



**ROAR FOR
SUMMER
READING!**



**NSHA SUMMER READING
PROGRAM 2020**

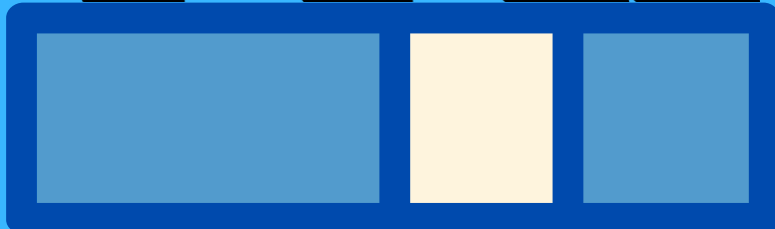


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Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that this year is coming to a close, and we wanted to thank you for being our partners - in ways you never dreamed of - this year! **The most important thing that you can do for your children this summer is to make reading a top priority.** Research shows that you can dramatically decrease your child's summer slide, or academic regression that takes place each summer, by ensuring that your child reads for at least 20 minutes everyday. Reading is defined as you reading to your child, your child reading to you or when ready, your child reading independently. Reading aloud to your child at any age helps to expand his/her literacy skills including listening comprehension and vocabulary development, love of reading, and empathy and awareness of the world around them.

With this in mind, we are not distributing a Summer Homework packet this summer, but rather we are sharing a Summer Reading List for each grade through "NSHA's Roar for Summer Reading" initiative! This list is a small selection of the thousands of incredible children's books available in the world, but curated for our students to encourage a love of reading. In addition to fiction lists by grade level, we've put together lower and upper elementary nonfiction reading lists as well. As every child is different, you will notice a range of reading levels on each list, and you are also welcome to look at the list above and below your child's grade for additional suggestions.

This summer, your child should be reading every day, and must also read three books from his/her grade's Summer Reading List. Depending on the books your child chooses, and his/her own independent reading level, your child may be able to read this book independently, or you may choose to read it to him/her. Students entering grades 2-5 will also choose from a menu of projects to complete about one of the books he/she read. The menu includes straightforward writing assignments, along with more creative, hands-on projects. We encourage you to help your child select the project that works best for his/her learning style and interests.

To support you in purchasing books for our "Roar for Summer Reading" initiative, the NSHA PTA is sponsoring a Virtual Book Fair:

Visit <https://www.childrensbookstore.com/welcome/north-shore-hebrew-academy/> to access the book fair. NSHA PTA will receive 30% back from your purchase and our Summer Reading lists are already uploaded to the site for your purchasing convenience. The virtual PTA book fair begins Sunday, June 14 and ends June 28th but you can continue shopping the website throughout the summer.

We look forward to hearing all about the books your child reads in September! If you'd like additional support in selecting books for your children, don't hesitate to reach out to me. I'm always happy to talk about books.

Wishing you and your family a safe and healthy summer full of reading,

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Menu of Book Projects for Students Entering Grades 2-5 **(Students entering K and 1 are not required to complete a project)**

Choose 1 book you read this summer and complete 1 of the writing projects below. The final project will be collected and celebrated in September by your new teacher!

Project Options for Fiction OR Nonfiction Books:

1. Make a new book jacket for your book - include a front cover, an inside cover with a summary of the book and a back cover including your own review of the book.
2. Turn your book into a movie. Create a movie trailer, write the script, grab some family members to perform it, and film it!
3. Make a board game for your book. Include directions, game board and all pieces needed to play it!
4. Create an amusement park (think *Harry Potter World*!) for your book. Include the map of the amusement park including illustrations and descriptions of the rides, the food, and the gift shop.
5. Write a letter to a friend recommending or not recommending the book you've read. Include three reasons to support your opinion, along with details from the book itself.

Project Options for Fiction Books Only:

1. You are a news reporter interviewing the main character of your book on TV. Write the interview - including your questions and the character's answers to each question. Ask a family member to act out the interview with you, and film it.
2. Choose a character from your book and imagine this character keeps a journal. Write 3-5 journal entries from the point of view of this character.
3. Write the next chapter, or a whole sequel, for your book. What happens next?
4. Imagine your character was living in Great Neck (or surrounding area) this summer. What would the character do? How would the character feel? Write another chapter of your book putting your character into summer 2020!
5. Imagine your main character was creating a scrapbook for their family about their life. Include pictures, captions, and artifacts in your final project.

Project Options for Nonfiction books:

1. Create a documentary about the topic of your book, using the facts and details you learned from your book.
2. Create your own "Alphabet Book" based on the book they read considering facts, details and vocabulary words you learned. For example, an ABC Book on the Desert of the American Southwest might include pages like: A is for Armadillo and B is for Bighorn Sheep. Write a sentence and include an illustration about each word.
3. Create a set of trading cards (like baseball or Pokémon cards) using index cards to teach someone some of the facts and details you learned from your book.

Reading Log: Please complete and hand in on the first day of school.

Name:

Incoming Class:

The three books I read this summer from the Summer Reading List:

1.

2.

3.

My three favorite books I read over the summer (does not have to be from the Summer Reading List):

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2.

3.

Other books I read this summer:

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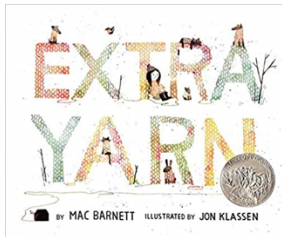
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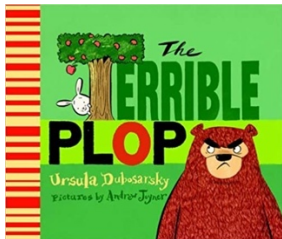
Summer Reading List for Students Entering Kindergarten

For children entering Kindergarten, here is a list of ten unique picture books to read aloud to your child. Read 1, 3, 5, or all of them!



Extra Yarn by Mac Barnett

With a supply of yarn that never runs out, Annabelle knits for everyone and everything in town until an evil archduke decides he wants the yarn for himself.



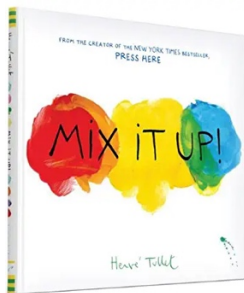
The Terrible Plop by Ursula Dubosarsky

A mysterious sound sends the whole forest running away in fear, and only the littlest rabbit is courageous enough to figure out the source of the sound.



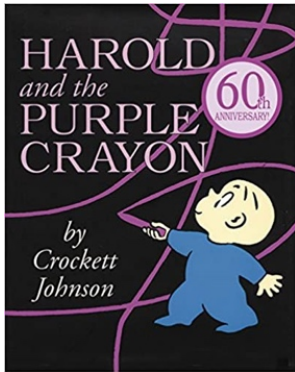
The Monster Who Lost His Mean by Tiffany Strelitz Haber

Everyone knows that the M in "monster" stands for MEAN. But what happens when a monster can't be mean any more? Is he still a monster at all? One young monster's attempts to live up to his name go hilariously awry as he discovers—with a little help from new friends—that it's not what you're called but who you are that counts.



Mix It Up by Herve Tullet

An interactive picture book that introduces mixing colors to children. A perfect book for a summer day of reading and painting!



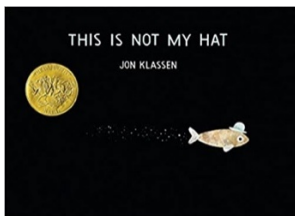
Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson

One evening Harold decides to go for a walk in the moonlight. Armed only with an oversized purple crayon, young Harold draws himself a landscape full of wonder and excitement. Harold and his trusty crayon travel through woods and across seas and past dragons before returning to bed, safe and sound. Full of funny twists and surprises, this charming story shows just how far your imagination can take you.



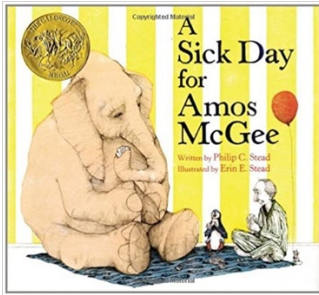
What's My Superpower? By Aviaq Johnston

Nalvana feels like all of her friends have some type of superpower. She has friends with super speed, friends with super strength, and friends who are better than her at a million other things. Nalvana thinks she must be the only kid in town without a superpower. But then her mom shows Nalvana that she is unique and special, and that her superpower was right in front of her all along.



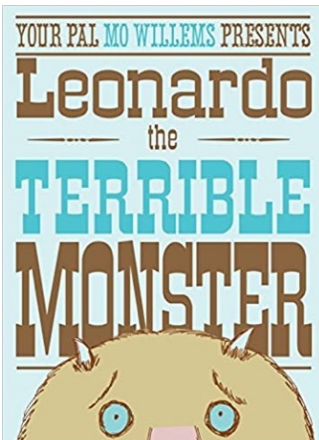
This Is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen

This tiny fish knows it's wrong to steal a hat. It fits him just right. But the true owner of the hat wants it back.



A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip Christian Stead

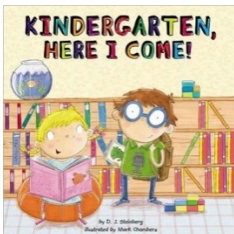
A friendly zookeeper always made time to visit his good friends, the elephant, the tortoise, the penguin, the rhinoceros and the owl. When he catches a cold one day, he receives some unexpected guests.



