

## **Grade K-2**

### **Grade 1:**

#### **If You Give a Mouse a Cookie By: Laura Joffe Numeroff, Felicia Bond (illus.)**

If a hungry little mouse shows up on your doorstep, you might want to give him a cookie. And if you give him a cookie, he'll ask for a glass of milk. He'll want to look in a mirror to make sure he doesn't have a milk mustache, and then he'll ask for a pair of scissors to give himself a trim...

#### **Elephant and Piggie By: Mo Willems**

The humorous stories that focus on friends, Elephant and Piggie, and how to get along despite their differences. While the stories are funny, they stress important elements of friendship, such as kindness, sharing, and working together to solve problems.

#### **Knuffle Bunny: Cautionary Tale By: Mo Willems**

Trixie, Daddy, and Knuffle Bunny take a trip to the neighborhood Laundromat. But the exciting adventure takes a dramatic turn when Trixie realizes some bunny was left behind?

#### **Pete the Cat Super Cool Reading Collection (My First I can Read) By: James Dean**

Learning to read has never been so groovy! From New York Times bestselling artist and author James Dean, these five favorite Pete the Cat paperbacks are sure to make reading fun for early readers. With five super-cool stories in one box for reading on the go, this collection of My First I Can Reads is perfect for shared reading with a child. Books at this level feature basic language, word repetition, and whimsical illustrations, ideal for sharing with emergent readers. The active, engaging stories have appealing plots and lovable characters, encouraging children to continue their reading journey.

### **Grade 2:**

#### **The Great Kapok Tree A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest By: Lynne Cherry**

One day, a man exhausts himself trying to chop down a giant kapok tree. While he sleeps, the forest's residents, including a child from the Yanomamo tribe, whisper in his ear about the importance of trees and how "all living things depend on one another" . . . and it works. Cherry's lovingly rendered colored pencil and watercolor drawings of all the "wondrous and rare animals" evoke the lush rain forests, as well as stunning world maps bordered by tree porcupines, emerald tree boas, and dozens more fascinating creature

#### **Here's Hank: Book 1 By: Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver**

The first book in this new series, Hank's class is putting on a play, and Hank wants the lead part: Aqua Fly. But he freezes in his audition and can only buzz like a fly. His teacher creates a special part for Hank, a silent bookmark. This may seem like an insignificant role, but when his enemy, Nick McKelty, freezes during the performance, it's up to Hank to save the play!

#### **A to Z Mysteries By: Ron Roy**

This series features three smart kids who solve crimes and mysteries. They live in a small town in Connecticut, called Green Lawn. The kids are Dink Duncan, Josh Pinto, and Ruth Rose Hathaway. They are third graders and live near each other. They have hobbies and pets and parents, but what they love most is a good mystery.

#### **Diary of a Worm By: Doreen Cronin –book series also has Diary of a Fly and Diary of a Spider**

This hilarious picture book from the bestselling, acclaimed author-illustrator team of Doreen Cronin and Harry Bliss tells the adventures of a worm through his daily diary entries. This is the diary of a

worm. This worm lives with his parents, plays with his friends, and even goes to school. But unlike you or me, he never has to take a bath, he gets to eat his homework, and because he doesn't have legs, he just can't do the hokey pokey—no matter how hard he tries. *Read the other books in the series: Diary of a Fly and Diary of a Spider!*

**My Fathers Dragon By: Ruth Stiles Gannett**

A young boy, Elmer Elevator, who runs away to Wild Island to rescue a baby Dragon.

**Clementine By: Sarah Pennypacker**

From first memories through high school, including first kiss, first punch, first trip to the principal's office, and first humiliating sports experience, this is not merely an account of a highly unusual childhood. Rather, like Spinelli's fiction, its appeal lies in the accessibility and universality of his life.

