



**SHREWSBURY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

## ***Elementary Summer Reading List***

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

During the summer months, it is crucial for children to continue to read daily in order for them to sustain their academic skills. Studies have shown that students who read during the summer can actually improve their reading skills. It is important that students are encouraged to read and understand books that are suitable to their level of comprehension. However, students entering Kindergarten and grade one may not be able to read the selections independently. You are encouraged to read the selections to, or with, your child. Parents should be aware that books labeled at higher levels often contain mature themes and content. Through the use of reading assessments teachers are able to identify an Instructional Reading Level and an Independent reading Level. The Independent Reading level is the level at which your child knows the vocabulary and can practice rereading for fluency and comprehension checks. This reading list should be used in the following way:

- Locate the grade in which your child will be entering in August.
- Choose one title from the required grade level list that most closely matches your child's Independent reading Level as indicated on the June report card.
- Choose two additional titles from the leveled list that that matches your child's Independent reading level. Please note that the titles are categorized by various genres.

Feel free to choose books from any genre to stretch or match your child's interest. To assist you in choosing a book for your child, a brief summary of each book is included in the listing.

Paper copies of the reading lists and calendars are available in the main office at each of the schools.

The coming school year will begin with activities and discussions related to the theme of the required summer reading book. In addition to the required reading, students are asked to read additional books from a choice list. The goal of the summer reading program is to foster a love of reading and to maintain skills over the summer vacation. When children struggle with reading, modifications and supports should be used to help ensure success. The Shrewsbury Public Library is a tremendous resource and can provide a great deal of assistance in making book choices. The Public Library also provides a number of wonderful programs for children.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer!

Mary Beth Banios

# *Shrewsbury Public Schools*

## **Kindergarten - Grade 4 Summer Reading Booklist**

### **KINDERGARTEN Required Readings: Choose at least one.**

*Most children will not be able to read these books independently. Please feel free to read these selections to your child.*

**Do You Want to be my Friend?** by Eric Carle - A mouse searches everywhere for a friend. *Guided Reading Level A*

**Will I Have a Friend?** by Miriam Cohen - A boy's anxieties on his first day of school are happily forgotten when he makes a new friend. *Guided Reading Level J*

**A House for Hermit Crab** by Eric Carle - A hermit crab that has outgrown his old shell moves into a new one, which he decorates and enhances with the various sea creatures he meets in his travels. *Guided Reading Level K*

### **GRADE 1 Required Readings: Choose at least one.**

*Most children will not be able to read these books independently. Please feel free to read these selections to your child.*

**Have You Seen My Duckling?** by Nancy Tafuri - A mother duck loses her eighth duckling, and asks the other pond animals for help. *Guided Reading Level B*

**Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See?** by Bill Martin - The gentle rhyming and gorgeous, tissue-paper collage illustrations in this classic picture book make it a dog-eared favorite on many children's bookshelves. *Guided Reading Level C*

**I Like Me** by Nancy Carlson - By admiring her finer points and showing that she can take care of herself and have fun even when there's no one else around, a charming pig proves the best friend you can have is yourself. *Guided Reading Level G*

**Leo the Late Bloomer** by Robert Kraus - Poor Leo, a young tiger, is having a really rough time — all of his friends can read, write, draw, eat neatly, and speak clearly; and Leo can't do any of those things very well. Worried and sad, Leo wonders if he'll ever catch up to his friends. *Guided Reading Level I*

### **GRADE 2 Required Readings: Choose at least one.**

*Some children may not be able to read these books independently. If this is the case we encourage you to read the books to or with your child.*

**The Kissing Hand** by Audrey Penn - A young raccoon faces his first separation from his mother and begs her to let him stay at home. His mother gives him a magic secret called the Kissing Hand to take with him to school. *Reading Level I*

**Henry and Mudge: the First Book** by Cynthia Rylant - Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge. *Guided Reading Level J*

**Frog and Toad are Friends** by Arnold Lobel - This book contains five tales recounting the adventures of two best friends--Frog and Toad. *Guided Reading Level K*

**The Relatives Came** by Cynthia Rylant - The relatives come to visit from Virginia and everyone has a wonderful time. *Guided Reading Level K*

### **GRADE 3 Required Readings: Choose at least one.**

**Young Cam Jansen and the Missing Cookie** by David Adler - In this Easy-to-Read story about Cam Jansen, Cam again uses her photographic memory to solve a mystery in daily life. It's a scenario many kids will recognize. *Guided Reading Level K*

**A Chair for My Mother** by Vera Williams - A child, her waitress mother, and her grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire. *Guided Reading Level M*

**A-Z Mysteries: Absent Author** by Ron Roy - Dink and his friends investigate a variety of mysterious occurrences in their hometown. This intriguing mystery series for young readers is a great introduction to the mystery genre. *Guided Reading Level N*

**Boxcar Children, # 1** by Gertrude Chandler Warner - Four orphans set up housekeeping in an old boxcar. In this series, the Alden children investigate a series of baffling mysteries that lead them into some intriguing situations. *Guided Reading Level O*

### **GRADE 4 Required Readings: Choose at least one.**

**Freckle Juice** by Judy Blume - Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents. *Guided Reading Level M*

**Fantastic Mr. Fox** by Roald Dahl - Fantastic Mr. Fox is on the run and the three meanest farmers around are out to get him. Fat Boggis and skinny Bean have joined forces, and they have Mr. Fox and his family surrounded. Mr. Fox would never surrender. But only the most fantastic plan ever can save him now. *Guided Reading Level P*

**Island: Shipwreck** by Gordan Korman - Six children try to survive on a deserted island in the Pacific Ocean after a storm destroys their boat. *Guided Reading Level Q*

**Frindle** by Andrew Clement - When he decides to turn his fifth-grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control. *Guided Reading Level R*

## Student Choice (K – 4): Choose at least two

### FICTION:

**The Berenstain Bears in the House of Mirrors** by Stan & Jan Berenstain - Fat looks thin. Happy looks sad. A house of mirrors can be a very confusing place. *Guided Reading Level A*

**Do You Want to Be My Friend?** by Eric Carle - Mice, a rottweiler, an arachnid and a few other assorted critters make sturdy reappearances in this book. *Guided Reading Level A*

**My Class** by Josie Stewart and Lynn Salem - A counting book from one to six. The boys and girls add up to twenty-one children ready for picture day. *Guided Reading Level A*

**Growing Colors** by Bruce McMillan - Such a brilliant presentation of colors will be an eye-ful for any young reader. *Guided Reading Level A*

**Cars** by Gail Saunders-Smith - Engage young readers' natural curiosity about familiar vehicles. Appealing photos and simple text help readers compare and contrast cars, trucks, boats and airplanes according to size, type, and use. *Guided Reading Level A*

**Have You Seen My Cat?** by Eric Carle - A little boy's cat is missing, and he embarks on a fantastic round-the-world quest to find his lost pet. *Guided Reading Level B*

**Mrs. Wishy-Washy's Farm** by Joy Cowley - This gently rhyming text with just the right amount of tension will be a splendid choice for story time and welcomed by beginning readers. *Guided Reading Level B*

**Where's the Fish?** by Taro Gomi - A neon-pink fish leaps from its bowl and is seen camouflaged against backdrops such as a pink-spotted curtain, a jar full of candy or a pot of flowers. *Guided Reading Level B*

**Fun with Hats** by Lucy Malka - Three girls explore the contents of a trunk of costumes, and as they don various hats, they imagine being a clown, a pirate, and a magician. *Guided Reading Level B*

**What's for Lunch?** by Eric Carle - This book incorporates many basic concepts such as counting, manual dexterity, fruit naming, and colors. Repetition allows a young reader to read the book. *Guided Reading Level C*

**The Fox on the Box** by Barbara Gregorich - This is a sweet, funny story that is enhanced by beautiful watercolor illustrations. *Guided Reading Level C*

**Bugs!** by Patricia C. McKissack - Rookie Readers "RM" have provided entertaining, high-quality introductions to reading for more than a generation. Each title features full-color, often hilarious illustrations and engaging stories that always involve a young child figuring out concepts or solving problems on his or her own. Every new title contains a Word List and a color-coded reading-level key on the back cover. *Guided Reading Level C*

**Sheila Rae's Peppermint Stick** by Kevin Henkes - One peppermint stick and two sisters. See sibling rivalry turn to sweet solidarity. *Guided Reading Level C*

**School Bus** by Donald Crews - Follows the progress of school buses as they take children to school and bring them home again. *Guided Reading Level D*

**Bears on Wheels** by Stan and Jan Berenstain - When the Berenstain Bears go acrobatic in BEARS ON WHEELS, pre-school children begin to relate words to pictures while learning about numbers and counting. *Guided Reading Level D*

**The Monster and the Baby** by Virginia Mueller - A three-horned monster babysits his / her infant sibling who won't stop crying. To restore some peace, Monster builds block towers and only when s / he knocks the tower over does Baby laugh. *Guided Reading Level D*

