to the Doctor by Jonathan London – Froggy gets a check up.

George and Martha by James Marshall – Learn about friendship from two beloved hippos.

Hungry Hen by Richard Waring – Fox waits while hen gets fatter.

It's Ok to Be Different by Todd Parr – It's OK to be yourself.

The Jacket I wear in the Snow by Shirley Neitzel - There is a lot to put on when going outside to play in the snow.

Jamela's Dress by Niki Daly – Jamela gets in trouble when she does not listen to her mother.

Little Dogs Say “Rough!” by Rich Walton – Wordplay with animal sounds.

The Mightiest by Keiko Kasza – Will the bear, lion or elephant win the “mightiest” crown?

The Mitten by Alvin Tresselt – A boy drops a mitten which becomes a warm home to many animals.

Mr. Wolf and the Three Bears by Jan Fearnley – Mr. Wolf throws a birthday party for little bear.

A Mud Pie for Mother by Scott Beck – Pig tries to find his mother a very special gift.

Rattletrap Car by Phyllis Root. Off to the beach in their car that didn’t go fast and didn’t go far.

The Seals on the Bus by Lenny Hort – Lots of noisy animals board the bus.

Small Brown Dog’s Bad Remembering Day by Mike Bibble – Small Brown Dog cannot even remember his name.

Stone Soup by Jon J. Muth – A retelling of the European folktale with an Asian flavor.

This Car by Paul Collicutt – This book is a picture festival for the car lover.

Tiger, Tiger by Dee Lillegard – Pocu finds a magical feather in the jungle.

Tippy Toe Chick, Go! By George Shannon – Watch out for the big grumpy dog, little chick.

Water Hole Waiting by Jane Kurtz – Jungle animals take turns at the watering hole.

Whatever Wanda Wanted by Jude Wisdom – Getting what she asks for is not what Wanda wants.

What! Cried Granny: An Almost Bedtime Story by Kate Lum – A boy sleeps over at his grandmother’s for the first time.

Easy Readers

Are You My Mother? By P.D. Eastman – Little bird falls out of his nest and goes looking for his mother.

Days With Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel – Friends have fun in spite of their differences.

Dino Riddles by Katy Hall – One dinosaur riddle on every page.

Get Well, Good Knight by Shelly Thomas – How does the knight cure the three sick dragons?

Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Ryland – A boy and his dog – true friends.

Little Bears's Visit by Else Minarik – Little bear visits with his grandparents, who both tell him a story.

Make New Friends by Rosemary Wells – Junaita is the new student at school.

Thank you, Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish – Silly Maid Amelia always tries to do exactly what she's told.

Tiny Goes to the Library by Cari Meister – Are dogs allowed in the library?

Minnie and Moo and the Potato from Planet X by Denys Cazet – Two cow friends help out "Spuds" from outer space.

Non Fiction

Caves: Mysteries Beneath Our Feet by David Harrison – How do caves form and what lives inside a cave?

Crocodile Listens by April Sayre – A crocodile is alert and tender.

I See Myself by Vicki Cobb – This book will light up your brain about how you see yourself and the world.

They Call Me Woolly by Keith Duquette – Find out how animals get their names.

Biography

George Washington and the General's Dog by Frank Murphy – What does GW do when the enemy's dog wanders into his camp?

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Picture Books

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson – On a cold winter night many animals gather to party in the cave of a sleeping bear, who then awakes and protests that he has missed the food and the fun.

Head, Body, Legs: A Story From Liberia by Won-Ldy Paye – In this tale from the Dan people of Liberia, Head, Arms, Body, and Legs learn that they do better when they work together.

My Friend Rabbit by Eric Rohmann – Something always seems to go wrong when Rabbit is around, but Mouse lets him play with his toy plane anyway because he is his good friend.

Juvenile Reader

Breakout at the Bug Lab by Ruth Horowitz –When a giant cockroach named Max escapes from their mother’s bug laboratory, Leo and his brother receive help from a mysterious stranger who advises them to think like a bug in order to recapture the runaway roach.

The Clubhouse by Anastasia Suen – Peter, Amy, Archie, Lily and Louie work together to build a clubhouse in a vacant lot.

A Day in the Life of a Doctor by Linda Hayward – Doctor Amy Baker sees patients in her office. A mother brings in her little girl, who is crying. What is wrong?

Dinosaur Eggs by Jennifer Dussling – Describes a 1997 discover of the fossilized remains of a dinosaur nesting ground and what it told the fossil hunters of the habits and behavior of the dinosaurs that used it.