Leonardo the Terrible Monster by Mo Willems

No matter how hard he tries, Leonardo can't seem to frighten anyone. Finally, he finds a nervous little boy, and scares the tuna salad out of him! But scaring people isn't quite as satisfying as he thought it would be.

And here are a few bonus titles to get your child excited about Kindergarten!



Kindergarten, Here I Come!
By D.J. Steinberg



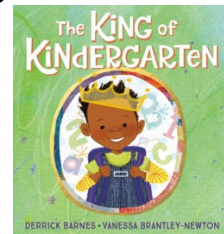
The Night Before Kindergarten By
Natasha Wang



Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten
By Joseph Slate



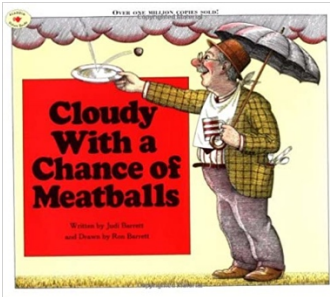
Adventure Annie Goes to Kindergarten
By Toni Buzzeo



The King of Kindergarten
By Derrick Barnes

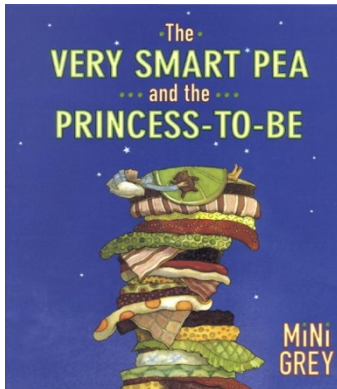
Summer Reading List for Students Entering 1st Grade

This list includes a few titles for parents to read to their children, along with some books that children may be able to read to their parents, as well.



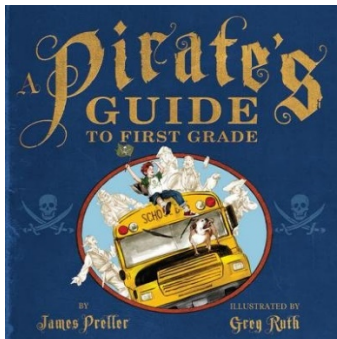
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs by Judi Barrett

In the town of Chewandswallow, when it rains, it pours...soup, spaghetti and soda! This tall tale about the tiny town where the weather is "served" at breakfast, lunch and dinner is a laugh.



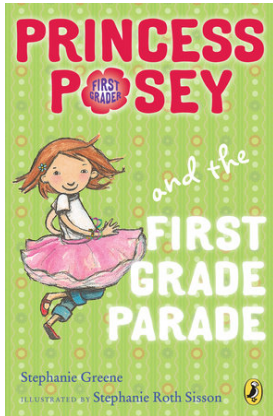
The Very Smart Pea and the Princess-To-Be by Mini Grey

Straight from the pod, a retelling of a fairy tale classic.



A Pirate's Guide to First Grade by James Preller

Ahoy, mateys! A boy's daily routine is buoyed by his imaginary adventures on the high seas. Narrated entirely in pirate-speak, this is a fun book to read aloud to your budding young pirate before sending them off to first grade!



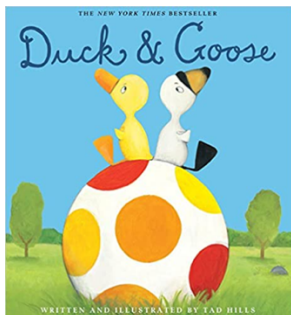
Princess Posey and the First Grade Parade by Stephanie Greene

This series is all about a first grade girl, Posey. In this book, Posey is really nervous about starting first grade. Instead of getting walked to her classroom, her mom has to drop her off at Kiss-and-Go Lane. Posey inspires her new teacher to throw a first-day parade in which all the kids are invited to wear whatever makes them feel the most comfortable, first grade starts to feel a lot better!



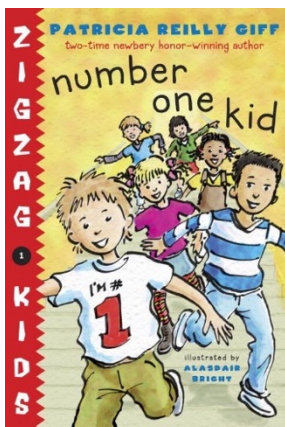
The Night Before First Grade by Natasha Wing

This picture book introduces us to a young Penny and invites us to follow along as Penny weather her night-before jitters and encounters the strange, new realities of first grade. An ideal “what to expect” guide for anxious almost first graders.



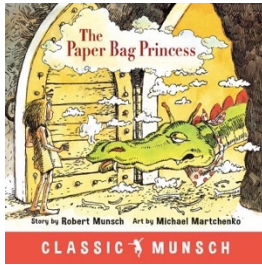
Duck & Goose by Tad Hills

Meet Duck and Goose, two young birds who mistake a polka-dot ball for an egg and have to master the art of cooperation—and sharing—to take care of it. But friendship is not always easy, as proved in this funny, accessible story.



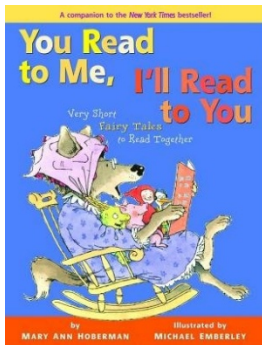
Zigzag Kids #1 Number One Kid by Patricia Reilly Giff

Newbery Honor-winning author Patricia Reilly Giff has authored Zigzag Kids, a new illustrated series about the excitement and surprises of new friends and after-school fun.



Paperbag Princess by Robert Munsch

When the fiercest dragon in the whole world smashes Princess Elizabeth's castle, burns all her clothes, and captures her fiancé, Prince Ronald, Elizabeth takes matters into her own hands. With her wits alone and nothing but a paper bag to wear, the princess challenges the dragon to show his strength in the hopes of saving the prince. But is it worth all that trouble?



You Read to Me, I'll Read to You, Very Short Fairy Tales to Read by Mary Ann Hoberman

Each of these short tales is told in short rhyming dialogues—with each character's lines indicated by a different color—to be used as a script for two voices to read. Goldilocks, the Little Red Hen, the Three Little Pigs, and many more beloved characters star in these tales-with-a-twist that are perfect for early and reluctant readers, readers' theater, and bedtime fun.

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Series Books for Students Entering 1st and 2nd grades

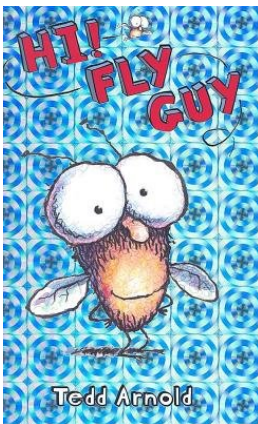
The following titles include some of my favorite, easy reader series books! Series books are a great way to get students excited about reading and include many sight words your child may be able to read, even if they can't read the entire book independently.

TIP: When asking your child to read independently, match the book to your child by asking him/her to read a page aloud. If your child makes less than two mistakes, and understands what he/she read, it's a go! Otherwise, try a book at an easier level.



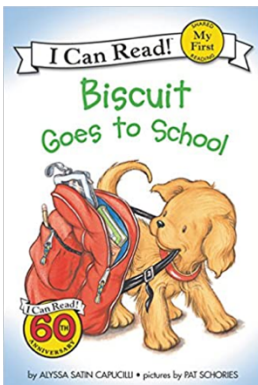
Puppy Mudge Finds a Friend, Puppy Mudge Has a Snack, Puppy Mudge Loves His Blanket, Puppy Mudge Takes a Bath, Puppy Mudge Wants to Play, and Henry and Mudge: The First Book, by Cynthia Rylant (Level D-E)

Before Mudge was a big, playful dog, he was a big, adorable puppy! Classic characters Henry and Mudge star in this unforgettable series by award-winning author Cynthia Rylant all about Puppy Mudge's hilarious and heartwarming adventures in friendship



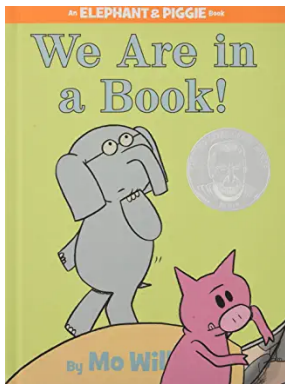
Hi! Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold (Level F)

The first in a long series of books featuring this perky pest. While short and easy to read, the chapters help first graders feel like they are reading a "big kid" book.



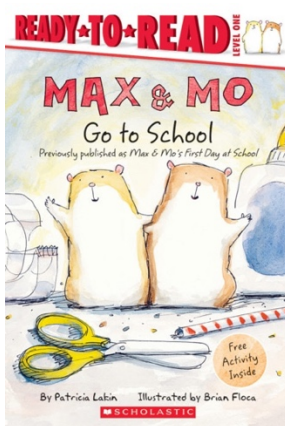
Biscuit goes to School by Alyssa Satin Capucilli (Level F)

Biscuit can't wait to go to school! Even though no dogs are allowed, he is determined to see and do everything that takes place at school. But what will happen when the teacher discovers a puppy in his classroom? One of a series!