**A Dog Called Mischief** by Leslie Wood - A story about a dog pilfering sausages, a pie, and a chicken from the various shops. Wood uses only 11 words. The colorful, action-filled illustrations show Mischief running away with his meal, giving children excellent picture clues. *Guided Reading Level D*

**One Happy Classroom** by Charnan Simon - Set in what appears to be a kindergarten classroom, this simple little book features double-page spreads of children engaged in activities such as greeting their teachers, painting, walking to the lunchroom, eating apples, and resting on their mats. *Guided Reading Level D*

**Bess and Tess** by Susan Blackaby - This book compares Lucy's two lovable dogs who are exact opposites in personality. The comparison concept is enhanced by the acrylic picture clues. *Guided Reading Level E*

**Bobby's Zoo** by Carolyn Lunn - Bobby doesn't know what to do with all the animals that are in his house. *Guided Reading Level E*

**The Gum on the Drum** by Barbara Gregorich - This book and most of the books in the same line are very entertaining compared to the other first readers. The illustrations are detailed enough to discuss and the stories are really funny. *Guided Reading Level E*

**Henry's Busy Day** by Rod Campbell - A mischievous puppy named Henry has a very busy day doing everything he likes and never staying still. *Guided Reading Level E*

**Morris the Moose** by Bernard Wiseman - This book features a lovable four-legged creature who acts like a person. In this story Morris encounters what he considers to be a funny-looking moose. Cow insists that she is a cow but since she has "four legs and a tail and things on her head," Morris concludes that she is a moose like him. *Guided Reading Level E*

**Cookie's Week** by Cindy Ward - Cookie undergoes a week of disasters that dePaola illustrates with his usual skill, so that even the garbage Cookie strews over the floor looks great. *Guided Reading Level F*

**Dear Zoo** by Rod Campbell - This delightful pop-up storybook is about a youngster looking for a perfect pet. Lift the flaps and see each three-dimensional animal the ZOO has sent -- and the special touch-and-feel surprise at the end. *Guided Reading Level F*

**Just Like Daddy** by Frank Asch - A very young bear describes all the activities he does during the day that are just like his daddy's.

*Guided Reading Level F*

**Lightning Liz** by Larry Brimmer - An energetic young girl rushes on the way to bake a cake. *Guided Reading Level F*

**Six Empty Pockets** by Matt Curtis Charles's six empty pockets come in handy for carrying such treasures as a blue star marble, an old crow's feather, and seven striped stones. *Guided Reading Level F*

**Addition Annie** by David Gisler - By targeting a skill, like being able to count, use numbers and recognize shapes, young readers are building fundamental skills with the help of fun, lively, colorfully illustrated stories. *Guided Reading Level G*

**Biscuit** by Alyssa Capucilli - Young readers will be sympathetic to this endearing puppy's nighttime routine: wanting a snack, a drink, a hug and a kiss; hearing a story; getting his blanket and doll; and being tucked in. *Guided Reading Level G*

**The Great Race** by David McPhail - To relieve their boredom, six barnyard friends decide to hold a race. *Guided Reading Level G*

**I Am in Charge of Me** by Dana Rau - A boy recounts the many things in his life that he is responsible for. *Guided Reading Level G*

**Listen to Me** by Barbara Neasi - Mom and Dad have many things to keep them busy but Grandma can always find time to talk to and listen to her grandson. *Guided Reading Level G*

**One Monday Morning** by Uri Shulevitz - A queen and a prince come to visit a small boy one Monday morning, but he wasn't home. Every day they check to see if the little boy is in, always with someone new in tow, until Sunday, when they come with a king, a knight, a royal guard, cook, barber, jester and a little dog. *Guided Reading Level G*

**What Game Shall We Play?** by Pat Hutchins - The animals ask each other what game they should play, but only Owl has an answer. *Guided Reading Level H*

**Goodnight, Moon** by Margaret Wise Brown - In a great green room, tucked away in bed, is a little rabbit saying goodnight: to mittens and kittens, to socks and clocks, to a picture of three little bears sitting in chairs...*And a comb and a brush and a bowl full of mush/And a quiet old lady who was whispering "hush."* *Guided Reading Level H*

**Come Out and Play, Little Mouse** by Robert Kraus - Every day of the week, a cat asks a little mouse to play, but the little mouse has many things to do during the day. One day, however, the little mouse's brother says that he will play with the cat. Will the little mouse's brother have fun when he plays? *Guided Reading Level H*

**We Are Best Friends** by Aliki - Robert is angry when his best friend Peter moves away. Although he grows sad when there is no one to play with or share with, Robert makes friends with a new boy in school. *Guided Reading Level H*

**George Shrinks** by William Joyce - George is an ordinary little boy with chores and responsibilities. But one morning he wakes up and finds he has shrunk to the size of a mouse. George discovers innovative ways to wash the dishes, care for his younger brother and pet cat, and take a bath. *Guided Reading Level H*

**The Kissing Hand** by Audrey Penn - When Chester the raccoon is reluctant to go to kindergarten for the first time, his mother teaches him a secret way to carry her love with him. *Guided Reading Level I*

**Noisy Nora** by Rosemary Wells - Nora is the middle child in her mouse family. Her older sister and little brother get all the attention. But Nora is determined to turn her parents' heads with noise. *Guided Reading Level I*

**Goodnight, Owl!** by Pat Hutchins Owl couldn't sleep --not while the bees were buzzing, the crows croaking, the starlings chattering, and the jays screaming. Every time there seemed to be some peace and quite, someone else landed in the hollow tree and woke Owl up again. Would Owl ever get any rest? *Guided Reading Level I*

**Just a Mess** by Mercer Mayer - When Little Critter loses his baseball mitt, his mother tells him to look in his room. Will Little Critter be able to find anything in his messy room? *Guided Reading Level I*

**Henny Penny** by Paul Galdone - Convinced the sky is falling, Henny Penny and a band of gullible friends march off to tell the king, only to meet their end at the hands of a wily fox. *Guided Reading Level I*

**Bunny Cakes** by Rosemary Wells - Max makes an earthworm cake for Grandma's birthday and helps Ruby with her angel surprise cake. *Guided Reading Level J*

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

**The Doorbell Rang** by Pat Hutchins - Each time the doorbell rings, there are more people who have come to share Ma's wonderful cookies. *Guided Reading Level J*

**Green Eggs and Ham** by Dr. Seuss - In verse, Sam-I-am tells of the virtues of green eggs and ham. *Guided Reading Level J*

**Three by the Sea** by Edward Marshall - Three friends relax after their picnic lunch by each telling his or her best story. *Guided Reading Level J*

**Corduroy** by Don Freeman - A teddy bear spends his days waiting in a store for someone to buy him. *Guided Reading Level K*

**A Letter to Amy** by Ezra Jack Keats - Peter wants to invite Amy to his birthday party but he wants it to be a surprise. *Guided Reading Level K*

**Nate the Great** by Marjorie Sharmat - Nate the Great solves the mystery of the missing picture. *Guided Reading Level K*

**Arthur's Family Vacation** by Marc Brown - Arthur is unhappy about going on vacation with his family, but he shows them how to make the best of a bad situation when they end up stuck in a motel because of rain. *Guided Reading Level K*

**Dear Annie** by Judith Caseley - Presents a series of postcards and letters Annie sends to or receives from her loving grandfather from the timeshe is born. *Guided Reading Level K*

**Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown** by Paul Danziger - Amber Brown and her classmates are worried about the new teacher. Their concerns are soon put to rest as Ms. Light meets them at the door wearing cool earrings & revealing a great attitude. *Guided Reading Level K*

**Chrysanthemum** by Kevin Henkes - Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts going to school and the other children make fun of it. *Guided Reading Level L*

**Homework Hassles (Ready, Freddy!" series)** by Abby Klein - Freddy's teacher has assigned a report about a nocturnal animal. Freddy has a good idea, but trouble always seems to find him. *Guided Reading Level L*

**Shark Tooth Tale (Ready, Freddy!" series)** by Abby Klein - In book nine of the "Ready, Freddy!" series, first-grader Freddy Thresher wants to buy a fossilized prehistoric shark tooth. However, it costs more money than Freddy has, and his parents won't buy it for him. What can Freddy do? *Guided Reading Level L*

**Marvin Redpost: A Magic Crystal? (Marvin Redpost series)** by Louis Sachar - Marvin Redpost is mysteriously drawn to Casey Hapleton and surprises even himself when he accepts an invitation to her house. Everything becomes clear when Casey shows him the magic crystal that grants simple wishes. They happily share this secret until a spat causes Marvin to make a wish that keeps Casey silent-perhaps forever! *Guided Reading Level L*