**Last Stop on Market Street By: Matt de la Peña and illustrated by Christian Robinson**

This 2016 Newbery Medal winner shows kids the value of generosity and being satisfied with what you have. Young CJ asks his grandmother questions on a bus ride—why don't they have a car? why is one passenger blind? why do they get off in a dirty part of town? —as they travel from church to volunteer at a soup kitchen on Market Street. Her answers help CJ uncover the beauty in the world around him.

**Grade 3**

**The Best School Year Ever By: Barbara Robinson**

This hilarious novel stars the Herdmans, the worst kids in the world, who made their first appearance in author Barbara Robinson's classic The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.

**Miss Nelson Is Missing! By: Harry Allard, James Marshall (illus.)**

The kids in room 207 don't know how lucky they are to have a nice teacher like Miss Nelson - until their misbehavior causes her disappearance, and they get Miss Viola Swamp for a substitute.

**Ramona Quimby, Age 8 By: Beverly Cleary, Alan Tiegreen (illus.)**

Ramona's job is to be nice to fussy Mrs. Kemp, who watches her while her mother works. If Mrs. Quimby didn't work, Mr. Quimby couldn't return to college. On top of all that, third grade isn't turning out as Ramona expected, even though she enjoys her class's new reading program, D.E.A.R. Danny the Yard Ape teases her, and, on one horrible day, she throws up - at school. Being eight isn't easy, but it's never dull!

**Charlotte's Web By: E.B. White**

This timeless story of the pig named Wilbur and the wise spider named Charlotte who saved him has continued to warm the hearts of readers everywhere.

**Baby Monkey, Private Eye By: Brian Selznick**

Who is Baby Monkey? He is a baby. He is a monkey. He has a job. He is Baby Monkey, Private Eye! Lost jewels? Missing pizza? Stolen spaceship? Baby Monkey can help...if he can put on his pants! Baby Monkey's adventures come to life in an exciting blend of picture book, beginning reader, and graphic novel. With pithy text and over 120 black and white drawings accented with red, it is ideal for sharing aloud and for emerging readers. Hooray for Baby Monkey!

**My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish By: Mo O'Hara and Marek Jagucki**

When Tom's big brother decides to become an Evil Scientist, his first experiment involves dunking Frankie the goldfish into toxic green gunk. Tom and his best friend Pradeep know that there is only one thing to do: Zap the fish with a battery and bring him back to life! But there's something weird about the new Frankie. He's now a BIG FAT ZOMBIE GOLDFISH with hypnotic powers . . . and he's out for revenge!

#### **Grade 4**

##### **Fudge-a-Mania By: Judy Blume**

At first, it seems that Peter Hatcher's summer vacation is going to be a scene from his worst nightmare. Peter's parents have decided to spend three weeks in Maine sharing a house with Cootie Queen Sheila Tubman and the rest of her family. To make matters worse, Peter's younger brother, Fudge, the five-year-old human dynamo, has decided to marry Sheila! But things begin to look up once Peter discovers that Maine is full of surprises, and his best friend Jimmy Fargo joins him at the shore to share in the fun!

##### **Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH By: Robert C. O'Brien, Zena Bernstein (illus.)**

This delightfully imaginative tale is always a popular favorite among children. Mrs. Frisby, a field mouse who lives in a garden, must move her family before the farmer begins plowing. Will the rats of NIMH - a group of highly intelligent laboratory rats - help her find a solution to her dilemma?

##### **Stuart Little By: E. B. White**

Stuart Little is a shy, philosophical little mouse with a big heart and a taste for adventure. In spite of his diminutive stature, barely two inches tall, Stuart sets forth into the world with some mighty big plans: to ride a Fifth Avenue bus, to win a sailboat race in Central Park, and to teach school for a day. But Stuart's greatest adventure begins when he decides to find his best friend, Margalo, a pretty little bird who once lived in a Boston fern in the Littles' house in New York City. Climbing into his tiny car, Stuart hits the open road, sure he's heading in the right direction, only to find himself in for a big surprise. Filled with warmth, wit, and wonder, Stuart Little is a timeless tale that speaks to the heroic spirit in all of us, no matter what our size.