We Are in A Book! by Willems, Mo (Level G)

This book is one of many in the Elephant and Piggie series, done in comic book style, by Mo Willems, an author our students studied in Kindergarten. In this book, Gerald and Piggie discover the joy of being read. But what will happen when the book ends? One of a series!



Max & Mo Go To School by Patricia Lakin (Level H-I)

Max and Mo are two class hamsters that go back to school after summer break and discover that the new kids do not know their names. Embarrassed by being called Tummy and Fluffy, they sneak out of their cage at night to make their own name tags. And the next day, the little creatures are called by their right names! One of a series!



Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant (Level J)

Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge. Together Henry and Mudge have many adventures together. One in a series that can become very addicting!

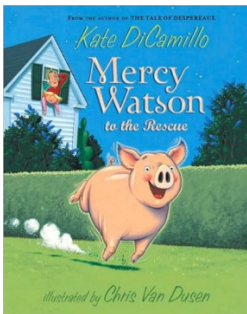
Summer Reading List for Students Entering 2nd Grade

You'll notice a wide variety of books and levels on this list as at this age, we have a wide range of readers. Feel free to use the 1st grade list or Series list, as well, if your child's reading level matches this list better. In addition, reading aloud to your child at this age is critically important. Many incoming 2nd graders comprehend at a much higher level than they read, and we want to expose them to sophisticated and entertaining books, regardless of their reading level.



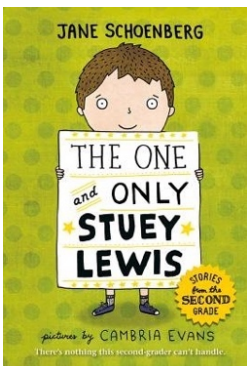
Freckle Juice by Judy Blume (Level M)

Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys a freckle recipe for fifty cents.



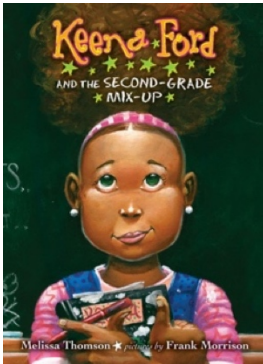
Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo (Level K)

The first adventure of this New York Times best-selling series is about Mercy - is a pig - who is treated more like a child, than an animal! To the portly and good-natured Mercy, the Watsons are an excellent source of buttered toast, not to mention great snugglers! This is not, however, so good for the Watsons' bed. BOOM! CRACK! As the bed and its occupants slowly sink through the floor, Mercy escapes in a flash – "to alert the fire department," her owners assure themselves. But could Mercy possibly have another emergency in mind — like a sudden craving for their neighbors' cookies?



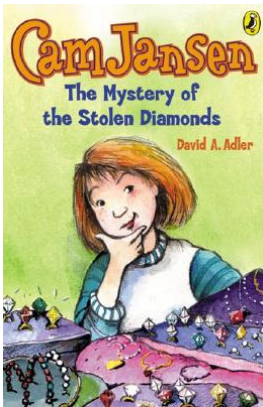
The One and Only Stuey Lewis by Jane Schoenberg (Level N)

Stuey Lewis is a really funny kid. Despite all the indignities he's forced to suffer as a second grader (reading difficulties, overprotective parents, annoying brother), he never loses his sense of humor!



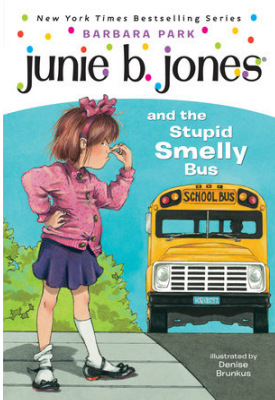
**Keena Ford and the Second-Grade Mix-Up by Melissa Thomson
(Level N)**

Keena is super excited about starting second grade, and she's eager to impress her new teacher, but why does Ms. Hanson think Keena's birthday is tomorrow? It was a small mistake, but now Keena can't turn down a cake and a crown! No more than she can help sneaking into her friend Eric's classroom to see if it's really as much fun as he claims.



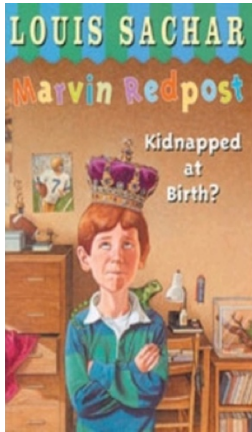
**Cam Jansen: The Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds by David Adler
(Level L)**

When Cam Jansen and her friend Eric believe the police have caught an innocent man, they decide to take the situation into their own hands and discover for themselves who really robbed Parker's Jewelry Store. One of a series!



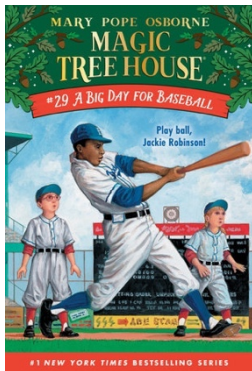
**Junie b. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus by Barbara Park
(Level N)**

Funny, feisty, and prone to mishaps, Junie B. Jones tackles the challenges of growing up in her own mischievous (and hilarious) way. One of a series!



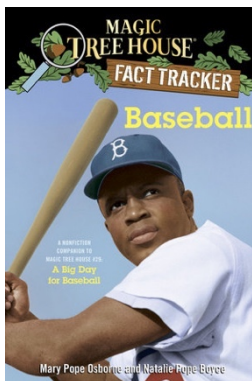
Marvin Redpost: Kidnapped at Birth? By Louis Sachar (Level N)

Nine-year-old Marvin Redpost has finally figured out why he has red hair and blue eyes, while everyone else in his family has brown hair and brown eyes. He is not really Marvin Redpost. He is Robert, the lost prince of Shampooon. Now all he has to do is break the news to his "former" parents. One of a series!



Magic Treehouse #29 A Big Day for Baseball by Mary Pope Osborne (Level M)

PLAY BALL! Jack and Annie aren't great baseball players . . . yet! Then Morgan the librarian gives them magical baseball caps that will make them experts. They just need to wear the caps to a special ballgame in Brooklyn, New York. The magic tree house whisks them back to 1947! When they arrive, Jack and Annie find out that they will be batboys in the game—not ballplayers. One of a series!



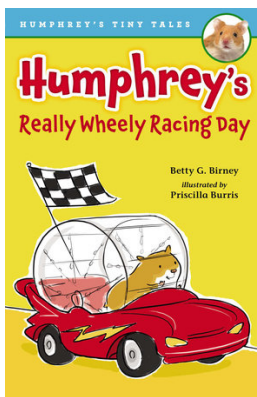
Magic Treehouse Fact Tracker Baseball by Mary Pope Osborne (Level M)

When Jack and Annie came back from their adventure in Magic Tree House #29: A Big Day for Baseball, they had lots of questions. When was baseball invented? What are the rules? Who was Jackie Robinson? Who are some other baseball greats? Find out the answers to these questions and more as Jack and Annie track the facts about America's national pastime.



Andy Shane, Hero at Last by Jennifer Richard Jacobson (Level K)

There are two things Andy Shane wants more than anything — to win the contest for best-decorated bike in the parade, and . . . to be a hero. He has a great idea for the bike part, although high-strung Dolores is upping the ante with her paper-daisy-covered helmets for her and her cat. But the second goal has Andy stumped, until the parade is in motion and his eagle eyes catch the reason why the drum corps has suddenly thrown the marchers out of whack! One of a series.



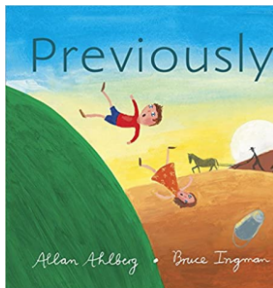
Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day by Priscilla Burris and Betty Birney

Humphrey is one happy hamster. He lives in Room 26 at Longfellow School. He has a big comfy cage with a wheel perfect for spinning and a room *full* of friends. But when Humphrey goes to Mandy's house one weekend, he learns that her hamster has something Humphrey has never seen before—a hamster car! One of a series!

Summer Reading List for Students Entering 3rd Grade

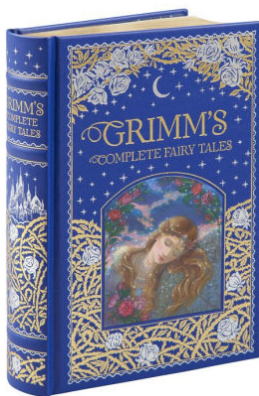
Wondering what book to pick up for your incoming third grader? As they develop the ability to read longer and more complex stories, the world of children's books becomes very exciting. Many of these titles are great for reading aloud, or you can try alternating back and forth with your child - they read a page, you read a page- they can practice their reading, but also have a chance to sit back and enjoy the story! Take a look at the incoming 2nd Grade Reading List too, as there are many great choices there too.

A few book suggestions to complement the fairytale unit your child just completed...



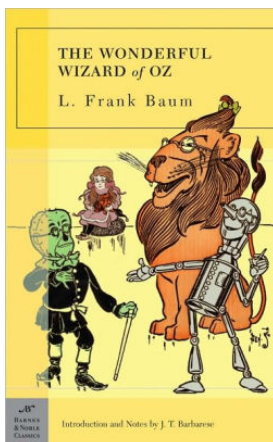
Previously by Allan Ahlberg

Do you know what Jack and Jill were arguing about before they went up the hill? And what happened before that? Every story, every person, and everything started somewhere.