**Alone in his Teacher's House (Marvin Redpost Series)** by Louis Sachar - Marvin is pleased when his teacher asks him to take care of her dog while she's away, but he soon finds that there's more pressure involved than he likes. *Guided Reading Level L*

**Swimmy** by Leo Lionni - Swimmy, a small black fish, finds a way to protect a school of small red fish from their natural enemies. *Guided Reading Level L*

**Tops and Bottoms** by Janet Stevens - Hare turns his bad luck around by striking a clever deal with the rich and lazy bear down the road. *Guided Reading Level L*

**The Owl and the Pussycat** by Edward Lear (Jan Brett, illustrator) After a courtship voyage of a year and a day, Owl and Pussy finally buy a ring from Piggy and are blissfully married. *Guided Reading Level L*

**Ira Sleeps Over** by Bernard Waber - A little boy is excited at the prospect of spending the night at his friend's house but worries how he'll get along without his teddy bear. *Guided Reading Level M*

**The Art Lesson** by Tomie DePaola - Having learned to be creative in drawing pictures at home, young Tommy is dismayed when he goes to school and finds the art lesson there much more regimented. *Guided Reading Level M*

**Don't Forget the Bacon** by Pat Hutchins - A little boy goes grocery shopping for his mother and tries hard to remember her instructions. *Guided Reading Level M*



**Jake Drake Series** by Andrew Clements - Jake is an endearing boy who uses his head to sort out appropriate conclusions to bad situations. *Guided Reading Level M*

**I Was a Third Grade Science Project (plus the sequel I Was a Third Grade Spy)** by Mary Jane Auch - A science project gone wrong provides the backdrop for these 2 books as Arful the dog can talk like a human but think like a dog. *Guided Reading Level N*

**The Gadget War** by Betsy Duffey - Kelly is an ingenious inventor with 43 inventions to her credit and she is only in third grade. Then she meets Albert and he is determined to prove that he is the real gadget wiz. *Guided Reading Level N*

**Andy and Tamika** by David Adler - Fourth grader Andy Russell is at it again. Dreaming in class and caring for his animals, Andy is plagued by the curiosity of what gender his parents' new baby is going to be. In the middle of all that, he volunteers to donate some of his gerbils as prizes for the school carnival, which means he has to take the animals to school. *Guided Reading Level N*

**Martin Bridge Blazing Ahead!** by Jessica Kerrin - In this book in the "Martin Bridge" series, Martin camps with the Junior Badgers and is kept busy watching out for Alex's slime attacks. Martin also is unhappy when he can't watch his favorite television show because he must help his father fix the lawn mower. *Guided Reading Level N*

**One Green Apple** by Eve Bunting - While on a school field trip to an orchard to make cider, a young Muslim immigrant named Farah gains self-confidence when the green apple she picks perfectly complements the other students' red apples. *Guided Reading Level N*

**Judy Moody Gets Famous! (Judy Moody Series)** by Megan McDonald - Everyone seems to have had a brush with fame except for third grader Judy Moody. Judy's plans to become famous take on unusual forms like finding George Washington's cherry pit and more. *Guided Reading Level N*

**Owl Moon** by Jane Yolen - On a winter's night under a full moon, a father and daughter trek into the woods to see the Great Horned Owl. *Guided Reading Level O*

**Farewell to Shady Glade** by Bill Peet - When building machinery moves into their woodland home, the animal inhabitants of Shady Glade must search for a new place to live. *Guided Reading Level O*

**The Hundred Dresses** by Eleanor Estes - Wanda faces mockery at school both because of her funny last name and her claim that she has 100 dresses even though she wears the same one to school each day. *Guided Reading Level O*

**All About Sam** by Lois Lowry - The adventures of Sam, Anastasia Krupnik's younger brother, from his first day as a newborn through his mischievous times as a toddler. *Guided Reading Level O*

**Attaboy Sam** by Lois Lowry - In this second book about Anastasia Krupnik's younger brother, Sam concocts a perfume made of his mother's favorite smells to honor her request for only homemade gifts for her birthday. *Guided Reading Level P*

**Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Sleeping Dog** by Donald Sobol - Encyclopedia Brown and his partner, Sally, solve many cases in this mystery collection. Discover how Bugs invented a pen with invisible ink and how Ed stole Chester's soccer tickets! *Guided Reading Level P*

**Stone Fox** by John R. Gardiner - Few characters are as determined as ten-year-old Willy, once he learns that his grandfather is sick in bed because he has no reason to live. Little Willy and his grandfather make their home on a potato farm in Wyoming, and although the work can be back breaking, it is also a lot of fun, especially when Grandfather plays with Willy. *Guided Reading Level P*

**Anastasia Krupnik** by Lois Lowry - These stories present the emotional ups and downs and adventures of a young girl, her family, and friends. *Guided Reading Level Q*

**Center Court Sting** by Matt Christopher - Daren and Lou are basketball teammates, but they can't seem to stop saying hurtful things to one another. Daren's attitude begins to cause problems with several of his friends. *Guided Reading Level Q*

**Mr. Popper's Penguins** by Richard Atwater - Mr. Popper starts out with one penguin in his house, but before he knows it there are twelve. *Guided Reading Level Q*

**How to Eat Fried Worms** by Thomas Rockwell - Two boys set out to prove that worms can make a delicious meal. *Guided Reading Level R*

**The Whipping Boy** by Sid Fleischman - A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws. *Guided Reading Level R*

**In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson** by Bette Lord - In 1947, a Chinese child comes to Brooklyn where she becomes Americanized at school, in her apartment building, and by her love for baseball. *Guided Reading Level S*

**Granny Torrelli Makes Soup** by Sharon Creech - This story of a friendship, told around food and delivered in small, digestible bites, is a tasty treat. *Guided Reading Level S*

**The Year of the Dog** by Grace Lin - 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. *Guided Reading Level T*

**Harriet the Spy** by Louise Fitzhugh - In an effort to become a famous writer, Harriet follows a regular spy route and records everything she sees in her secret notebook — until it falls into the wrong hands. *Guided Reading Level T*

**Souder** by William Armstrong - Souder traces the keen sorrow and abiding faith of a poor African-American boy in the 19th-century South. *Guided Reading Level T*

**Something Upstairs** by Avi - After moving into a 1789 row house, Kenny meets the ghost of Caleb, a 16-year-old slave. According to records from the period, Caleb killed himself in the little attic room of the house. Caleb says otherwise and involves Kenny in a centuries old mystery that could leave him trapped in the past forever. *Guided Reading Level T*

**A Picture of Freedom** by Patricia McKissack - In 1859, twelve-year-old Clotee, a house slave who must conceal the fact that she can read and write, records in her diary her experiences and her struggle to decide whether to escape to freedom. *Guided Reading Level T*

**My Side of the Mountain** by Jean Craighead George - Every kid thinks about running away at one point or another; few get farther than the end of the block. Young Sam Gribble gets to the end of the block and keeps going-- all the way to the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York. There he sets up house in a huge hollowed-out tree, with a falcon and a weasel for companions and his wits as his tool for survival. *Guided Reading Level U*

**The Real Thief** by William Steig - Gawain the Goose is the Chief Guard of the King's treasury and things are disappearing from the treasury. Gawain is falsely accused of taking things from the treasury by all of his friends and is forced to run away and live in a cave with homemade furniture and shoes until the real thief is found. *Guided Reading Level U*

**The Secret Garden** by Frances Hodgson Burnett - Set in Misselthwaite Manor on the Yorkshire moors, Mary Lennox who has been orphaned arrives from India at her uncle Mr. Archibald Craven's home. There she discovers a cousin Colin who is sickly and spoiled, almost as much as she is. In time Mary discovers that her cousin simply needs some encouragement and the once spoiled girl becomes a secret cheerleader as they set out to get Colin walking. *Guided Reading Level U*

**The View from Saturday** by E.L. Konigsburg - The View From Saturday follows the lives of four sixth grade quiz bowl champs and their paraplegic coach/ teacher. Alternating their final quiz bowl championship match with short stories about the different journeys each kid has had to make, the book is adept at distinguishing between each individual in the group. *Guided Reading Level U*

**The Incredible Journey** by Sheila Burnford - The Incredible Journey tells the story of three animal companions -a young Labrador Retriever, an aging Bull Terrier, and a feisty Siamese cat -who embark on a dangerous journey home through the Canadian wilderness. They had been staying with a family friend while their real owners were temporarily residing in Europe, but they lit out for home on their own after their current keeper left for vacation. *Guided Reading Level V*

**Maniac Magee** by Jerry Spinelli - Maniac Magee (whose real name is Jeffrey) became a homeless kid who lost his parents in a trolley accident. He wants a real home with a family and that is what he looks for in the story. He's really unusual. He is famous for running everywhere and is so fast that no one can beat him. *Guided Reading Level V*

**Absolutely Normal Chaos** by Sharon Creech - Thirteen-year-old Mary Lou grows up considerably during the summer while learning about romance, homesickness, death, and her cousin's search for his biological father. *Guided Reading Level V*