##### **On Board the Titanic: What It Was Like When the Great Liner Sank By: Shelley Tanaka**

The sinking of the great liner Titanic in 1912 is lavishly illustrated by a student of the wreck and is recounted from the perspective of seventeen-year old Jack Thayer and twenty-two-year old Harold Bride, who were both saved by getting themselves onto a life raft

##### **No Talking By: Andrew Clements**

It's boys vs. girls when the noisiest, most talkative, and most competitive fifth graders in history challenge one another to see who can go longer without talking. Teachers and school administrators are in an uproar, until an innovative teacher sees how the kids' experiment can provide a terrific and unique lesson in communication

#### **Grade 5**

##### **The Top 10 Ways to Ruin the First Day of 5th Grade By: Kenneth Derby**

Anthony Madison, a.k.a. Tony Baloney, can't get enough of the Late Show with David Letterman. He loves the Late Show and will stop at nothing to get himself on the program. But to get from Kansas City to New York City, he'll have to pull out all the stops. With his own brand of Top Ten lists, and stunts that range from photocopying his hinder to taking to the field in a bear suit at a professional

football game, Tony takes the NFL, MTV, New York City, the Hells Angels, his teacher, friends, family, and readers on an uproarious ride to remember.

**The Homework Machine By: Dan Gutman**

Meet the D Squad, a foursome of fifth graders at the Grand Canyon School made up of a geek, a class clown, a teacher's pet, and a slacker. They are bound together by one very big secret: the homework machine. Because the machine, code-named Belch, is doing their homework for them, they start spending a lot of time together, attracting a lot of attention. And attention is exactly what you don't want when you are keeping a secret. Before long, things start to get out of control, and Belch becomes much more powerful than they ever imagined. Now the kids are in a race against their own creation, and the loser could end up in jail...or worse!

**Accidental Archaeologists: True Stories of Unexpected Discoveries By: Sarah Albee**

Science meets real-life mystery in this adventurous look at incredible unexpected finds that changed history. Secret treasures are buried all around us -- you just have to look for them! Accidental Archaeologists takes you on an adventure through time to relive some of the coolest surprise discoveries by totally ordinary people all over the world. Meet:- The cowboy who found an ancient skeleton- A famous king buried underneath a parking lot- The team who found New York City's hidden African Burial Ground- A boy who finds the Dead Sea Scrolls while looking for his lost goat- And many more. Packed with incredible stories and expert tips for making your own exciting finds, this is an accessible, action-packed introduction to the world of archaeology.

**Wonder By: R.J. Palacio**

August Pullman—Auggie—has had numerous surgeries to correct facial anomalies, but when he enters school in fifth grade after years of homeschooling, he still has a face that draws nicknames like Freak and Freddy Krueger. R.J. Palacio's novel presents Auggie's perspective as well as those of friends and family members. Palacio has called the novel "a meditation on kindness."

**High-Voltage Danger Lab By: Bob Pflugfelder and Steve Hockensmith**

Nick and Tesla are bright 11-year-old siblings with a knack for science, electronics, and getting into trouble. When their parents mysteriously vanish, they're sent to live with their Uncle Newt, a brilliant inventor who engineers top-secret gadgets for a classified government agency. It's not long before Nick and Tesla are embarking on adventures of their own—engineering all kinds of outrageous MacGyverish contraptions to save their skin: 9-volt burglar alarms, electromagnets, mobile tracking devices, and more.

**Grade 6**

**Becoming Ben Franklin: How a Candle-Maker's Son Helped Light the Flame of Liberty By: Russell Freedman**

In 1723 Ben Franklin arrived in Philadelphia as a poor and friendless seventeen-year-old who had run away from his family and an apprenticeship in Boston. Sixty-two years later he stepped ashore in nearly the same spot but was greeted by cannons, bells, and a cheering crowd, now a distinguished statesman, renowned author, and world-famous scientist. Freedman's riveting story of how a rebellious apprentice became an American icon comes in an elegantly designed book filled with art and includes a timeline, source notes, bibliography, and index.