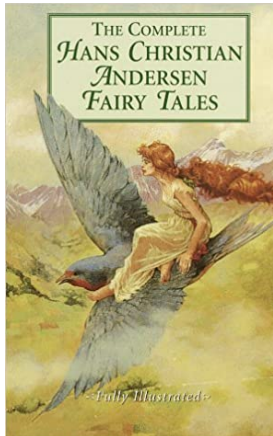
Grimm's Complete Fairy Tales by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm

Grimm's Complete Fairy Tales collects some of the best-loved and most famous fairy tales in all literature: "Little Red Riding Hood," "Snow-White and the Seven Dwarfs," "Cinderella," "Sleeping Beauty," "Rapunzel," "Rumpelstiltskin," and "Tom Thumb."



The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum

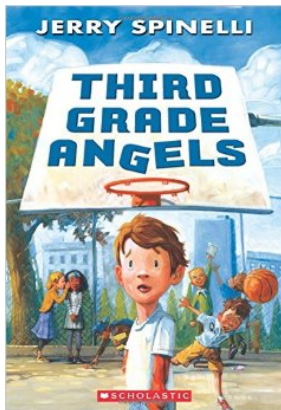
After a cyclone scoops them up with their Kansas farmhouse, Dorothy and her dog Toto find themselves transported to Oz, a magical land that is home to diminutive munchkins, wicked witches and good and flying monkeys. During her stay she meets --a Tin Woodman in search of a heart, a Scarecrow desperate for a brain, and Cowardly Lion who craves courage--Dorothy seeks out the Wizard of Oz, the only person in the land with the power to return her home.



Hans Christian Anderson Fairy Tales

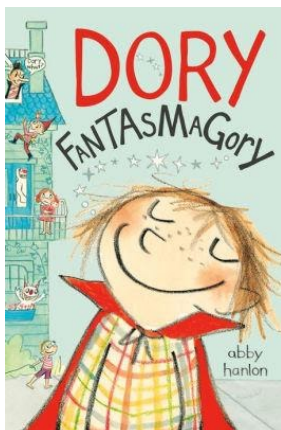
Andersen's fairy tales, which have been translated into more than 125 languages. Some of his most famous fairy tales include "The Little Mermaid", "The Snow Queen", "The Ugly Duckling", "The Nightingale", "The Emperor's New Clothes" and many more. His stories have inspired plays, ballets, and both live-action and animated films and make the perfect read-aloud for children of all ages.

A varied selection of chapter books - and don't hesitate to look at the 2nd and 4th grade lists too!



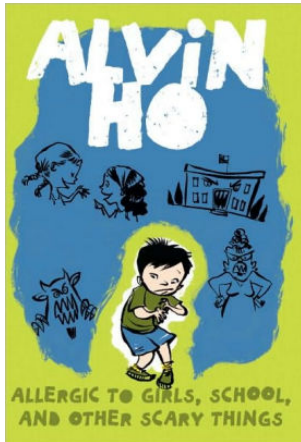
Third Grade Angels by Jerry Spinelli (Level P)

George, aka "Suds," has just entered third grade, and he's heard the rhyme about "first grade babies/second grade cats/third grade angels/fourth grade rats," but what does this mean for his school year? It means that his teacher, Mrs. Simms, will hold a competition every month to see which student deserves to be awarded "the halo" — which student is best-behaved, kindest to others, and, in short, perfect. Suds is determined to be the first to earn the halo, but he's finding the challenge of always being good to be more stressful than he had anticipated.



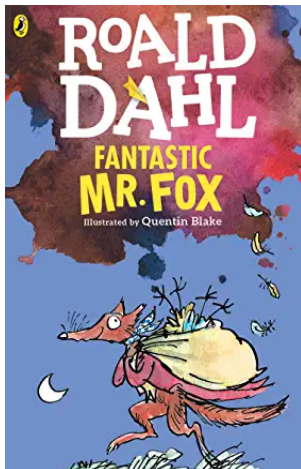
Dory Fantasmagory by Abby Hanlon (Level O)

It's hard being the youngest sibling, especially when your brother and sister won't play with you. Good thing Dory has an unbelievably wild imagination to keep her entertained. With its sharp-toothed robbers, bearded fairy godmothers, and a best friend who just happens to be a monster, this book is a real hoot.



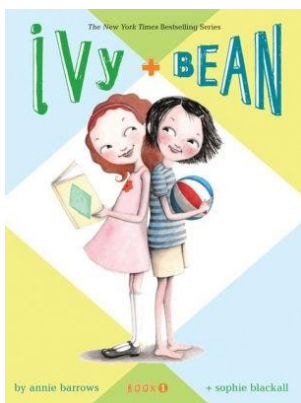
Alvin Ho by Lenore Look (Level P)

Here's the first book in the beloved and hilarious Alvin Ho chapter book series, which has been compared to Diary of a Wimpy Kid and is perfect for both beginning and reluctant readers. Alvin, an Asian American second grader, is afraid of everything—elevators, tunnels, girls, and, most of all, school. He's so afraid of school that, while he's there, he never, ever, says a word. But at home he's a very loud superhero named Firecracker Man, a brother to Calvin and Anibelly, and a gentleman-in-training, so he can be just like his dad.



Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl (Level P)

When is Roald Dahl not a good idea? This book is a quick read and hilariously funny. After twelve years, the Fox Family's quiet home life proves too much for Mr. Fox's natural animal instincts. When his young nephew arrives, Mr. Fox slips back into his old ways as a smart bird thief and, in doing so, endangers not only his beloved family, but the whole animal community as well.



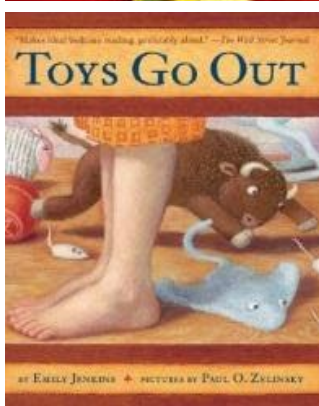
Ivy and Bean by Annie Barrows (Level M)

Ivy and Bean seem about as different as two young girls can be. Obviously, they won't be friends. But when Bean gets herself in a bit of trouble and Ivy comes to the rescue, proving that sometimes the best of friends are people never meant to like each other. One of a series!



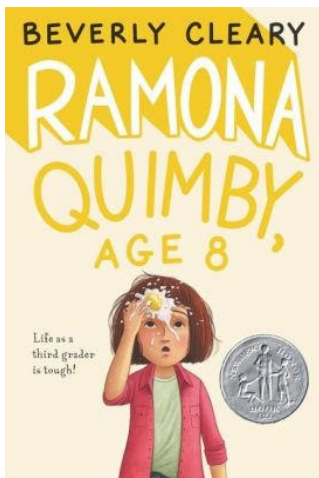
Kids of the Polk Street School: The Beast in Ms. Rooney's Room
by Patricia Reilly Giff (Level M)

It's September again. What does it mean for Richard "Beast" Best to be left back? It means being teased by his old friends while he's stuck facing the same old teacher in the same old classroom. He even has to take a special reading class with "babies" like Emily Arrow and Matthew Jackson. And just like last year, he can't help getting into trouble. But with the help of Mrs. Paris, the reading teacher, Beast starts to enjoy reading and just might find a way to help the second grade win the school banner for best class. One of a series!



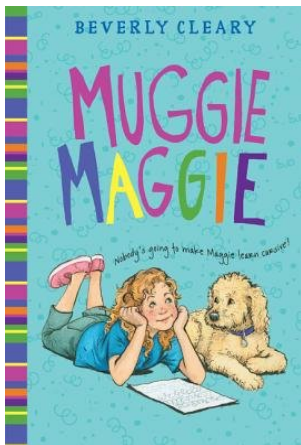
Toys Go Out: Being the Adventures of a Knowledgeable Stingray, a Toughy Little Buffalo, and Someone Called Plastic
by Emily Jenkins, illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky (Level N)

This delightful trilogy follows three friends (a stuffed stingray, a stuffed buffalo, and a rubber ball) who live in the bedroom of a little girl and have plenty of adventures when she's out.



Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary (Level O)

Ramona likes that she's old enough to be counted on, but must everything depend on her? Mrs. Quimby has gone back to work so that Mr. Quimby can return to school, and Ramona is expected to be good for Mrs. Kemp while her parents are away, to be brave enough to ride the school bus by herself, and to put up with being teased by Danny the Yard Ape. In Ramona's world, being eight isn't easy, but it's never dull! One of a series!



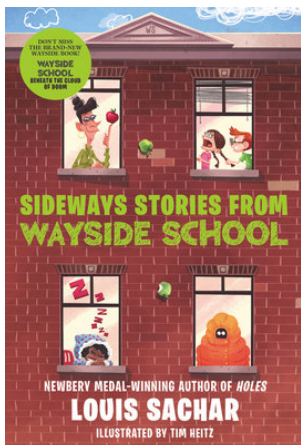
Muggie Maggie by Beverly Cleary (Level O)

Maggie doesn't want to learn cursive. She absolutely refuses until she is made the class messenger and starts taking notes, all written in cursive, to the office. After a while, she starts to wonder if the notes are written about her. But if she wants to know what they say, she'll have to learn cursive!