**Everything on a Waffle** by Polly Horvath - Eleven-year-old Primrose, who lives in a small fishing village in British Columbia, recounts her experiences and all that she learns about human nature and the unpredictability of life in the months after her parents are lost at sea. *Guided Reading Level V*

**The Breadwinner** by Deborah Ellis - Because the Taliban rulers of Kabul, Afghanistan, impose strict limitations on women's freedom and behavior, eleven-year-old Parvana must disguise herself as a boy so that her family can survive after her father's arrest. *Guided Reading Level V*

**The Black Pearl** by Scott O'Dell - At 16, Ramon was finally allowed to go with his father and dive for pearls. The only thing is that he has to stay aboard the ship, for pearl diving is much too dangerous. Shortly after he properly learns how to dive, Ramon finds the great Pearl of Heaven in the Manta Diablo's cave. But Ramon's joyous occasion is cut short when bad things begin to happen. *Guided Reading Level W*

**Missing May** by Cynthia Rylant - After being passed among relatives, Summer joins her aunt and uncle and marvels at the couple's deep love for one another. But after Aunt May dies, Summer and Uncle Ob are brought together in their struggles to come to terms with the death. Cletus, a neighbor boy, comes along to help provide an answer. *Guided Reading Level W*

**Call it Courage** by Armstrong Sperry - Fifteen year old Mafatu has been afraid of the sea for as long as he can remember. Though his father is the Great Chief of Hikuero -an island whose seafaring people worship courage - Mafatu feels like an outsider. Mafatu paddles out to sea, ready to face his fears. What he learns on his lonesome adventure will change him forever and make him a hero in the eyes of his people. *Guided Reading Level X*

**Hoops** by Walter Dean Myers - A teenage basketball player from Harlem is befriended by a former professional player who, after being forced to quit because of a point shaving scandal, hopes to prevent other young athletes from repeating his mistake. *Guided Reading Level X*

**Where the Red Fern Grows** by Wilson Rawls - Billy lives in the Ozarks and wants 2 hunting dogs. He saves for 2 years, then sends away to get 2 puppies. Once the puppies arrive -Old Dan and Little Ann -Billy begins to live his dream, never realizing that more is happening than he is aware of. *Guided Reading Level X*

**Philip Hall Likes Me, I Reckon Maybe** by Bette Greene - Philip Hall is the cutest, smartest boy in the sixth grade, and Beth Lambert loves him. The fact that he beats her in classwork, sports, and almost everything else doesn't bother Beth at first. Then she realizes that Philip might be best because she's letting him beat her. Beth knows that she deserves to be Number One--and she's going to prove it! This funny, universal story of a girl learning that she matters in the world has delighted readers for over twenty years. *Guided Reading Level Y*

**White Fang** by Jack London - The story of a young wolf who is adopted by an Indian tribe, struggling between civilization and being a wild animal. He goes through many phases of his life and settings as he gets into fights, adapts to civilization, eventually finds his place in the world. *Guided Reading Level Y*

**Peak** by Roland Smith - A fourteen year old boy who likes to scale tall buildings gets punished for his actions by a judge and is shipped off to the Himalayas, where he is trained in mountain-climbing techniques. Faced with being the youngest person ever to scale Mt. Everest he must make a decision between a new friend and glory. *Guided Reading Level Y*

**Black Beauty** by Anna Sewell - Set in Victorian London, the novel follows the shifting fortunes of a horse as he moves from owner to owner. Narrated by the noble Black Beauty himself, the tale offers an animal's perspective of the world, and highlights the thoughtless, even cruel treatment animals endured during that period. *Guided Reading Level Z*

**The Adventures of Tom Sawyer** by Mark Twain - Enjoy the pranks, adventures, and fun of Tom Sawyer, a boy growing up in a Mississippi River town in the early 19th century. *Guided Reading Level Z*

**And Now Miguel** by Joseph Krungold - Every summer the men of the Chavez family go on a long and difficult sheep drive to the mountains. All the men, that is, except for twelve-year old Miguel. All year long, twelve-year-old Miguel tries to prove that he, too, is up to the challenge and is ready to take the sheep into his beloved Sangre de Cristo Mountains -until his prayer is finally answered, with a disturbing and dangerous exchange. *Guided Reading Level Z*

## **NONFICTION / INFORMATIONAL:**

**Eating Apples** by Gail Saunders-Smith - Simple text and photographs describe different ways to enjoy apples--whole, sliced, cooked, and juiced. *Guided Reading Level A*

**What Time is It?** by Laron Davis - This colorful book begins to get readers acquainted with the clock. *Guided Reading Level A*

**Carrots** by Gail Saunders-Smith - Simple text and photographs describe the growing cycle of the carrot, from planting through cooking and eating. *Guided Reading Level B*

**Spring Is Here / Llego La Primavera** by Taro Gomi - Spring is here! The English and Spanish text paired with Taro Gomi's bright illustrations show the changes in seasons. The illustrations cleverly build up from one another, from a white spring lamb, to a field of grass and flowers, to melting snow, and a final growing calf. *Guided Reading Level B*

**Chickens** by Peter Brady - Introduces the most common bird in the world by presenting facts about its physical characteristics, what it eats, where it lives, and the eggs it lays. *Guided Reading Level B*

**Boats** by Gail Saunders-Smith - Appealing photos and simple text help readers compare and contrast boats according to size, type and use. *Guided Reading Level C*

**Trucks** by Gail Saunders-Smith - Appealing photos and simple text help readers compare and contrast trucks according to size, type and use. *Guided Reading Level C*

**Family Pets** by Lola Schaefer - Simple text and photographs present family pets and how they interact with their families. *Guided Reading Level C*

**On the Farm** by Henry Pluckrose - Each book in this series is full of photographs showing machines at work in different places. An illustrated glossary provides a useful first reference tool to the machines featured in the book. *Guided Reading Level C*

**Families** by Gail Saunders-Smith - This book looks at different family members and their relationships with one another. *Guided Reading Level D*

**Footprints in the Snow** by Cynthia Benjamin - Children see tracks left in the snow and then follow the footprints into the homes of different forest animals. *Guided Reading Level D*

**Black Bears** by Marcia Freeman - Text and photographs describe the appearance, behavior, and habitat of black bears. *Guided Reading Level E*

**Where Do Frogs Come From?** by Alex Vern - Colorful photographs explain the development of a frog from egg to adult. Beginning readers will be attracted to this book from the first page, where they will see a partially submerged, bug-eyed frog staring directly at them. *Guided Reading Level E*

**Fireflies** by Cheryl Coughlan - From ants and beetles, to wasps and water bugs, amazing up-close photographs explore the fascinating world of insects. Readers learn about the body parts and daily activities of common insects. *Guided Reading Level E*

**Maple Trees** by Marcia Freeman - Compare and contrast trees by their shapes, sizes, seeds, and leaves. These books present trees from a variety of regions and climates. *Guided Reading Level F*

**Koalas** by Gail Saunders-Smith - Text and photographs describe various activities of koalas and their joeys. *Guided Reading Level F*

**We Are All Alike We Are All Different** by Alike - Photographs enhance kindergartners' descriptions of themselves, explaining how they can be the same and how they can be different. *Guided Reading Level G*

**Waiting for Wings** by Lois Ehlert - Simple text and bright pictures show how butterflies use flowers and identify several types of butterflies. *Guided Reading Level H*

**The Top and Bottom of the World** by Allan Fowler - This series meets National Curriculum Standards for: Science: Earth and Space Science, Life Science. Social Studies: Global Connections, People, Places, & Environments, Production, Distribution, & Consumption *Guided Reading Level I*

**Tale of a Tadpole** by Karen Wallace - Stunning photographs combine with lively illustrations and engaging, age-appropriate stories in "Eyewitness Readers." *Guided Reading Level I*

**Old Mother Hubbard and Her Wonderful Dog** by Sarah Martin (James Marshall, illustrator) - Old Mother Hubbard runs errand after errand for her remarkable dog. *Guided Reading Level J*

**Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie** by Peter Roop - In the winter of 1856, a storm delays the lighthouse keeper's return to an island off the coast of Maine, and his daughter must keep the lights burning by herself. *Guided Reading Level K*

**The Best of Times: Math Strategies That Multiply** by Greg Tang - Greg Tang teaches readers simple but powerful techniques for multiplying numbers from 0 to 10. *Guided Reading Level K*

**The Hershey's Milk Chocolate Fractions Book** by Jerry Pallotta - A Hershey's milk chocolate bar is made up of 12 little rectangles that provide the perfect opportunity to teach fractions! *Guided Reading Level K*

**Icky Bug Shapes** by Jerry Pallotta - Kids will love learning their shapes with help from icky bugs. *Guided Reading Level K*