First Flight: The Story of Tom Tate and the Wright Brothers by George Shea – A boy named Tom Tate meets Orville and Wilbur Wright and witnesses the invention of the airplane in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina

Fluffy’s Luck Day by Kate McMullan – On the day of the school’s Saint Patrick’s Day party, Fluffy the classroom guinea pig learns about and meets a leprechaun. Read other stories about Fluffy, the classroom guinea pig, by Kate McMullan.

Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel – Five amusing stories about the friendship between Frog and Toad. Read other **Frog and Toad** classics too.

The Germ Busters by Rosemary Wells – When Yoko and her classmates become sick, Mrs. Jenkins comes up with a great idea to identify who might be responsible for spreading germs.

Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown by Paula Danzinger – Amber is nervous about starting second grade with a new teacher, but despite being in the same class as mean Hannah Burton, things turn out just fine. Find other stories in the **A is for Amber** series.

Get Well, Good Knight by Sheley Moore - Thomas a Good Knight helps three little dragons who are in bed with a cold.

Gus and Grandpa and Show-and-Tell by Claudia Mills- Gus despairs of coming up with something interesting and impressive for his second grade class' show-and-tell, until he gets a great idea while visiting Grandpa. Read other **Gus and Grandpa** stories.

Iris and Walter, the School Play by Elissa Haden Guest – Iris is devastated when she has to miss being in her first school play because she is sick. Read other books about Iris and Walter by Elissa Guest too.

Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik - Little Bear's four adventures include taking a trip to the moon and having a birthday party. Enjoy other **Little Bear** classic stories too.

Little Rat Sets Sail by Monika Bang-Campbell – With a little courage and a lot of practice, Little Rat overcomes her fear of sailing.

Mr. Putter & Tabby Catch the Cold by Cynthia Ryland – When Mr. Putter catches a cold, his friend Mrs. Teaberry sends over some special treats to help him feel better. Read other tales of **Mr. Putter & Tabby**.

Nate the Great, San Francisco Detective by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat - Nate the Great goes to San Francisco to solve a mystery with his cousin, Olivia Sharp, who is also a detective.

Second Grade Ape by Daniel Pinkwater Flass - Fleetwood find a very quiet gorilla which he names Phil, and, to the delight of the second grade students, their teacher, Mrs. Hotdogbun says he may attend school along with them.

Why do Cats Meow? By Joan Holub – Questions and answers present information about the history, behavior, and characteristics of cats and their interaction with humans.

Young Cam Jansen and the Library Mystery by David A. Adler - Cam uses her photographic memory to find a shopping list that her dad lost at the library.

Juvenile Fiction

Annabel the Actress Starring in “Just a Little Extra” by Ellen Conford – When she learns that a famous director is making a movie in her home town, 10 year old Annabel is determined to get a part in it.

Arthur and the No-Brainer by Marc Brown – When Buster defeats the Brain in a math contest, he is chosen for the school mathathon. Crushed, the Brain says he’s decided to become a comedian and declares Buster the new “brain.” Try another from the **Arthur** chapter book series by Marc Brown.

The Case of the Race Against Time by James Preller – Jigsaw and Mila make problems go away. But now Jigsaw has some trouble of his own. He lost grandfather’s watch! Can Jigsaw and Mila find the watch before time runs out? Read other **Jigsaw Jones** mysteries too.

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein –A touching story about a tree who loves a little boy.

Gleam and Glow by Eve Bunting – After his home is destroyed by war, eight year old, Viktor finds hope in the survival of two very special fish.

Gooney Bird Greene by Lois Lowry – A most unusual new student who loves to be the center of attention entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name.

High Tide in Hawaii by Mary Pope Osborne – Jack and Annie travel in their magic tree house back to a Hawaiian Island of long ago where they make friends, learn how to surf, and encounter a tsunami. One of the popular **Magic Tree House** series by Mary Pope Osborne.

Horrible Harry and the Dragon War by Suzy Kline – Working on a dragon project in Room 3B leads to a war between two good friends – Harry and Song Lee. Try more **Horrible Harry** books by Kline as well.

Julian, Dream Doctor by Ann Cameron –Julian and Huey try to find the perfect birthday gift for dad with amusing results. Part of a series.

Junie B., First Grader, Boss of Lunch by Barbara Park – Junie, an outspoken, sometimes exasperating first grader is thrilled when she is told she can help out in the school cafeteria. More stories about Junie B. Jones are written by Barbara Park.

Madlenka by Peter Sis – Madlenka, whose New York City neighbors include the French baker, the Indian news vendor, the Italian Ice Cream man, the South American grocer and the Chinese shopkeeper, goes around the block to show her friends her loose tooth and finds that it is like taking a trip around the world. If you like **Madlenka**, try **Madlenka's Dog**.