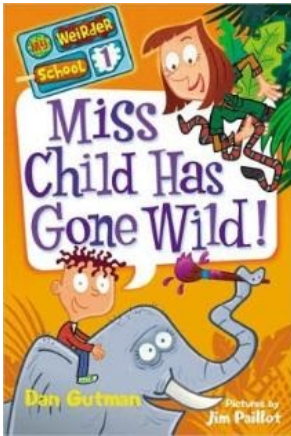
The Witches of Benevento Series by John Bemelmans Marciano

In the ancient Italian town of Benevento, legendary witches wreak all sorts of mischief. Five young cousins — Primo, Emilio, Rosa, Maria Bepinna, and Sergio — must work together if they're ever going to outsmart them. The books are full of tantalizing clues and plucky characters who each get their moment in the spotlight: Rosa becomes the first girl to compete in the annual Boar Hunt, Sergio tries to appease the ancestor spirit who lives upstairs, and more.



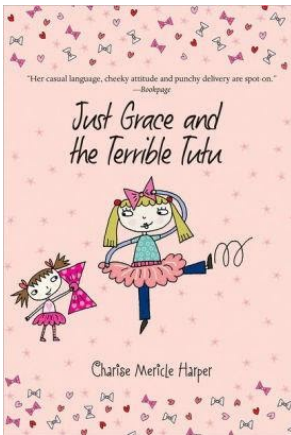
Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar (Level P)

Wayside school was supposed to be thirty classrooms, side by side. Instead, the builder made it thirty stories high, one classroom stacked on top of another. But that's only the beginning of the weirdness at the school, especially on the thirteenth floor, where things are always a little bit odd. Perfect for a reader who enjoys their fair share of goofiness. One of a series!



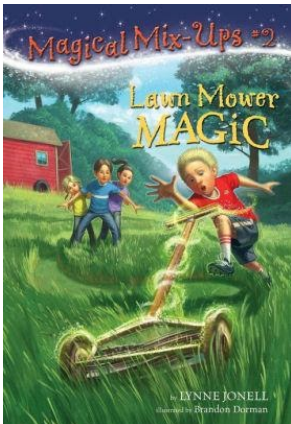
Miss Child Has Gone Wild! by Dan Gutman (Level N)

A.J. and his fellow third-graders from Ella Mentry School, including new student Alexia, go on a field trip to the zoo, where they meet a very strange zookeeper. One of a series!



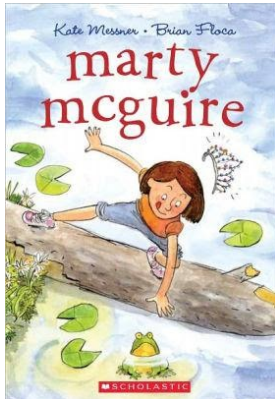
Just Grace and the Terrible Tutu by Charise Mericle Harper (Level O)

Eight-year-old Grace is excited to learn that her best friend, Mimi, is going to become an older sister, but when both try to be "mother's helpers" for a family renting a house on their street, little Lily likes Grace best, causing Mimi to doubt herself and Grace to form a plan to fix things. One of a series!



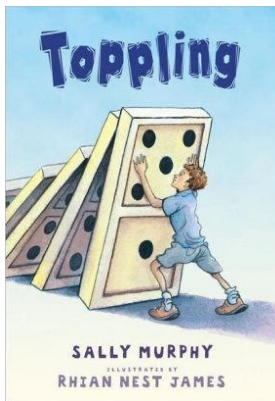
Lawn Mower Magic by Lynne Jonell

When Derek Willow is invited to visit a friend in the old neighborhood, he and his siblings Abner, Tate, and Celia try to earn money for his train ticket using an enchanted, and very hungry, lawnmower.



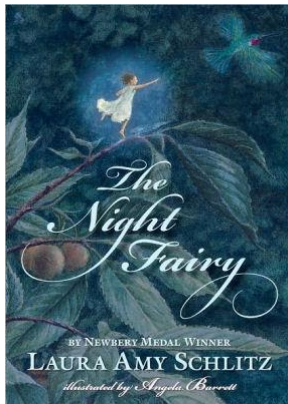
Marty McGuire by Kate Messner (Level O)

When tomboy Marty is cast as the princess in the third-grade play, she learns about improvisation, which helps her become more adaptable. One of a series!



Toppling by Sally Murphy

All John cares about is setting the world record for knocking down dominoes and spending time with his best friends at school. But then his closest friend, Dom, is hospitalized, leaving John and the gang wondering what to do for him.

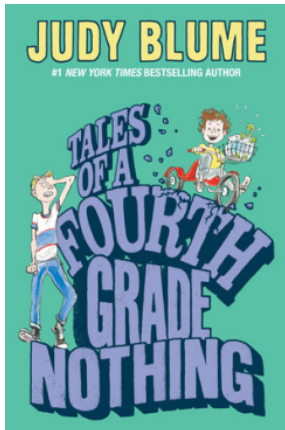


The Night Fairy by Laura Amy Schlitz (Level R)

When Flory the night fairy's wings are accidentally broken and she cannot fly, she has to learn to do everything differently.

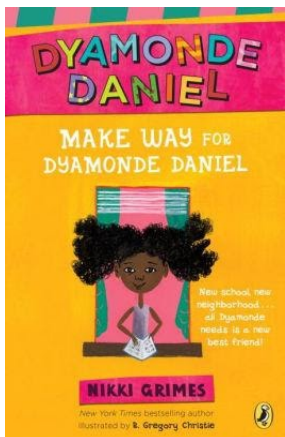
Summer Reading List for Students Entering 4th Grade

Included on this list are chapter books of a variety of reading levels. You can also look at the 3rd and 5th grade lists for additional ideas!



Tales of a Fourth Grade by Judy Blume (Level Q)

Life with his little brother, two-year-old Fudge, makes Peter Hatcher feel like a fourth grade nothing. Fudge causes mischief everywhere he goes. Whether Fudge is throwing a temper tantrum in a shoe store, smearing mashed potatoes on the walls at Hamburger Heaven, or trying to fly, he's never far from trouble. When Fudge walks off with Dribble, Peter's pet turtle, it's the last straw. How can he get his parents to pay attention to him for a change?



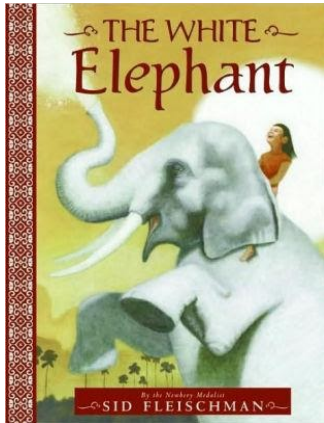
Dyamonde Daniel Series by Nikki Grimes (Level P)

Dyamonde Daniel is the sort of literary role model parents dream of for their kids. The third grader with "wild-crazy hair" is here to make friends, reconsider what she really needs in life, and question the narratives she's hearing at school. One in a series.



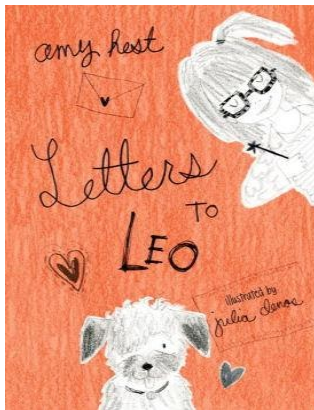
The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies (Level S)

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. Now Evan doesn't want her help with his lemonade stand, even though he could really use her math skills to make a profit. One in a series.



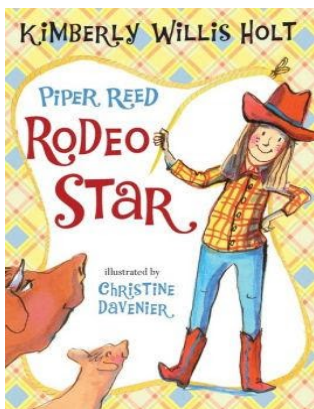
The White Elephant by Sid Fleischman (Level Q)

In old Siam, young elephant trainer Run-Run and his old charge, Walking Mountain, must deal with the curse of a sacred white elephant.



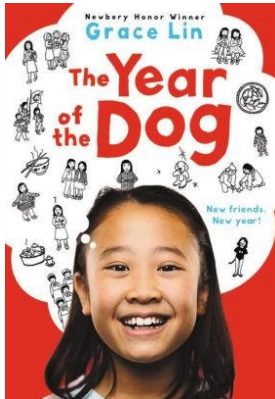
Letters to Leo by Amy Hest

In a series of letters to her new dog, fourth-grader Annie Rossi relates her daily exploits and remembers her mother.



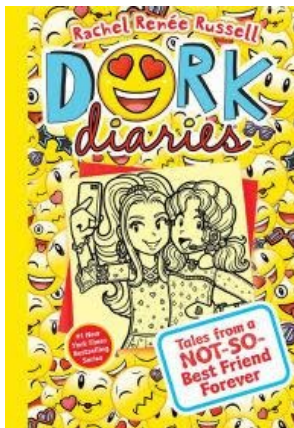
Piper Reed Gets a Job by Kimberly Willis Holt

When she discovers the price of the coveted clubhouse, ten-year-old Piper and her fellow Gypsy Club members try to earn the money by creating a birthday-party-planning business.



The Year of the Dog: a Novel by Lin Grace (Level Q)

Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog, those of making best friends and finding oneself, to her own life.