**My Baseball Book** by Gail Gibbons - Book provides an introduction to baseball, describing the equipment, playing field, rules, players, and process of the game. *Guided Reading Level K*

**Math-terpieces: the Art of Problem Solving** by Greg Tang - A series of rhymes about artists and their works introduces counting and grouping numbers, as well as such artistic styles as cubism, pointillism, and surrealism. *Guided Reading Level L*

**The Grapes of Math: Mind Stretching Math Riddles** by Greg Tang - This book will challenge all kids — and parents, too — to open their minds and solve problems in new and unexpected ways. *Guided Reading Level L*

**Math Appeal** by Greg Tang - Greg Tang deals with four key rules for problem solving: have an open mind, look for unusual number combinations, use multiple skills, and look for patterns. *Guided Reading Level L*

**Cats** by Gail Gibbons - A delight for cat lovers, young and old, Gibbons has come up with an easy-to-read picture book that provides a complete introduction to a common household friend. *Guided Reading Level M*

**Fire! Fire!** by Gail Gibbons - The alarm sounds. Fire! Fire! Big trucks roll out of the firehouse and race to the scene. *Guided Reading Level M*

**Math Fables: Lessons That Count** by Greg Tang - These playful rhyming math stories give young learners a start on higher-level math by encouraging readers to think about groups and numbers in creative ways. *Guided Reading Level M*

**The Icky Bug Counting Book** by Jerry Pallotta - In this creepy, crawly adventure, children can count from 0 to 26 and learn about 26 different kinds of creatures...not all of them icky! *Guided Reading Level M*

**Air is All Around You** by Franklyn M. Branley - Air is everywhere. Your bedroom alone holds about seventy-five pounds of it! But since you can't see, smell, or feel air, how do you know it's there? There are some cool experiments you can do to prove it for yourself. *Guided Reading Level M*

**My Visit to the Dinosaurs** by Aliko - A visit to a museum of natural history provides a little boy with an introduction to the habits, characteristics, and habitats of fourteen kinds of dinosaurs. *Guided Reading Level N*

**This Land is Your Land** by Woody Guthrie - This well-known folk song is accompanied by a tribute from folksinger Pete Seeger, the musical notation, and a biographical scrapbook with photographs. *Guided Reading Level N*

**Deadline: From News to Newspaper** by Gail Gibbons - This book follows the daily work at a newspaper from editorial meetings until the paper leaves the printing press and is delivered to homes. *Guided Reading Level N*

**Hershey's From Addition to Multiplication** by Jerry Pallotta - Pictures of Hershey chocolate products and a group of mountain climbers help children understand the different ways to multiply, for example, by using repeated addition, arrays, and place value. *Guided Reading Level N*

**The Story of Money** by Betsy Maestro - A history of money; beginning with the barter system in prehistoric times, to the first use of coins and paper money, to the development of the modern monetary system. *Guided Reading Level N*

**Bats** by Gail Gibbons - Each book combines easy-to-read text with outstanding photographs to give kids an introduction to a favorite topic. *Guided Reading Level O*

**Knights In Shining Armor** by Gail Gibbons - This colorfully illustrated book about knights introduces children to the armor, weapons, duties, and chivalry of the Middle Ages. It also explains how modern knighthood differs from its earlier counterpart. *Guided Reading Level O*

**Grizzly Bears** by Gail Gibbons - Grizzly bears are considered by some to be very frightening animals. They can run as fast as horses and they eat almost anything. Gail Gibbons gives many details to enrich any reader's understanding of these powerful animals, as well as provide insight into the danger of their extinction. *Guided Reading Level O*

**Earthquakes** by Franklyn M. Branley - This book discusses why earthquakes happen, what their sometimes devastating effects can be, where the danger zones are, and what measures people can take to safeguard themselves. *Guided Reading Level O*

**The Story of Harriet Tubman** by Kate McMullen - Harriet Tubman devoted her life to helping slaves find their freedom. In this book, her life is portrayed in a way that is fascinating and exciting. *Guided Reading Level P*

**Apples** by Gail Gibbons - This colorfully illustrated book introduces readers to the history, varieties, and uses of apples. *Guided Reading Level P*

**Fill It Up! All About Service Stations** by Gail Gibbons - Have you ever wondered how a mechanic fixes a flat tire or how the gas travels from the pump to your gas tank? This book is all about a service station. Read this book to learn about the jobs of a service station worker. *Guided Reading Level P*

**Marshes & Swamps** by Gail Gibbons - This descriptive book will give readers a good look at wetlands. After reading, students will be able to tell the difference between swamps and marshes, and will have learned about the differences in their environments. *Guided Reading Level P*

**Animals Nobody Loves** by Seymour Simon - The author explores the attributes of twenty sometimes unattractive, sometimes unnerving, often dangerous, yet always misunderstood animals. Discover how each of them fills a unique roll within nature's community. *Guided Reading Level Q*

**If Your Name Was Changed at Ellis Island** by Ellen Levine - This unique, interactive history book encourages readers to step into the past guided by a question-and-answer format in full color. It's also packed with quotes from children and adults who passed through Ellis Island. *Guided Reading Level Q*

**The Wampanoag** by Stacy DeKeyser - The Wampanoag provides a fascinating look at the traditions and beliefs of this northeastern coastal people as well as a glimpse into the life of the Wampanoag today. *Guided Reading Level Q*

**Horses** by Seymour Simon - Children will learn about the history and beauty of horses as this book shows a large variety of breeds from around the world. *Guided Reading Level R*

**The Discovery of the Americas** by Betsy Maestro - This book discusses both hypothetical and historical voyages of discovery to America by the Phoenicians, Saint Brendan of Ireland, the Vikings, and such later European navigators as Columbus, Cabot, and Magellan. *Guided Reading Level S*



**On My Honor by Marion Dane Bauer**

Joel dares his best friend, Tony, to a swimming race in a dangerous river. Both boys jump in, but when Joel reaches the sandbar, he finds Tony has vanished. How can he face their parents and the terrible truth?

*Guided Reading*

*Level S*

**Destination: Rocky Mountains** by Jonathan Grupper - The Rocky Mountains stretch across the western United States from Canada to New Mexico. Encompassing many different terrains, this vast mountain range is home to thousands of plants and animals. *Guided Reading Level S*

**N.C. Wyeth's Pilgrims** by Robert D. San Souci - The story of the Pilgrims, including the first Thanksgiving, is a central part of America's history and, over the course of time, it has taken on an almost mythical quality. Drawing upon a variety of resources, including the author's trip to the Plimouth Plantation, the text dispels some popular misconceptions about the setting of our nation as it broadens our understanding of the bravery and determination of our forebears.

*Guided Reading Level S*

**Comets, Meteors, And Asteroids** by Seymour Simon - This book shows how comets, meteors, and asteroids move through our solar system and explains the composition of a comet's tail. *Guided Reading Level T*

**Indian Winter** by Russell Freedman - This book relates the experiences of a German prince, his servant, and a young Swiss artist as they traveled through the Missouri River Valley in 1833 learning about the territory and its inhabitants and recording their impressions in words and pictures. *Guided Reading Level U*

**Amos Fortune, Free Man** by Elizabeth Yates - This book is the story of an African man who was captured by slave traders and brought to Massachusetts, where he was a slave until he was able to purchase his freedom. This book won the Newbery Medal. *Guided Reading Level V*

**Christa McAuliffe: Teacher In Space** by Corinne J. Naden, Rose Blue - Christa McAuliffe would have been the first private American citizen in space if not for the accident that destroyed the space shuttle "Challenger." *Guided Reading Level W*

**Into the Volcano** by Donna O'Meara - Donna O'Meara and her husband, Steve, explore active volcanoes, gather data about them, and photograph volcanic eruptions for magazines, such as *National Geographic*. Following a description of her early life, O'Meara vividly describes her visits to observe volcanoes in Hawaii, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Italy. *Guided Reading Level X*

**Separate But Not Equal: The Dream and the Struggle** by James Haskins - A moving history of the struggle of African-Americans for equal education rights from colonial times to the present. *Guided Reading Level Y*

**Where Was Atlantis? (Unsolved Mysteries)** by Brian Innes - Discusses the legend of the lost civilization of Atlantis and whether it may have been based on a real place. *Guided Reading Level Z*

## **HISTORICAL FICTION:**

**Sleds on Boston Common** by Louise Borden - Henry complains to the royal governor, General Gage, after his plan to sled down the steep hill at Boston Common is thwarted by the masses of British troops camped there. *Guided Reading Level P*

**On the Mayflower: Voyage of a Ship's Apprentice and a Passenger Girl** by Kate Waters - A twelve-year-old apprentice and a seven-year-old passenger experience the first voyage of the Mayflower. *Guided Reading Level P*

**Our Strange New Land, Elizabeth's Jamestown Colony Diary, Book One** by Patricia Hermes - Written in journal format, the story focus on young Elizabeth and the daily life of people who lived in Jamestown in 1609. Also, the characters in this series live on in future books. *Guided Reading Level P*