The Magic Escapes by Tony Abbott – Eric and Lord Sparr carry the secrets and magic of Droon into the real world. With magic on the loose, nothing will ever be the same. Enjoy more books from the **Secrets of Droon** series by Tony Abbott.

Me and My Mummy by Dan Greenburg – There's something weird about Zack's new friend Icky. It's not his bandages or the Egyptian writing – but it might have something to do with being 3,000 years old! Enjoy other stories from the **Zack Files** series by Dan Greenburg.

No Ponies in the House! by Jeanne Betancourt – The Pony Pals search for the lost hamster. Will they find it before it's too late? Read others in the **Pony Pals** Series

Out of Sight, Out of Mind by Anne Mazer – Abby's best friend Jessica is gone for several months and nothing goes right. This is just one adventure from **Amazing Days of Abby Hayes** series by Anne Mazer.

Pinky and Rex and the Just Right Pet by James Howe – Seven year old Pinky, a confirmed dog lover, has a change of heart after his family's new pet kitten pounces on his foot in the middle of the night.

Plantzilla by Jerdine Nolen – In a series of letters, a boy, his science teacher, his parents discuss the progress of a very unusual, sometimes frightening plant that becomes more human as the summer progresses.

Ricky Ricotta's Giant Robot: An adventure Novel by Dav Pilkey – Ricky Ricotta, a small mouse, saves a giant robot from his evil creator, Dr. Stinky. In turn, the robot protects Ricky from the bullies at school and saves the city from Dr. Stinky's plan to destroy it. Read other Ricky Ricotta stories by Dav Pilkey.

The Runaway Racehorse by Ron Roy – Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose investigate the disappearance of a valuable racehorse that Dink's uncle and his friend, Forest Evans, have just bought and entered in a race at Saratoga. Read other exciting **A to Z** mysteries by Rob Roy.

This Gum for Hire: From the tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko, Private Eye by Bruce Hale – To save his own skin, private eye Chet Gecko sets out to solve the mystery of Emerson Hicky Elementary School's disappearing football players. There are other titles in the Chet Gecko mystery series by Bruce Hale.

Non Fiction

The Bug Scientists by Donna M. Jackson – Do you find bugs fascinating? Explore many careers that are all about the study of insects.

Clever Beatrice: An Upper Peninsula Conte by Margaret Willey – A small, but clever young girl outwits a rich giant and wins all his gold.

The Magic Gourd by Baba Wague Diakite J. 398 D – Brother Rabbit and Chameleon teach a greedy king the importance of generosity and friendship.

Polar Bear Patrol by Judith Bauer Stamper J 998 S – Mrs. Frizzle and her students travel to the North Pole to learn first hand about seals, caribou, musk oxen, polar bears. One of several in the series: **A Magic School Bus Science Chapter Book.**

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Antarctic Ants: A book of Penguin Poems by Judy Sierra – A humorous and enjoyable introduction to penguins and Antarctica is present through extravagant rhymes and goofball lyrics.

Babe, the Gallant Pig by Dave King-Smith – A pig destined for the dinner table reveals a talent for sheep herding. Can a pig be a sheep-dog? Can a “Sheeppig” win the Grand Challenge Sheepdog Trials?

Bing Bang Bong by Douglas Florian – How do ghosts get their sheets clean? Verses with a twist.

Black Cat by Christopher Myers – A black cat wanders through the streets of a city.

Book of Slime by Ellen Jackson – What do you get when you cross a bucket of oozing sludge with a library Book? A book of ooshy, gooshy messes to read about.

Cam Jansen and the Barking Treasure Mystery by David A. Adler – In her latest case, Cam Jansen, the sleuth with the photographic memory, finds her sharp ears are as important as her sharp eyes in nabbing a dog collar thief.

Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling – John Midas trades a funny old coin for a box of chocolates and soon learns everything he touches turns to chocolate, including his mother.

Cody Unplugged by Betsy Duffy – Concerned that his television and video habits have gotten out of hand, Cody’s parents send him to Camp Bear where he learns to experience real life rather than virtual reality.

The Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgleish – A girl goes alone with her father to build a new home in the Connecticut wilderness and stays with the Indians. Her father goes back to bring the rest of the family.

Diary of a Monster’s Son by Ellen Conford – Bradley Fentriss keeps an account of life with his loving, if somewhat unusual, father.

Dinosaur Bones by Alike – An easy to read look at how scientists, studying fossil remains, provide information on how dinosaurs lived millions of years ago.

Dinosaur Ghosts: The Mystery of Coelophysis by J. Lynett Gillette –It is said that dinosaur fossils come out to play after dark at Ghost Ranch, where thousands of dinosaur bones have been discovered.