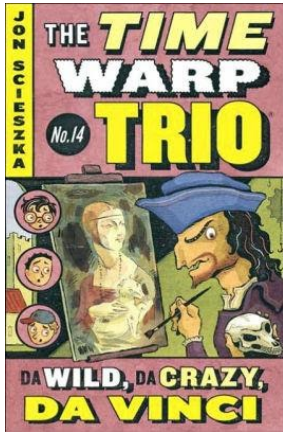
Dork Diaries #1 Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life by Rachel Renee Ruseell (Level U)

This book chronicles Nikki's trials and tribulations as the new girl at school, her love/hate fascination with the school's queen bee, her crush and her epic battle to convince her mom to buy her an iPhone. One of a series.



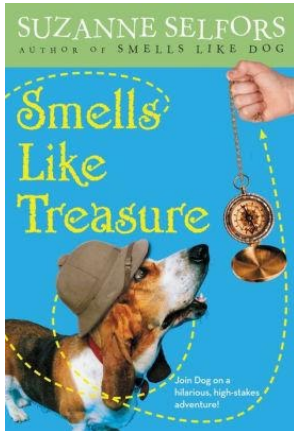
Sidekicks by Dan Santat (Level R)

Captain Amazing feels he's getting too old to be a reliable superhero, so he tries to hire a new sidekick. His pets have different ideas.



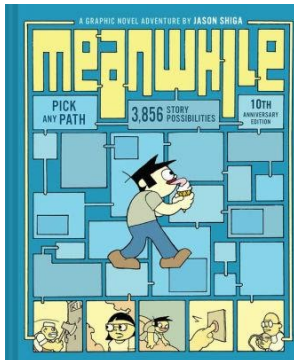
Da Wild, Da Crazy, Da Vinci by Jon Scieszka (Level P)

In their latest time travel adventure, Fred, Joe, and Sam da Brooklyn meet Leonardo da Vinci and try to avoid becoming toilet scrubbers in a sixteenth-century Italian army. One of a series!



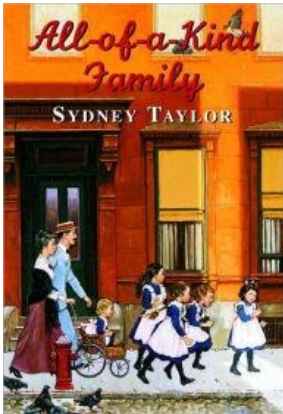
Smells Like Treasure by Suzanne Selfors

Farm boy Homer faces another challenger for his uncle's spot in the society of Legends, Objects, Secrets, and Treasures but Dog's hidden ability to smell treasure guides the duo as clues lead them to fantastic mansions and hidden islands.



Meanwhile Jason Shiga

In this choose-your-own adventure graphic novel, a boy stumbles on the laboratory of a mad scientist who asks him to choose between testing a mind-reading device, a time machine, and a doomsday machine.



All-of-a-kind Family by Sydney Taylor (Level Q)

The story of five Jewish sisters growing up on New York's lower East Side in the early twentieth century, and their life including their adventures and celebrating holidays together. One of a series, and one of my all-time favorites as a kid!

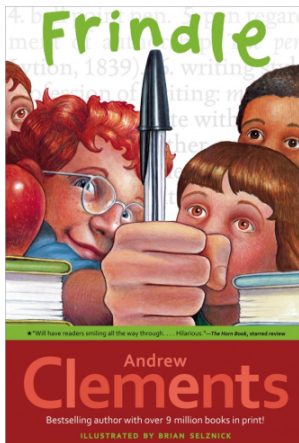


The Landry News by Andrew Clements (Level R)

Cara Landry is a budding journalist. When she posts a scathing editorial about her burned-out teacher on the bulletin board one afternoon, everything changes. Prodded into action for the first time in years, Mr. Larson challenges his fifth-grade students to create a real newspaper. Soon The Landry News gets more attention than either Cara or her teacher bargained for, as the principal uses the paper to try to get Mr. Larson fired.

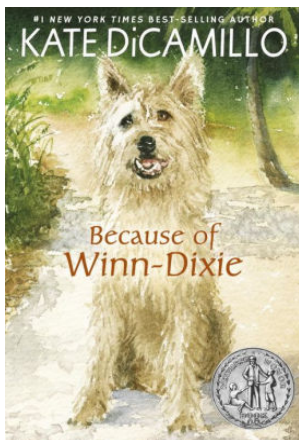
Summer Reading List for Students Entering 5th Grade

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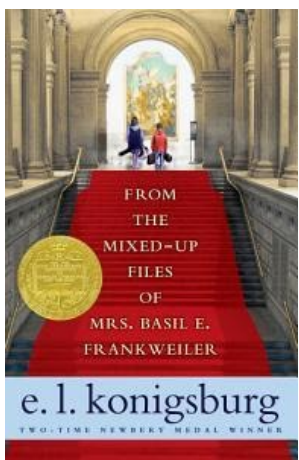
Frindle by Andrew Clements (Level R)

Nick's in fifth grade, and it looks like his days as a troublemaker are over. Everyone knows that Mrs. Granger, the language arts teacher, has X-ray vision, and nobody gets away with anything in her classroom. To make matters worse, she's also a fanatic about the dictionary, which is hopelessly boring to Nick. But when Nick learns an interesting tidbit about words and where they come from, it inspires his greatest plan yet: to invent a new word. From now on, a pen is no longer a pen — it's a frindle.



Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo (Level R)

One summer's day, ten-year old India Opal Buloni goes down to the local supermarket for some groceries - and comes home with a dog. But Winn-Dixie is no ordinary dog. In fact, as Opal admits, just about everything that happens that summer is because of Winn-Dixie



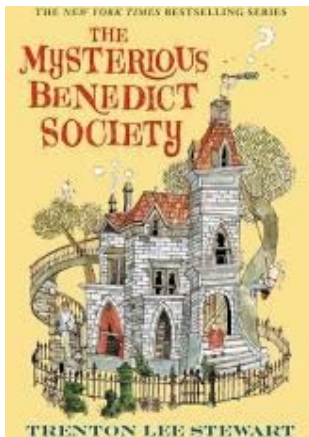
Mixed Up Files of Basil E Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg (Level S)

When suburban Claudia Kincaid decides to run away from home, she knows she doesn't just want to run *from* somewhere; she wants to run *to* somewhere - the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Knowing that her younger brother, Jamie, has money and thus can help her with the serious cash flow problem, she invites him along. Once settled into the museum, Claudia and Jamie find themselves caught up in the mystery of an angel statue that the museum purchased at an auction for a bargain price of \$250. (Highly recommend doing a virtual tour of the MET while reading this book!)



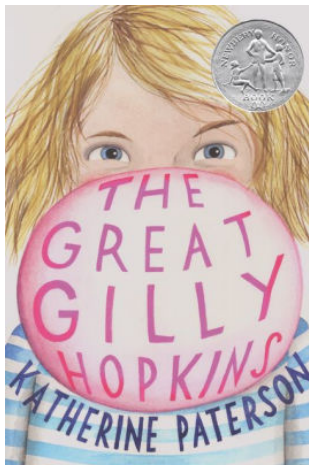
Wonder by R. J. Palacio (Level V)

Kindness brings us together no matter how far apart we are. Millions of people have read the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Wonder* and fell in love with Auggie Pullman, an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face. An incredible story - highly recommended for students and parents alike.



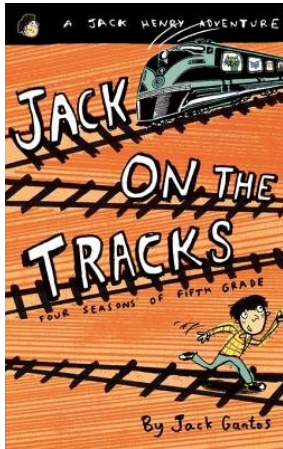
Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart (Level V)

"Are you a gifted child looking for special opportunities?" Dozens of children respond to this peculiar ad in the newspaper and are then put through a series of mind-bending tests, which readers take along with them. Only four children--two boys and two girls--succeed. Their challenge: to go on a secret mission that only the most intelligent and inventive children could complete. To accomplish it they will have to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. But what they'll find in the hidden underground tunnels of the school is more than your average school supplies. So, if you're gifted, creative, or happen to know Morse Code, they could probably use your help. One of a series!



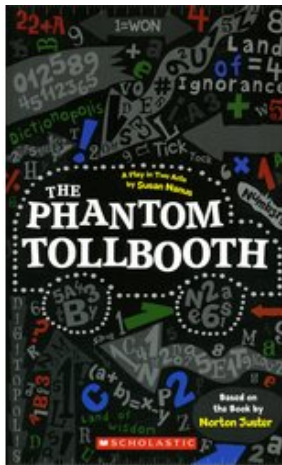
Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Paterson (Level S)

Eleven year old Gilly has been struck in more foster families than she can remember, and she's hated them all. She has a reputation for being brilliant and unmanageable, and that's the way she likes it. So when she's sent to live with the Trotters- by far the strangest family yet -she knows it's only a temporary problem. She is determined to no longer be a foster kid...