**Meet Molly (American Girl series)** by Valerie Tripp - While her father is away fighting in World War II, Molly finds her life full of change as she eats terrible vegetables from the victory garden and plans revenge on her brother for ruining her Halloween. *Guided Reading Level Q*

**Meet Felicity (American Girl series)** by Valerie Tripp - In Williamsburg in 1774, nine-year-old Felicity rescues a beautiful horse that is being beaten and starved by her cruel owner. *Guided Reading Level Q*

**Catherine (The Royal Diaries series)** by Kristiana Gregory Princess Sophie's life changes forever when Empress Elizabeth searches for the perfect bride for her nephew Charles-Peter, the future ruler of Russia. Suddenly, Sophie finds herself whisked to Moscow, engaged to a weak, immature boy, and battling a cruel mother who craves the riches. *Guided Reading Level R*

**Kazunomiya (The Royal Diaries series)** by Kathryn Lasky - Princess Kazunomiya of Japan was a pawn in the power struggle between the Emperor's Court and the shogun. Torn between her love for Prince Arisugawa and her duty to marry the next shogun, Yoshitomi, she summoned the courage to bring honor to her family and face an uncertain fate. *Guided Reading Level R*

**The Journal of Jasper Jonathan Pierce: Pilgrim Boy** by Ann Rinaldi - "Plymouth, 1620" A fourteen-year-old indentured servant keeps a journal of his experiences on the Mayflower and during the building of Plymouth Plantation in 1620 and 1621. *Guided Reading Level S*

**Journey to the New World: Diary of Patience Whipple** by Kathryn Lasky - "Mayflower, 1620" Twelve-year-old Mem presents a diary account of the trip she and her family made on the Mayflower in 1620 and their first year in the New World. *Guided Reading Level T*

**Dear America Series (the following 3 titles): Across the Wide and Lonesome Prairie: the Oregon Trail Diary of Hattie Campbell; A Journey to the New World : The Diary of Remember Patience Whipple; A Light in the Storm : The Civil War Diary of Amelia Martin** Written in a diary format, each historical novel is extensively researched from actual letters and diaries, allowing readers to experience the daily lives of girls from different times in American history. A companion series--My Name Is America--follows the adventures of boys from America's past. *Guided Reading Level T*

**My Name is America Series: The Journal of Scott Pendleton Collins: a World War II Soldier** by Walter Dean Myers - A ground breaking, adventure-based historical fiction series written in journal format and designed to appeal to boy readers. A companion series--Dear America--invites readers into the personal worlds of girls from different times in American history. *Guided Reading Level T*

**Number the Stars** by Lois Lowry - An incredibly moving account of the Jews in World War II Denmark. Annemarie Johansen worries what might happen to her Jewish friend, Ellen Rosen, as the Nazis capture and "relocate" all Jews. During this time, Annemarie learns about the power of evil, the strength of family, and the unbreakable bonds of friendship.

*Guided Reading Level U*

**My Name is America Series: The Journal of James Edmond Pease: a Civil War Union Soldier** by Jim Murphy - A groundbreaking, adventure-based historical fiction series written in journal format and designed to appeal to boy readers. A companion series--Dear America--invites readers into the personal worlds of girls from different times in American history. *Guided Reading Level W*

**Anacaona (The Royal Diaries series)** by Edwidge Danticat - When her uncle's weaver makes a cloth for her to write symbols on, Anacaona records her life as the niece of Haiti's ruler in the 15th century. She reveals the customs of her people as she matures, gets married to a chief, and faces the men who come to threaten her people. *Guided Reading Level X*

**The Midwife's Apprentice** by Karen Cushman - This story takes place in medieval England. Our protagonist is Alyce, who rises from the dung heap (literally) of homelessness and namelessness to find a station in life-- apprentice to the crotchety, snaggle-toothed midwife Jane Sharp. On Alyce's first solo outing as a midwife, she fails to deliver. Instead of facing her ignorance, Alyce chooses to run from failure--never a good choice. *Guided Reading Level X*

**Out of the Dust** by Karen Hesse - Out of the Dust tells the story of a girl named Billie Jo, who struggles to help her family survive the dust-bowl years of the Depression. Fighting against the elements on her Oklahoma farm, Billie Jo takes on even more responsibilities when her mother dies in a tragic accident. A testament to the American spirit, this novel is an instant classic. *Guided Reading Level X*

**A House of Tailors** by Patricia Reilly Giff - A story about a young girl during World War II in Germany who leaves her mother's house, a house of tailors, to join her uncle in America, also a tailor. She grows to love her new family and learns to become anew person - relying on the trade she has started to resent. Genre: Fiction. *Guided Reading Level Y*

**We Shall Not be Moved: The Women's Factory Strike of 1909** by Joan Dash

This is an historical account of the women's strike of 1909, which led to the formation of the Women's Trade

Union League. The book tells the story of how young women working in appalling conditions found the courage

to stand up and create change. *Guided Reading Level Y*

**FANTASY:**

**Magic Tree House Series: Afternoon on the Amazon** by Mary Pope Osborne - This series is an interesting mix of fiction & nonfiction. Each book takes the characters (siblings Jack & Annie) to another place and / or time to get a clue to solve a mystery or challenge. *Guided Reading Level L*

**Magic Tree House Series: Buffalo Before Breakfast** by Mary Pope Osborne - The Magic Tree House takes Jack and Annie back in time by almost 200 years. On the Great Plains, they meet a Lakota boy who shows them how to hunt buffalo. But something goes wrong! They must stop a thousand buffalo from stampeding! *Guided Reading Level M*

**Magic Tree House Series: Civil War on Sunday** by Mary Pope Osborne - The Magic Tree House takes Jack and Annie back in time to the American Civil War. They meet Clara Barton, the famous nurse, and help take care of wounded soldiers. *Guided Reading Level M*

**Flat Stanley** by Jeff Brown - When a bulletin board falls on Stanley while he's sleeping, he is completely flattened. Although Stanley makes good use of his new dimensions, he lives in a world of round people. Will Stanley ever feel like himself again?

*Guided Reading Level M*

**Stanley, Flat Again!** by Jeff Brown - Although there are a lot of cool things about being flat, Stanley laments his strange condition. After his father explains that things happen for a purpose, Stanley is recruited to save a classmate. *Guided Reading Level N*

**Dragon Slayers Academy Series** (these 4 titles): **Beware! It's Friday the 13th; Revenge of the Dragon Lady; Sir Lancelot, Where Are You?; The Ghost of Sir Herbert Dungeonstone** by Kate McMullan - These are stories of dragons and knights, full of knock, knock jokes, pig-latin, comical and gross and a great fantasy series. *Guided Reading Level N*

**Secrets of Droon Series** (these 3 titles): **Flight of the Genie; Fortress of the Treasure Queen; The Golden Wasp** by Tony Abbott - Eric, Julie and Neal stumble upon the magical world of Droon, populated by wizards and sorcerers, invisible cities, vanishing islands, and castles under the sea. *Guided Reading Level N*

**Invisible Stanley** by Jeff Brown - After discovering that he is invisible, Stanley becomes a celebrity, but after a while he doesn't like being invisible because he is often ignored.

*Guided Reading Level O*

**Hank the Cowdog Series: Murder in the Middle Pasture** by John R. Erickson - There's been a brutal murder on the ranch, and it's up to Hank the Cowdog, Head of Ranch Security, to conduct the investigation. The only problem is, no one's talking.

*Guided Reading Level P*

**Dragonling** by Jackie French Koller - Darek is filled with envy when his older brother returns from his dragonquest with the claws of a Great Blue, the largest and fiercest of all dragons. Then Darek discovers a dragonling in the pouch of its dead mother. There's only one thing to do: he must get Zantor, a hungry little dragon with wobbly legs, back to his own kind. *Guided Reading Level Q*

**Rhianna Chronicles Series** (these 2 titles): **The Girl, The Apprentice, and The Dogs of Iron; The Girl, The Dragon, and The Magic** by Dave Lockett - You can't live without magic - everyone in the Land knows that. Magic controls everything. But what happens when the magic goes wrong? *Guided Reading Level Q*

**Spiderwick Chronicles Series: The Field Guide** by Holly Black & Tony DiTerlizzi - It all starts when Jared Grace finds their great uncle's book, 'Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastic World Around You' and the Grace kids realize that they are not alone in their new house. Now the kids want to tell their story but the faeries will do everything they can to stop them. *Guided Reading Level Q*

**Spiderwick Chronicles Series: The Ironwood Tree** by Holly Black & Tony DiTerlizzi - When the Grace children go to live at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some very unusual experiences.