The Dog That Stole Home by Matthew F. Christopher – When his telepathic dog Harry is grounded for nipping another dog, Mike wonders how he'll ever make it through the baseball game without his advice and encouragement.

Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Slippery Salamander by Donald Sobol
Encyclopedia Brown, the super sleuth in sneakers, continues his war on crime in ten new cases.

Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl – Three mean farmers will do anything to get Mr. Fox. Unfortunately for the farmers, Mr. Fox and his fine family have other plans.

Finding Providence by Avi – After being forced to leave Massachusetts Bay Colony, Roger Williams travels south and found Providence, Rhode Island with the help of the Narragansett Indians.

Goin' Someplace Special by Patricia McKissick – In segregated 1950s Nashville, a young African American girl braves a series of indignities and obstacles to get to one of the few integrated places in town: the public library

The Great Bicycle Race Mystery (#76) by Gertrude Chandler Warner – The Aldens participate in a three day bicycle ride and soon find that someone seems to be intent on keeping others from completing the event.

Horrible Harry and the Purple People by Suzy Kline - Horrible Harry, the class clown of Room 2B returns to the spotlight with the Purple People, mysterious beings that only he can see.

How We Crossed the West: The Adventures of Lewis and Clark by Rosalyn Schamzer – When Thomas Jefferson was president of the 17 United States, the beautiful and untamed wilderness west of the Mississippi was explored by Lewis, Clark and young Sacajawea.

I, Amber Brown by Paula Danzinger – Because her divorced parents share joint custody of her, nine year old Amber suffers from lack of self-esteem and feels that she is a piece of jointly owned property.

In the Time of the Drums by Kim Siegelson – Mentu, an American born slave boy, watches his beloved grandmother, Twi, lead the insurrection at Teakettle Creek of Ibo people arriving from Africa on a slave ship.

Ink Drinker by Eric Sanvoisin – a boy who hates books discovers an ink drinking vampire in his father's bookshop and follows him to his underground vault.

Jackie Robinson: He Was the First by David A. Adler – Jackie Robinson, a star athlete, helped the Brooklyn Dodgers win six pennants and a World Series.

Judy Moody by Megan McDonald – Third grader Judy Moody is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece, the Me collage.

Julian's Glorious Summer by Ann Cameron – It was Julian's seventh summer and he really wanted a bike.

Just Like Mike by Gail Herman – When Michael Brown's mother remarries and Michael's last name changes to Jordan, the kids at his new school expect him to be like his namesake on the basketball court but, unfortunately, this Michael is terrible at sports

Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World by Mildred P. Walter – As a boy in a family full of females, Justin thinks keeping house is women's work, until he spends time on his grandfather's ranch.

Kate Shelley, Bound for Legend by Robert D. San Souci – The biography of an Iowa teenager who helped rescue survivors of a train wreck and became a national heroine.

Llama in the Family by Johanna Hurwitz – A boy who hopes his family will surprise him with a new bike gets a pet llama instead.

Lizzie Logan, Second Banana by Eileen Spinelli – When Lizzie's mother announces that she is going to have a baby, best friend Heather helps Lizzie deal with her fears that her stepfather will love the new baby more than he loves her.

Marven of the Great North Woods by Kathryn Lasky – When his Jewish parents send him to a Minnesota logging camp to escape the influenza epidemic of 1918, ten year old Marven finds a special friend.

Me Tarzan by Betsy Byars – When Dorothy gets the part of Tarzan in the class play, her tremendous yell attracts the attention of increasingly larger and wilder animals.

Muggie Maggie by Beverly Cleary – Maggie refuses to learn how to read a write cursive. Her teacher has a secret plan to help Maggie.

Piggins by Jane Yolen – Piggins, the butler, discovers the theft of Mrs. Reynard's diamond necklace during a dinner party.

Ragweed by Avi – Ragweed, a young country mouse, leaves his family and travels to the big city, where he finds excitement and danger and sees cats for the first time.

Red Eyed Tree Frog by Joy Cowley – In this photo illustrated book, a plucky red eyed tree frog searches for something to eat and avoids the many dangers of the rain forest.

Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachian – Sarah, a mail order bride comes to live with Caleb, Anna and their father on the prairie.

Skirt by Gary Soto – When a girl leaves the skirt she is to wear in a dance performance on the school bus, she needs all her wits to get it back before her parents find out she has lost something yet again.

So You Want to be President by Judith St. George – The reader is led through the good points of the presidency (big house with its own bowling alley and movie theater) and bad points (lots of homework) and finally into presidential history with humorous comparison and contrasts.

26 Fairmount Avenue by Thomas DePaola – The popular illustrator recounts the events that surrounded his family's move to the address of the title, in Meriden, Connecticut, when he was five years old.