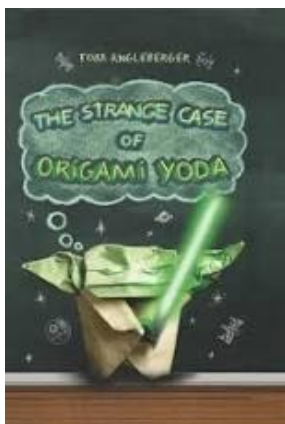
Jack on the Tracks: Four Seasons of Fifth Grade by Jack Gantos (Level S)

Jack Henry — star of Jack on the Tracks — is loosely based on his creator Jack Gantos, the award-winning, darkly hilarious author of the *Joey Pigza* and *Rotten Ralph* series (also highly recommended). In this collection of nine short stories, a cycle following Jack's year in fifth grade, we learn all about Jack's strange family, his fascination with all things disgusting and macabre, and his struggles to adjust to school in a new town.



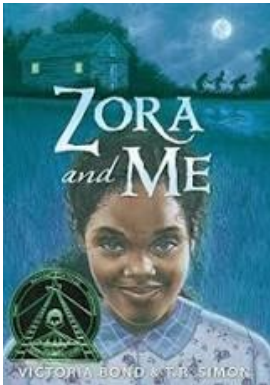
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster (Level W)

Milo's mysterious journey to the Island of Conclusions and his burgeoning friendship with Tock the ticking watchdog will reinvigorate imaginations — including yours! This book makes a great family-wide read aloud.



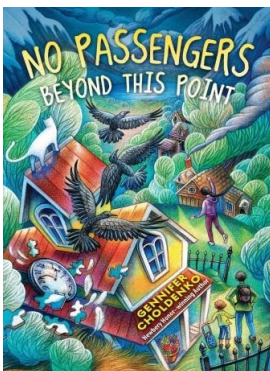
The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger (Level T)

Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Includes instructions for making Origami Yoda.



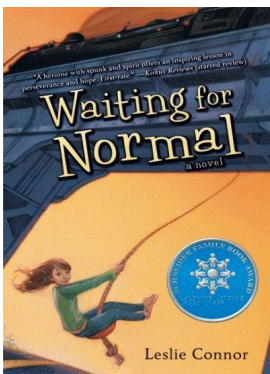
Zora and Me by Victoria Bond and T.R. Simon (Level U)

Future storyteller Zora Hurston and her friends investigate a bizarre murder in their small town.



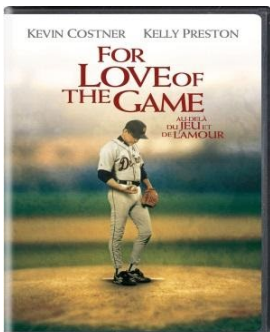
No Passengers Beyond This Point by Gennifer Choldenko (Level U)

It all starts when Finn, India, and Mouse's mom loses their house to foreclosure, even after everything she does to save it. When their journey takes them on an unexpected detour, they are pitted in a race against time.



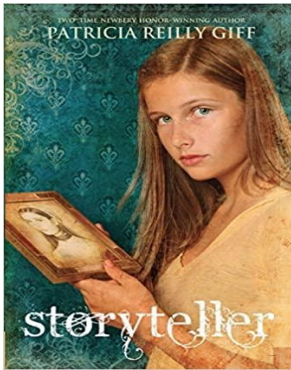
Waiting for Normal by Connor Leslie (Level V)

Addie's mother has an all-or-nothing approach to life: a food fiesta or an empty pantry, her way or no way. All-or-nothing never adds up to normal, and it can't bring Addie all the way home, where she wants to be with her half-sisters. But Addie never stops hoping that one day, maybe, she'll find normal.



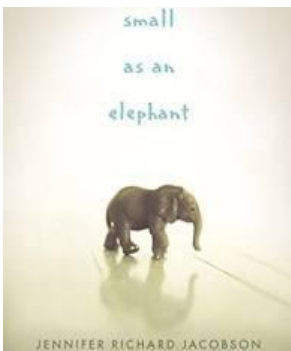
Love of the Game by John Coy

Sixth-grader Jackson has a rough start in middle school, with bullies on the bus, few classes with his friends, and changes at home but some good teachers, meeting a girl, joining a club, and playing football soon turn things around.



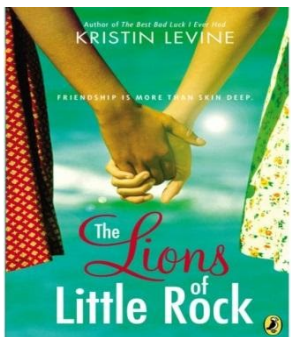
Storyteller by Patricia Reilly Giff (Level T)

Forced to spend months at an aunt's house, Elizabeth feels a connection to her ancestor Zee, whose picture hangs on the wall, and who reveals her story of hardships during the Revolutionary War as Elizabeth comes to terms with her own troubles.



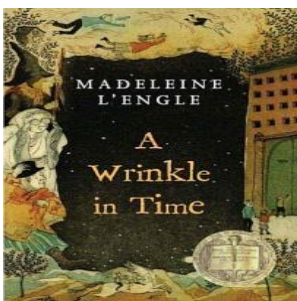
Small as an Elephant by Jennifer Jacobson

Abandoned by his mother in an Acadia National Park campground, Jack tries to make his way back to Boston before anyone figures out what is going on, with only a small toy elephant for company.



The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine (Level X)

In 1958 Little Rock, Arkansas, painfully shy twelve-year-old Marlee sees her city and family divided over school integration, but her friendship with Liz, a new student, helps her find her voice and fight against racism.



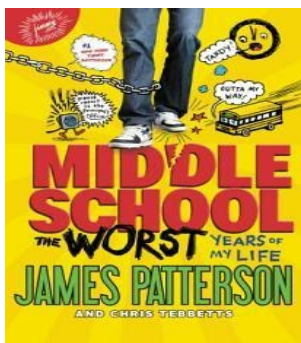
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle (Level W)

Winner of the Newbery Medal in 1963, this is the story of the adventures in space and time of Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O'Keefe (They are in search of Meg's father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government on the tesseract problem).



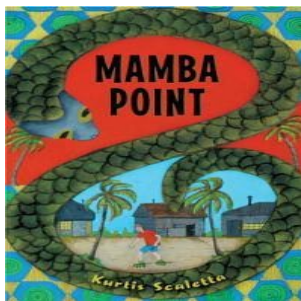
Every Soul a Star by Wendy Mass (Level U)

Three young teens witness a total solar eclipse and are changed forever in this novel, told in alternating narratives, that weaves exciting astronomy facts into the teens' personal lives.



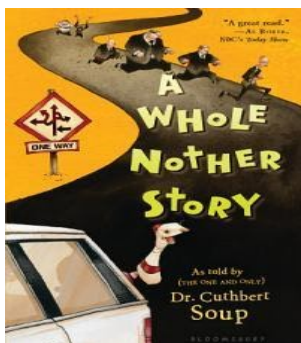
Middle School: the Worst Years of My Life by James Patterson (Level V)

When Rafe Khatchadorian enters middle school, he teams up with his best friend to create a game to make school more fun by trying to break every rule in the school's code of conduct.



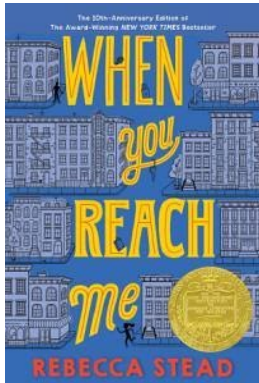
Mamba Point by Kurtis Scaletta

Linus discovers that he has a mystical connection with the black mamba, one of the deadliest snakes in Africa, which he is told will give him some of the snake's characteristics.



A Whole Nother Story by Cuthbert Soup (Level W)

Ethan Cheeseman and his children, ages eight, twelve, and fourteen, hope to settle in a nice small town, at least long enough to complete work on a time machine, but spies and government agents have been pursuing them for two years and are about to catch up.

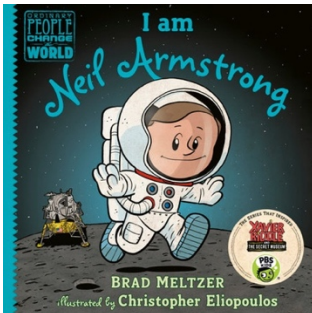


When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead (Level V)

Miranda and her best friend Sal part ways, and for some inexplicable reason, her once familiar world turns upside down. Maybe it's because she's caught up in reading *A Wrinkle in Time* and trying to understand time travel, or perhaps it's because she's been receiving mysterious notes which accurately predict the future.

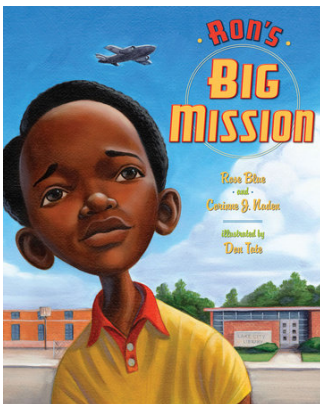
Nonfiction Reading Lower Elementary List

Nonfiction reading is an important part of any good reader's diet. Nonfiction books teach us about the world around us, offer us different information and perspectives to help us solve real-world world problems, expand our vocabulary, and build our background knowledge about a variety of topics. Here is a tiny sampling of some excellent nonfiction books. When your child finds a particular topic interesting, I encourage you to find additional books and articles on the topic to read.