*Guided Reading Level R*

**Spiderwick Chronicles Series: The Wrath of Mulgarath** by Holly Black & Tony DiTerlizzi - After narrowly escaping the dwarven quarry, a battered and bruised Jared, Simon, and Mallory return home to find it has been ransacked by the evil Mulgarath, and that he's made off with "Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastical World Around You" along with something far more precious to the Grace kids — their mother. *Guided Reading Level R*

**Baseball Card Adventures Series: Babe and Me** by Dan Gutman - Perfect for fans of time-travel, fantasy, and baseball! Full of sports trivia and historical documents. Joe Stoshack travels back in time to meet Babe Ruth! *Guided Reading Level S*

**Baseball Card Adventures Series Shoeless Joe and Me** by Dan Gutman - Perfect for fans of time-travel, fantasy, and baseball! Full of sports trivia and historical documents. Joe Stoshack travels back in time to meet Joe Jackson! *Guided Reading Level T*

**Chronicles of Narnia Series** (these 4 titles): **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe; The Magician's Nephew; Prince Caspian; The Horse and His Boy** by C.S. Lewis - The Chronicles of Narnia is a series of seven fantasy novels for children written by C. S. Lewis. They present the adventures of children who play crucial roles in the unfolding history of the realm of Narnia where some animals talk, magic is rampant, and good is fighting evil. *Guided Reading Level T*

**Wizard of Oz** by L. Frank Baum - Dorothy, a young girl who is transported by a cyclone to the magical world of Oz where she makes wonderful friends, battles evil, and must face down a wizard to return home to Kansas. *Guided Reading Level U*

**Merlin Series** (these 3 titles): **Hobby; Passagers; Merlin: The Young Merlin Trilogy** by Jane Yolen  
Worthy introduction to Arthurian legend for the younger reader. *Guided Reading Level V*

**Series of Unfortunate Events Series** (these 2 titles): **The Bad Beginnings; The Austere Academy** by Lemony Snickett Tales of three likable, resilient, and unfortunate Baudelaire orphans, Violet, Klaus, and Sunny, in search of a home--stories that are literary and irreverent, hilarious and deftly crafted. *Guided Reading Level V*

**Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** by J.K. Rowling - Harry, now 14, has only two more weeks with his Muggle relatives before returning to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Yet one night a vision harrowing enough to make his lightning-bolt-shaped scar burn has Harry on edge and contacting his godfather- in-hiding, Sirius Black. *Guided Reading Level W*

**A Wrinkle in Time** by Madeleine L'Engle A coming of age fantasy story that addresses typical teenage girl awkwardness and insecurity. It highlights courage, resourcefulness and the importance of family ties to overcoming them. *Guided Reading Level W*

**Shadow Children series: Among the Hidden** by Margaret Haddix In the future, when it is illegal for a family to have more than two children, Luke, a twelve-year-old boy, lives his life in hiding because he is a third child. Luke lives in isolation until he discovers another third child. One day, the Population Police knock on the front door. What will happen to Luke? *Guided Reading Level W*

**Artemis Fowl** by Eoin Colfer - Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is the most ingenious criminal mastermind in history. With two trusty sidekicks in tow, he hatches a cunning plot to divest the fairy folk of their pot of gold. This fantasy takes the reader on an adventure that includes kidnapping, ransom, and an unexpected but crafty sidekick. *Guided Reading Level X*

**Gathering Blue** by Lois Lowry - Kira, newly orphaned and lame from birth, is taken from the turmoil of the village to live in the grand Council Edifice because of her skill at embroidery. There she is given the task of restoring the historical pictures sewn on the robe worn at the annual Ruin Song Gathering, a solemn day-long performance of the story of their world's past. With the help of a cheerful waif called Matt and his little dog, Kira at last finds the way to the plant that will allow her to create the missing color--blue--and, symbolically, to find the courage to shape the future by following her art wherever it may lead. *Guided Reading Level X*

**Shadow Children series: Among the Free** by Margaret Haddix - Luke Garner is a third-born in a restrictive society that allows only two children per family. Risking his life, he came out of hiding to fight against the Population Police laws. Now, in the final volume of Margaret Peterson Haddix's suspenseful Shadow Children series, Luke inadvertently sets off a rebellion that results in the overthrow of the government. The people are finally free. But who is in charge now? And will this new freedom be everything they had hoped? *Guided Reading Level Z*

**The Redwall Series** by Brian Jacques - A magical tale filled with animals in which a mouse fights to save Redwall Abbey from an evil rat warlord. *Guided Reading Level Z*

## **MYSTERY:**

**Bone Mysteries Series includes: Bones and the Big Yellow Mystery)** by David Adler - Young detective Jeffery Bones is always ready to help when a mystery strikes! *Guided Reading Level J*

**Cam Jansen Adventure Series: Young Cam Jansen and the Lost** by David Adler - Fifth grader Cam Jansen uses her phenomenal photographic memory to solve mysteries. Stories are in "Beginning Chapter- Book" format. *Guided Reading Level J*

**Cam Jansen Adventure Series: Young Cam Jansen and the New Girl Mystery** by David Adler - Fifth grader Cam Jansen uses her phenomenal photographic memory to solve mysteries. Stories are in "Beginning Chapter-Book" format. *Guided Reading Level K*

**Nate the Great Series: Nate the Great and the Boring Beach Bag** by Margerie Sharmat - Nate, the boy detective, plunges into each new and baffling case, solves the mystery, and tracks down the culprits. *Guided Reading Level K*

**Nate the Great Series: Nate the Great and the Monster Mess** by Margerie Sharmat - Nate, the boy detective, plunges into each new and baffling case, solves the mystery, and tracks down the culprits. *Guided Reading Level L*

**Cam Jansen Adventure Series: Cam Jansen and the Mystery of Flight 54)** by David Adler - Fifth grader Cam Jansen uses her phenomenal photographic memory to solve mysteries. Stories are in "Beginning Chapter-Book" format. *Guided Reading Level L*

**Meg Mackintosh Mystery at Camp Creepy** by Lucinda Landon - While attending summer camp for the first time, Meg tries to solve the mystery of the camp's legendary ghost. The reader is challenged to interpret each clue before Meg finds the solution. *Guided Reading Level L*

**Jigsaw Jones Series includes (these 2 titles): The Case of the Stinky Science Project; The Case of the Christmas Snowman** by James Preller - Puzzle-crazy Jigsaw Jones searches for clues and pieces them together to solve the mystery. Line-art brings additional humor and warmth to these chapter-books. *Guided Reading Level N*

**Ghost of Popcorn Hill** by Betty Ren Wright - Martin and Peter acquire a mischievous new dog and two lonely ghosts. *Guided Reading Level N*

**The Ghost in Room 11** by Betty Ren Wright - When his family moves to a small town near Milwaukee, Matt's efforts to fit into his new fourth-grade class are complicated by his poor spelling and his encounter with the ghost of one of the school's former teachers. *Guided Reading Level P*

**Nothing but Trouble** by Betty Ren Wright - Vannie Kirkland and her dog, Muffy, are dropped off at an elderly aunt's house while her parents look for work in California. *Guided Reading Level P*

**The Curse of the Blue Figurine** by John Bellairs - Johnny Dixon is plunged into a terrifying mystery- adventure when he removes a blue figurine called a Ushabti from church. *Guided Reading Level S*

**Herculeah Jones Sseries** (these 2 titles): **Dead Letter; Disappearing Acts** by Betsy Byars - The intrepid Herculeah Jones helps her mother, a private investigator, solve puzzling and frightening cases. *Guided Reading Level S*

**Sammy Keyes Series** (these 2 titles): **Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief ; Sammy Keyes and the Skeleton Man** by Wendelin VanDraanen - Exciting mysteries starring the feisty and funny, smart and spunky seventh-grade ace detective, Samantha Keyes. *Guided Reading Level T*

**Herculeah Jones Sseries** (these 2 titles): **Death's Door; The Dark Stairs** by Betsy Byar - The intrepid Herculeah Jones helps her mother, a private investigator, solve puzzling and frightening cases. *Guided Reading Level V*

**Sammy Keyes Series** (these 2 titles): **Sammy Keyes and the Search for Snake Eyes; Sammy Keyes and the Psycho Kitty Queen** by Wendelin VanDraanen - Exciting mysteries starring the feisty and funny, smart and spunky seventh-grade ace detective, Samantha Keyes. *Guided Reading Level W*

**Sammy Keyes Series: Sammy Keyes and the Hollywood Mummy** by Wendelin VanDraanen - Exciting mysteries starring the feisty and funny, smart and spunky seventh-grade ace detective, Samantha Keyes. *Guided Reading Level X*

## **BIOGRAPHY:**

**Rookie Biographies: Paul Revere** by Will Mara. Published by Scholastic - Clear biographies about famous people, both contemporary and historical. *Guided Reading Level J*

**Rookie Biographies: George Washington Carver** by Lynea Bowdish. Published by ScholasticClear biographies about famous people, both contemporary and historical. *Guided Reading Level J*