Tallchief, America's Prima Ballerina by Maria Tallchief – Tallchief's story begins with her childhood on an Osage Indian reservation in Oklahoma, where he took her first piano and dance lessons. After moving to Los Angeles her parents found excellent teachers for the young dancer who worked hard to fulfill her aspiration to dance with the best, the Ballet Russes de Monte Carlo.

The Truth about Great White Sharks by Mary Cerullo – Cerullo examines what is known about sharks, using many photos and trendy graphics. Topics covered include physical characteristics, behaviors, feeding habits, the difficulties of studying sharks, and the potential to provide medical benefits for humans.

Tut Tut by John Scieszka – The intrepid Time Warp Trio is back and up to hieroglyphic high jinks in the land of the pyramids.

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Fiction

26 Fairmount Avenue by Tomie De Paola – An autobiography by the popular children’s author. He describes the year before his family moved from an apartment into their new home on Fairmount Avenue. The book gives glimpses into his childhood and connects with his picture books.

Abel’s Island by William Steig – When Abel tries to rescue Amanda’s scarf, he is swept away into a torrent of water and finally lands on an island. Here the lazy and pampered Abel must care of himself and find away home.

Ace the Very Important Pig by Dick King - Smith Farmer Tubb’s amazing pig, winds up on television for his cleverness.

Afternoon of the Elves by Janet Taylor - Lisle Hillary doesn’t believe the mean things she hears about Sara-Kate, and leaves her comfortable surroundings to explore the elves’ village in Sara-Kate’s back yard.

All About Sam by Lois Lowry – Anastasia Krupnik’s little brother Sam gets a change to tell his own story about life in the Krupnik family.

Amber Brown Wants Extra Credit by Paula Danziger - Amber Brown is in 4th grade. Her parents get a divorce, her best friend Justin moves away, and she gets in trouble in school (sequel to Amber Brown Goes Forth).

Babe and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure by Dan Gutman – With their ability to time travel using vintage baseball cards, Joe and his father have the opportunity to find out whether Babe Ruth really called his shot when he hit the home run in the third game of the world series against the Chicago Cubs.

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kae DeCamillo – Ten year old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

Beetles, Lightly Toasted by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor – A boy competes with his know-it-all cousin by creating recipes from unusual food sources and testing them on unaware friends and family.

Beezus and Ramona by Beverly Cleary - Nine year old Beezus Quimby has her hands full with her little sister, Ramona. Sure, other people have little sisters who bother them sometimes, but are there any in the world like Ramona?

Best School Year Ever by Barbara Robinson – The six horrible Herdmans, the worst kids in the history of the world, cause mayhem throughout the school year. Sequel to Best Christmas Pageant Ever.

Catch That Pass by Matt Christopher – One of a long series of books about football, baseball, hockey and other sports.

Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling – The story tells of the two days after John acquired the chocolate touch – the magic that turned everything he touches into chocolate.

Coffin on a Case by Eve Bunting – Twelve year old Henry Coffin, son of a private investigator, helps a gorgeous high school girl in a dangerous attempt to find her kidnapped mother.

Dead Letter by Betsy Byars – Herculeah Jones and her best friend Meat set out to crack the case of a mysterious note which she finds in the lining of a second-hand coat.

Dear Mrs. Ryan by Jennifer Jones – In an effort to get their mother to stop writing about them in her books, Harvey and his best friend try to make a romantic connection between her and their school principal.

Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of Pablo's Nose by Donald Sobol – America's "Sherlock Holmes in sneakers" continues his war on crime in 10 more cases, the solutions to which appear in the back of the book.

Fat Fanny, Beanpole Bertha, and the Boys by Barbara Ann Porte – To raise money, Bertha and Fanny decide to teach Fanny's triplet brothers to tap dance.

The Fighting Ground by Avi – Jonathan learns about war the hard way when he runs away to join the American Revolution.

Ginger Pye by Eleanor Estes – Jerry and Rachel are very proud of the dog they purchased for \$1.00, and are puzzled and upset when they must solve the mystery of who stole Ginger on Thanksgiving Day.

Harvey's Horrible Snake Disaster by Eth Clifford – Harvey tries to hide the fact that he is petrified of snakes.

Hey, New Kid by Betsy Duffey – When his family moves in the middle of the school year, third grader Cody decides to start fresh; instead of being ordinary Cody, he’s going to be Super Cody.

Homer Price by Robert McCloskey – Classic story of an all American boy growing up in a small midwestern town. Continued in **Centerburg Tales**.

Hot and Cold Summer by Johanna Hurwitz – Two inseparable 10 year old boys discover there is room in their friendship for another person, and it really doesn’t matter if she is a girl.

How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell – Two boys set out to prove that worms can make a delicious meal.