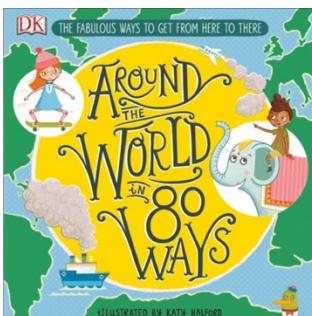
I am Neil Armstrong by Brad Meltzer

This friendly, fun biography series focuses on the traits that made our heroes great—the traits that kids can aspire to in order to live heroically themselves. Each book tells the story of one of America's icons in a lively, conversational way that works well for the youngest nonfiction readers and that always includes the hero's childhood influences. At the back are an excellent timeline and photos. This volume tells the story of Neil Armstrong, the first person to walk on the moon.



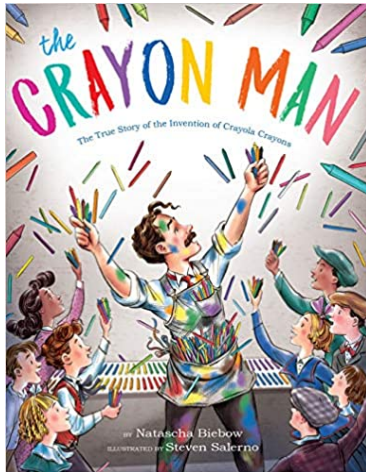
Ron's Big Mission by Rose Blue and Corinne Naden

Before Ron McNair was a real-life astronaut, he was a 9-year-old boy with a mission to change the rules at his public library in South Carolina, where only white people could check out books. In this story, young Ron dreams of someday becoming a pilot and loves to read books about airplanes at the library — but he wants to be able to take them home with him too! So he unexpectedly stages a peaceful protest, demanding the right to check out books. After much deliberation, the librarian gives him his own library card. Ron's Big Mission depicts one event in 1959 that exemplified just how courageous and determined Ron McNair was.



Around the world in 80 Ways by DK

Quick, simple explanations of all of the different modes of transportation are brought to life by beautiful, vibrant illustrations. From camels and hang gliders to rickshaws and rockets, this book is sure to get the wheels turning in little heads. Perfect for K-2, while thought-provoking enough for older readers, this is a book that will inspire curious minds for years.



The Crayon Man: The True Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons by Natascha Biebow

What child doesn't love to hold a crayon in their hands? But children didn't always have such magical boxes of crayons. Before Edwin Binney set out to change things, children couldn't really even draw in color.

Here's the true story of an inventor who so loved nature's vibrant colors that he found a way to bring the outside world to children – in a bright green box for only a nickel! With experimentation, and a special knack for listening, Edwin Binney and his dynamic team at Crayola created crayons!



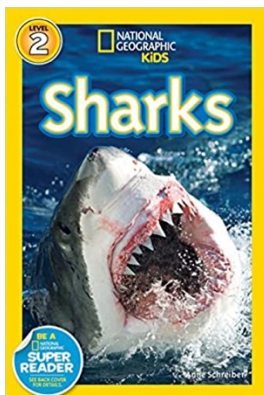
The Arctic Fox's Journey (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out series) by Wendy Pfeffer

During the winter, the arctic fox begins an incredible journey. She heads north through the tundra, toward the top of the world. No larger than a house cat, she faces treacherous obstacles, frightening predators, and bitter cold along the way. It seems impossible that she could persist against the elements on her almost 2,000-mile journey—but she does.



National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Where (National Geographic Little Kids First Big Books) by Jill Esbaum

This reference book zeroes in on location, location, location. More than 200 colorful photos are paired with age-appropriate text featuring answers to questions like, "Where does the sky end?" "Where is the highest mountain?" and, "Where was ice cream invented?" Containing several kid-friendly maps designed to expand the learning experience, this book inspires kids to be curious, ask questions, and explore the world around them



National Geographic Readers: Sharks by National Geographic KIDS

He's quick. He's silent. He has five rows of deadly teeth. Chomp! Meet the shark—the fish who ruled the deep before dinosaurs roamed the Earth! This fish has soft cartilage so he can glide, twist, and turn before his prey can say "gulp!" He can smell a single drop of blood in 25 million drops of ocean. He can feel electricity given off by his prey. He will lose and replace more than 10,000 teeth in his lifetime. Cool photos bring kids into the shark's world. Fun facts go deep into the shark's scary science.

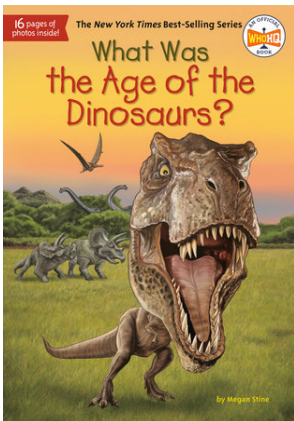
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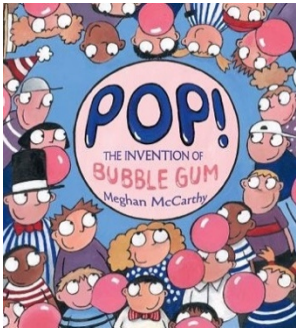
Who Was Jesse Owens? By James Buckley Jr.

At the 1936 Berlin Summer Olympics, track and field star Jesse Owens ran himself straight into international glory by winning four gold medals. But the life of Jesse Owens is much more than a sports story. Born in rural Alabama under the oppressive Jim Crow laws, Owens's family suffered many hardships. As a boy he worked several jobs like delivering groceries and working in a shoe repair shop to make ends meet. But Owens defied the odds to become a sensational student athlete, eventually running track for Ohio State. He was chosen to compete in the Summer Olympics in Nazi Germany where Adolf Hitler was promoting the idea of "Aryan superiority." Owens's winning streak at the games humiliated Hitler and crushed the myth of racial supremacy once and for all. This and the entire Who Was? Series is an incredible, highly recommended biography series. *And if you're an incoming 4th or 5th grader, get ready for our 2nd Annual NSHA Who Was? Series Bee coming late fall!*



What Was the Age of the Dinosaurs? By Megan Stine

An offshoot of the super popular "Who Was?" series for middle grade readers, the books in the "What Was?" series focus on pivotal moments in world history, including everything from the age of the dinosaurs to the creation of the Constitution to the March on Washington.



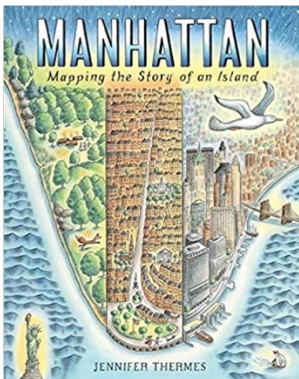
Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum by Meghan McCarthy

The delightfully entertaining history of gum and of how our modern-day love of bubble gum came to be. It reads like a great fictional story, made even better by McCarthy's fantastic illustration.



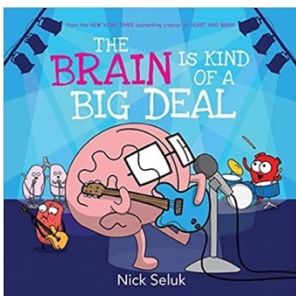
Smithsonian Maker Lab: 28 Super Cool Projects by Jack Challoner

This book gives students a better understanding of science while they work through kid-safe projects that are designed to make young inventors think. With colorful photos, cool graphics, and interesting scientific facts sprinkled throughout, kids will be excited to jump right in — learning, problem-solving, and experimenting as they go.



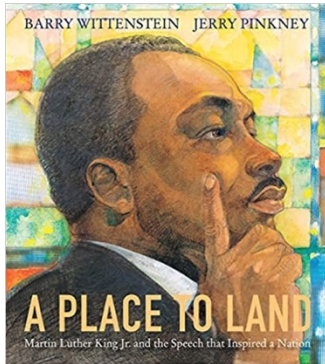
Manhattan: Mapping the Story of An Island by Jennifer Thermes

Told through maps and sidebars of information, this book tells us the story of every inch of the island of Manhattan. Humans, history, and natural events have shaped this tiny sliver of land for more than 400 years. In *Manhattan*, travel back in time to discover how a small rodent began an era of rapid change for the island. Learn about immigration, the slave trade, and the people who built New York City. See how a street plan projected the city's future, and how epic fires and storms led to major feats of engineering above and below ground!



The Brain Is Kind of a Big Deal by Nick Seluk

Have you ever thought about everything your brain does for you? It is always working to keep you alive and safe. (Plus it lets you think about funny stuff, too.) So why is the brain such a big deal? Because it makes you YOU, of course!



A Place to Land: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Speech That Inspired a Nation by Barry Wittenstein

Martin Luther King, Jr. was once asked if the hardest part of speaking was knowing where to begin. No, he said. The hardest part is knowing where to end. "It's terrible to be circling up there without a place to land." Finding this place to land was what Martin Luther King, Jr. struggled with, alongside advisors and fellow speech writers, in the Willard Hotel the night before the March on Washington, where he gave his historic "I Have a Dream" speech.



Secret Engineer: How Emily Roebling Built the Brooklyn Bridge written and illustrated by Rachel Dougherty

On a warm spring day in 1883, a woman rode across the Brooklyn Bridge with a rooster on her lap. The woman's husband was the chief engineer, and he knew all about the dangerous new technique involved. The woman insisted she learn as well. Women weren't supposed to be engineers.

But this woman insisted she could do it all, and her hard work helped to create one of the most iconic landmarks in the world. This is the story of Emily Roebling, the secret engineer behind the Brooklyn Bridge.