**Rookie Biographies: Thurgood Marshall** by Christine Taylor-Butler . Published by ScholasticClear biographies about famous people, both contemporary and historical. *Guided Reading Level K*

**Rookie Biographies: Lewis & Clark** by Lisa Wade McCormick. Published by ScholasticClear biographies about famous people, both contemporary and historical. *Guided Reading Level L*

**A Picture Book of Christopher Columbus** by David Adler - The author provides a brief account of the life and accomplishments of Christopher Columbus in thisf ascinating book. *Guided Reading Level M*

**George Washington: A Picture Book Biography** by James Cross Giblin - This portrait brings the country's first president vividly to life through splendid paintings illustrating Washington's progress from boyhood to father of a nation. *Guided Reading Level N*



**I am Rosa Parks** by Rosa Parks - Rosa Parks, the African-American woman who refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man in 1955, tells why she decided it was time to take a stand against segregation, and discusses the impact of her actions on the Civil Rights movement. *Guided Reading Level N*

**Picture Book of George Washington** by David Adler - The author provides a brief account of the life and accomplishments of Christopher Columbus in this fascinating book. *Guided Reading Level O*

**Childhood of Famous Americans: Louisa May Alcott** by Beatrice Gormley & Meryl Henderson - The majority of these stories emphasize the famous historical persons formative years. There is very little about their lives as adults. *Guided Reading Level O*

**My First Book of Biographies** by Jean Marzollo - This informative text provides fascinating facts about some of the greatest and most influential people in the world. *Guided Reading Level P*

**Childhood of Famous Americans: Crispus Attucks; Black Leader of Colonial Patriots** by Dharathula H. Millender Published by Aladdin Paperbacks. The majority of these stories emphasize the famous historical persons formative years. There is very little about their lives as adults. *Guided Reading Level R*

**Leonardo da Vinci** by Diane Stanley - In this stunning pictorial biography, acclaimed author / artist Diane Stanley introduces young readers to one of the most compelling personages of all time. *Guided Reading Level S*

**The First Woman Doctor: The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell, M.D.** by Rachel Baker An engrossing biography of Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman doctor, who founded a women's hospital and medical college. *Guided Reading Level T*

**Don't Know Much About the Presidents** by Kenneth C. Davis - Hail to the Chief! The commander in chief is the leader of our nation, the President of the United States. Here's your chance to learn about the presidents' inaugurations and important political achievements, as well as their nicknames, hobbies and even what kind of foods they did (and did not) eat. Discover how life in the White House has changed, and the diverse ways the First Ladies helped America. *Guided Reading Level U*

**Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson** by Barry Denenberg - Stealing Home is a moving and poignant account of a man who was determined to play baseball regardless of the color of his skin. This biography tells the story of Jackie Robinson, the first black man to play in baseball's major leagues in the United States. *Guided Reading Level V*

**Counting Coup: Becoming a Crow Chief on the Reservation and Beyond** by Joseph Meicine Crow - Picture a Crow Indian elder, his wizened eyes catching yours in the ancient flicker of firelight. Mismesmerizing stories span the ages, from Custer to World War II to the 21st Century. He is the last traditional chief of his people. He is over 90 years old. Now picture that same man lecturing at colleges nationwide, and addressing the United Nations on the subject of peace. *Guided Reading Level W*

**Meet Eli Manning** by Sloane Macrae - Biography of famous quarterback, Eli Manning, the star quarterback of the New York Giants. *Guided Reading Level Y*

**The Contender** by Robert Lipsyte - This acclaimed novel is a stirring evocation of self-discovery in difficult circumstances. Former sports journalist, Robert Lipsyte, makes the boxing scenes vivid and realistic, but he is equally successful at depicting life on the streets and Alfred's inner struggle to find within himself the man he would like to be. Recommend

this powerful story to sports-minded young adults and reluctant readers. *Guided Reading Level Z*

## POETRY:

**Bright Eyes, Brown Skin** by Cheryl Willis Hudson - In a charming picture book designed to build self-esteem, four African-American kindergartners enjoy their day together. As they draw with crayons, play games, eat their lunch, dress up, dance, and take a nap, they revel in each other's company. Meanwhile, the simple rhyming poem celebrates the beauty of "Chubby fingers, Ticklish toes . . . . A playful grin, A perfect nose. *Guided Reading Level D*

**Guess Who?** by Diane Namm - A little boy sits in his room wondering who will come to play. Will it be someone who can climb, or someone with green slime? This book uses pictures and rhymes to introduce simple vocabulary to very young readers. *Guided Reading Level F*

**I SPY Lightning in the Sky** by Jean Marzollo - All-new, easy-to-read picture-clue riddles are paired with fun photographs culled from the bestselling I SPY Treasure Hunt. *Guided Reading Level G*

**Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3** by Bill Martin, Michael Sampson - One hundred and one numbers climb the apple tree in this bright, rollicking, joyous book for young children. As the numerals pile up and bumblebees threaten, what's the number that saves the day? (Hint: It rhymes with "hero.") Read and count and play and laugh to learn the surprising answer. *Guided Reading Level J*

**Celebrations** by Myra Cohn Livingston - Celebrate American holidays through this collection of poems with colorful illustrations. *Guided Reading Level M*

**Good Books, Good Times!** by Lee Bennet Hopkins - An anthology of poems about the joys of books and reading. Includes selections by David McCord, Karla Kuskin, Myra Cohn Livingston, and Jack Prelutsky. *Guided Reading Level M*

**Beneath a Blue Umbrella** by Jack Prelutsky - A collection of short humorous poems in which a hungry hippo raids a melon stand, a butterfly tickles a girl's nose, and children frolic in a Mardi Gras parade. *Guided Reading Level N*

**Animals, Animals** by Eric Carle - This illustrated collection of poems is written by many authors and describes the peculiarities of wild and domestic animals. *Guided Reading Level O*

**A Child's Calendar** by John Updike - This collection of poems highlights the unique wonders children can find in each month of the year. *Guided Reading Level O*

**The Frogs Wore Red Suspenders** by Jack Prelutsky - Prelutsky presents tongue-twisting (but real) places to visit, such as Tuscaloosa and Winnemucca in these verses with new partner in rhyme. *Guided Reading Level O*

**When We Were Very Young** by A.A. Milne - These verses were written for Christopher Robin including nonsense, whimsy and rhythmic surprises. *Guided Reading Level O*

**The New Kid on the Block** by Jack Prelutsky - Collected here are more than 100 humorous poems, profusely illustrated, about such strange creatures and people as the Gloopy Gloopers and Baloney Belly Billy. *Guided Reading Level P*

**Scranimals** by Jack Prelutsky - On Scranimal Island you will find the fragrant Rhinoceros, the cunning Broccolions, and, if you are very, very quiet, you'll spot the gentle, shy Pandaffodil *Guided Reading Level P*

**Falling Up** by Shel Silverstein - Poor Screamin' Millie is just one of the unforgettable characters in this wondrous new book of poems and drawings by the creator of "Where the Sidewalk Ends" and "A Light in the Attic." Here you will also meet Allison Beals and her twenty-five eels; Danny O'Dare, the dancing bear; the Human Balloon; and Headphone Harold. *Guided Reading Level P*

**Hopscotch Love** by Nikki Grimes - Twenty-two poems celebrate the different faces of love within the African- American community. There's something here for every age and every taste, from sweet to sassy to sentimental. *Guided Reading Level R*

**A Dime a Dozen** by Nikki Grimes - Nikki Grimes expresses feelings shared by many young people in this collection of poetry, including thoughts about family members and secrets untold. *Guided Reading Level R*

**Walt Whitman: Words for America** by Barbara Kerley - Serving as a nurse in Civil War-era Washington, Walt Whitman treated all soldiers who needed his aid-Union and Confederate, black and white. In time, Walt saw that his writing could give these men a voice and capture the true spirit of America. *Guided Reading Level R*

**Love that Dog: A Novel** by Sharon Creech - Jack hates poetry. Only girls write it and every time he tries to, his brain feels empty. But his teacher, Ms.Stretchberry, won't stop giving her class poetry assignments — and Jack can't avoid them. But then something amazing happens. The more he writes, the more he learns he does have something to say. *Guided Reading Level T*

**Call Me Maria** by Judith Ortiz Cofer - Maria is a girl caught between two worlds: Puerto Rico, where she was born, and her new home, New York. As she struggles to lose her island accent, María does her best to find her place within the unfamiliar culture of the barrio. With the Spanglish of the barrio people ringing in her ears, she finds the poet within herself. *Guided Reading Level V*

**What Is Goodbye?** by Nikki Grimes - A series of poems reveals how nothing has been the same for Jesse and Jerilyn since their older brother, Jaron, suddenly died. Their parents are quiet and sad, never hugging their two remaining children or seeming to remember that they're even there. *Guided Reading Level W*