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Betty Bao Lord – A Chinese girl moves in Brooklyn where she makes new friends, discovers baseball, and becomes a Brooklyn Dodgers fan.

Indian in the Cupboard by Lynn Reid Banks – A nine year old boy receives a plastic Indian, a cupboard, and a key for his birthday, and finds himself involved in adventure when the Indian comes to life.

Jim Ugly by Sid Fleischman – The adventures of Jake and Jim Ugly, Jake’s part-mongrel, part-wolf dog, as they travel through the Old West trying to find out what really happened to Jake’s father.

Just Like Mike by Gail Herman – Michael’s mother is remarrying, and soon Michael will have a new family, a new home, and a new dad. Worst of all, though, he’s going to have a new name: Michael Brown will be Michael Jordan.

Knights of the Kitchen Table by Jon Scieszka – Three friends meet up with dragons, giants and wizards when they are sent back in time by a magic book.

Lily’s Crossing by Patricia Reilly Giff – During a summer spent at Rockway Beach in 1944, a girl’s friendship with a young Hungarian refugee cause her to see the war an her own world differently.

Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder – The first volume in the well known series of books about a pioneer family’s struggle to survive in the wilderness.

Little Ships: The Heroic Rescue at Dunkirk in World War II by Louise Borden – An English girl and her father take their sturdy fishing boat and join scores of other civilian vessels crossing the English Channel to rescue Allied troops.

Matilda by Roald Dahl – Super-bright first grader Matilda is upset when the evil school Principal Miss Trunchbutt goes after the teacher, Miss Honey.

Miracles on Maple Hill by Virginia Sorenson – Marly and her brother experience new adventures and friends when they move to the country, including helping to get in a neighbor's maple sugar crop.

Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry – Paul and Maureen work together to bring Phantom and her new foal, Misty to Chincoteague.

Mrs. Piggle Wiggle by Betty MacDonald – Mrs. Piggle Wiggle is a smart and caring lady who helps out the neighborhood kids by curing them of “bad habits” such as quarreling, not picking up toys, and every not so nice trait that's been attributed to children.

Off and Running by Gary Soto – When they learn that Rudy and Alex, two fifth grade class clowns, plan to run against them in the school elections, Miata and Ana know that they face a difficult race.

Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lingren – Fantastic adventures of a red-headed Swedish girl with extraordinary power, who has a monkey and a horse for companions.

Poppy by Avi – Mr. Ocax the owl rules the territory where Poppy, a young deer mouse, lives with her large, extended family. The mice have agreed to obey Mr. Ocax and, in exchange, he has promised to protect them from danger.

Rabbit Hill by Robert Lawson – The animals on Rabbit Hill are full of anticipation about the new family about to move into the big house.

Ramona Forever by Beverly Cleary – Ramona copes with a wedding, a new arrival in her family, a death, and her father's new job.

Ruby Holler by Sharon Creech – Thirteen year old fraternal twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage but their lives change when a eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.

Saffy's Angel by Hilary McKay – After learning that she was adopted, 13 year old Saffron's relationship with her eccentric, artistic family changes, until they help her go back to Italy where she was born to find a special memento of her past.

Shiloh by Phyllis Naylor – Eleven year old Marty Preston finds a mistreated beagle pup in his hometown of Friendly, West Virginia. The dog was abused by his owner. What should Marty do about it?

Shooting Star by Sheila Klass – Annie Oakley, a girl who prefers hunting over sewing, breaks free from conventional behavior for girls and becomes a sharpshooter and entertainer.

Skeleton Man by Joseph Bruchac – After her parents disappear and she is turned over to the care of a strange “great-uncle”, Molly must rely on her dreams about an old Mohawk story for her safety, and maybe even her life.

Sunder by William Armstrong – A poor sharecropper’s family suffers when the father is unjustly imprisoned, and is kept growing by courage and love.

Soup in Love by Robert Newton Peck – As Valentine’s Day approaches, Soup and Rob learn that there are several different kinds of love.

Space Race by Sylvia Waugh – When he learns he and his father must soon leave Earth, 11 year old Derwent is upset, but an accident separates the two of them and makes Thomas’ situation much worse.

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume – Four grader Peter must deal with his two year old brother, Fudge, and his disgusting cuteness and propensity for complicating Peter’s life.

Time Cat by Lloyd Alexander - Jason’s amazing cat, Gareth, takes him on exciting adventures through time and space.

Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age and His Search for Soft Trousers

by Raymond Briggs – To the dismay of his parents and friends, a prehistoric boy continually thinks of making things softer, warmer and nicer, rather than being content in a world of stone.

Wanted – Mud Blossom by Betsy Byars – A side splitting trial ensues after Pap’s dog, Mud, is accused of eating the class hamster.

What Would Joey Do? By Jack Gantos – Joey tries to keep his life from degenerating into total chaos when his mother sends him to be home-schooled with a hostile blind girl, his divorced parents cannot stop fighting, and his grandmother is dying of emphysema.

Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman – Prince Brat has a whipping boy named Jemmy who takes the blame for all the bad things the prince does.

Wringer by Jerry Spinelli – As Palmer nears his birthday, he finds himself dreading the town’s annual Pigeon Day, when the new 10 year olds must participate in a dreadful way.

Non Fiction

Coyotes in the Crosswalk by Eve Bunting – Learn how all sorts of unique and wily wild creatures have made themselves at home in the cracks and crannies of our cities and towns.

Dolphin Treasure by Wayne Grover – In this sequel to **Dolphin Adventure**, a man searching for buried treasure off the Florida coast is cast adrift by a storm until a dolphin comes to his aid.

Don't Know Much About the States by Kenneth C. Davis – Every state boasts a claim to fame: its rich history, natural splendor, advancement of the arts, or unique contribution to American life. Check out what's said about the place you call home, and learn surprising facts about the rest of the country.

This is a look at the wonderful world of flight and people like Jimmy Doolittle, Beryl Markham and “Wrong Way” Corrigan whose colorful exploits helped advance the airplane flight.

Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women

by Catherine Thimmesh - Details of some of the wonderful inventions that women have made over the years, and how they helped make our lives easier.

Hurricanes: Earth's Mightiest Storms by Patricia Lauber – Tells how hurricanes form, how scientists study them, and how they have affected people and the environment.

Illustrated Book of Myths: Tales and Legends of the World by Neil Philip – A gathering together of many of the most popular myths from all over the world, including great classical tales from Greece and Rome and myths from the Norse, Celtic, Egyptian, Native American, Aboriginal, African, and Asian traditions.

It's Raining Pigs and Noodles: Poems by Jack Prelutsky – Collection of humorous poetry such as “You Can't Make Me Eat That!”

Paper Airplanes Book by Seymour Simon – An explanation of how things fly, plus directions for making your own paper airplanes.

Biography

Bill Peet: An Autobiography by Bill Peet - In words and pixyish pictures, the children's book writer who animated major Disney films remembers his childhood and career.

Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King by Doreen -
Dr. Martin Luther King was an American civil rights advocate, who lived from 1929 to 1968, when he was assassinated. He worked tirelessly toward freedom for all Afro-Americans.

Michaelangelo by Diane Stanley JB Michaelangelo – Biography of the Renaissance sculptor, architect and poet, known for his work of the Sistine Chapel.

Tallchief: America's Prima Ballerina by Maria Tallchief – Maria Tallchief describes her childhood on an Osage reservation in Oklahoma, the development of her love of ballet, and her departure to New York where she rose to success.

SUMMER READING

Grade 5 going to GRADE 6 IN SEPTEMBER

Afternoon of the Elves by Jane Lisle – Hilary and the girl next door want to believe in the elfland of their back yard, and their friendship leads to startling discoveries.

Anastasia's Album by Hugh Brewster – Thanks to the albums and letters of Anastasia, the daughter of Tsar Nicholas II, we can step behind the palace gates and see what life was like for the last ruling family of Russia.

The Barn by Avi – To fulfill their dying father's last request, 9 year old Ben and his brother and sister construct a barn on their land in the Oregon Territory.

Bat 6 by Virginia Wolff – In a post World War II Oregon town, 21 6th grade girls tell the story of an annual softball game, when one girl's bigotry comes to the surface.

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo – 10 year old India Opal Butoni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

Bigger by Patricia Calvert – When his father disappears at the end of the Civil War, a boy decides to go after him and bring him home.

The Boggart by Susan Cooper – After visiting a Scottish castle, a girl finds that she has accidentally brought a boggart back home with her.

Bud, not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis – 10 year old Bud, an orphan living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and searches for the man he believes is his father – a renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

Castle by David Macaulay – The text and detailed drawings follow the planning and construction of a typical castle and adjoining town in 13th century Wales. See also City, Cathedral, Pyramid, Underground and other books by this author.

The Castle in the Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop – The gift of a model castle sets a young boy off on a magical quest to challenge the evil Wizard Alastar and save the valiant Sir Simon.

The Cay by Theodore Taylor – Philip and an old black man are shipwrecked on a deserted island after being torpedoed by a Nazi ship during World War II.

Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary – In letters to his favorite author, 10 year old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and finding his place in the world.

Earthquake Terror by Peg Kehret – When an earthquake hits the island where his family is camping, a boy must keep himself, his sister, and his dog alive.

Exploring the Titanic by Robert Ballard – A dramatic telling of the sinking of this liner in 1912 and the exploration of the wreckage. Spectacular pictures.

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by Elaine L. Konigsburg – A boy and girl run away from home and hide for a time in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

The Ghost of Fossil Glen by Cynthia C. DeFelice – Allie knows it's not her imagination when she hears a voice and sees in her mind's eye the face of a girl who seems to be seeking Allie's help.

Gone-Away Lake by Elizaeth Enright – Portia and her cousin discover adventure and new friends in a colony of forgotten summer cottages on a swampy lake.

The Great Fire by Jim Murphy – The Chicago Fire of 1871 is described by eyewitnesses through its three horror-filled days of destruction.

Half Magic by Edward McMaken Eager – When four bored siblings find a coin that grants them wishes – but only half the wish – their summer becomes considerably more interesting.

Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh – Independent-minded Harriet works hard at becoming a spy, keeping careful observations in a secret notebook, and is horrified and troubled when her Joey, who loves baseball but is not very good at it, finds a valuable 1909 Honus Wagner card and travels back in time to meet Honus.

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Lord – A young Chinese girl immigrates to Brooklyn during the 1940's and in adjusting to the U.S., discovers the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell – An Indian girl learns to survive alone on an isolated island off the California coast.

Jeremy Thatcher Dragon Hatcher by Bruce Coville – Small for his age but artistically talented, twelve year old Jeremy Thatcher unknowingly buys a dragon's egg.

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key by Jack Gantos – To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription meds wears off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired.

Journal of Joshua Loper by Walter Myers – In 1871 Joshua Loper, a 16 year old black cowboy, records in his journal his experiences while making his first cattle drive under an unsympathetic trail boss.

The Long Road to Gettysburg by Jim Murphy – Describes the events of the Battle of Gettysburg as seen through the eyes of two actual participants, 19 year old Confederate lieutenant John Dooley and 17 year old Union soldier Thomas Galway.

The Man Who Was Poe by Avi – A boy searching for his missing mother encounters Edgar Allan Poe in disguise as the detective Auguste Dupin.

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli – Jeffrey Magee’s astonishing athletic skills earn him the nickname “Maniac.” But it is his innocent friendships on both sides of a segregated town that earn him legendary fame.

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O’Brien – Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits a group of rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise.

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George – Young Sam Gribbley, tired of the crowded city, runs away to the Catskill Mountains where he learns to survive in the wild with the help of a falcon named Frightful.

No More Dead Dogs by Gordon Kornman – 8th grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play and, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production and suggests changes that improve the play and his life.

Park’s Quest by Katherine Paterson – Eleven year old Park makes some startling discoveries and when he travels to his grandfather’s farm in Virginia to learn about his father who died in the peaceful life of Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes. The first volume of the Redwall series.

Riding Freedom by Pam Munoz Ryan – a fictionalized account of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who ran away from an orphanage, posed as a boy, moved to California, and fooled everyone by her appearance.

Running Out of Time by Margaret Peterson Haddix – When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840 village, 13 year old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1996 tourist site under observation by heartless scientists. Jessie has to escape the village and save the dying children.

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr – Moving story of a young Japanese girl who dies of Leukemia that developed from the bombing of Hiroshima.

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett – Beloved children’s classic about a lonely orphaned girl who moves to England and discovers a walled garden which changes her life.

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor – A boy tries to hide a dog in the woods in an effort to save the dog from his mean-spirited owner.

Something Big Has Been Here by Jack Prelutsky – A wealth of funny verse from a favorite poet with vivid words, rhythmic cadences and infectious humor.

The Trading Game by Alfred Slote – Andy’s baseball talent is combined with a consuming interest in collecting cards, a pastime that his grandfather scorns. Their conflict comes to a head in a game which Grandpa must coach.

Time for Andrew: A Ghost Story by Mary Downing Hahn – When he spends the summer with his great aunt in the family’s old house, a boy is drawn to the past.

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt – Winnie Foster stumbles upon the Tuck family’s secret of eternal life, but she is followed by an evil stranger who wants to use the secret for profit.

When the Circus Came to Town by Polly Horvath – Not everyone welcomes Elvira the Snake Lady and the Flying Gambinis to the neighborhood.

Williwaw! By Tom Bodett – 13 year old September and her younger brother Ivan disobey their father by taking the boat out on their Alaska bay, where they are caught in a terrifying storm called a williwaw.

The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane by Russell Freedman – Describes the lives of Wilbur and Orville Wright and provides details on how they developed the first airplane.

Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear by Linsey Namioka – A musically untalented boy is faced with giving a violin performance when he would rather be playing baseball.