**Counting by 7s By: Holly Goldberg Sloan**

After the death of her parents, genius outsider Willow begins to bloom again and becomes an agent for change for the diverse group of people she meets. A surprising and inspiring story about family and friendship.

**The Egypt Game By: Zilpha Keatley Snyder, Alton Railbe (illus.)**

The first time Melanie Ross meets April Hall, she's not sure they'll have anything in common. But she soon discovers that they both love anything to do with ancient Egypt. When they stumble upon a deserted storage yard behind the A-Z Antiques and Curio Shop, Melanie and April decide it's the perfect spot for the Egypt Game. Before long there are six Egyptians instead of two. Everyone thinks it's just a game, until strange things begin happening to the players. Has the Egypt Game gone too far?

**American Born Chinese By: Gene Luen Yang**

This graphic novel—the first to be nominated for a National Book Award—tells three stories: The legend of the Monkey King, a master of martial arts; the story of a Chinese American boy who wants to be just American; and a depiction of racial stereotypes of Chinese immigrants that features a character named Chin-kee. In weaving these stories together, Gene Luen Yang explores Chinese American identities, bigotry, and the process of assimilation.

**Save Me A Seat By: Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan**

A new friend could be sitting right next to you. Joe and Ravi might be from very different places, but they're both stuck in the same place: SCHOOL. Joe's lived in the same town all his life, and was doing just fine until his best friends moved away and left him on his own. Ravi's family just moved to America from India, and he's finding it pretty hard to figure out where he fits in. Joe and Ravi don't think they have anything in common -- but soon enough they have a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and a common mission: to take control of their lives over the course of a single crazy week.

**Grade 7**

**The Maze By: Will Hobbs**

Stowing away in the back of a pickup, Rick, a 14-year-old foster child, escapes from juvenile detention facility near Las Vegas and travels to Canyonlands.

**River Thunder By: Will Hobbs**

Jessie, Troy, and the rest of the crew from Downriver have returned to the Grand Canyon for adventure on the Colorado River.

**Nothing but the Truth, A Documentary Novel By: Avi**

A ninth-grader's suspension for singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story.

**The Skin I'm In By: Sharon G. Flake**

Tackling bullying and the adolescent drive to build an identity, Sharon Flake's debut novel is the story of Maleeka Madison, an African American seventh grader who struggles with poverty and self-

consciousness about her dark skin—and fights the people who try to help her. The book won Flake the Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe Award for New Talent.

**Inside Out & Back Again By: Thanhha Lai**

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

**Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library By: Chris Grabenstein**

When Kyle Keeley learns that the world's most famous game maker, Luigi Lemoncello, has designed the town's new library and is having an invitation-only lock-in on opening night, Kyle is determined to be there! But the tricky part isn't getting into the library—it's getting out. Because when morning comes, the doors stay locked. Kyle and the other kids must catch every clue and solve every puzzle to find the hidden escape route!

**Knots in My Yo-yo String By: Jerry Spinelli**

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**Grade 8**

**The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle By: Avi**

It's the summer of 1832, and the Seahawk looms against a darkening sky. Manned by an angry, motley crew at the mercy of a ruthless captain, the ship reeks of despair and mutiny! It is no place for the lone passenger, 13-year-old Charlotte Doyle, yet for her there is no turning back.

**Lone Wolf By: Kristine L. Franklin, Joe Baker (illus.)**

When a large family moves into the house near where he and his father live in the woods, Perry's friendship with the oldest girl helps him come to terms with his sister's death and his parents' divorce.

**When You Reach Me By: Rebecca Stead**

It's a mystery book about two kids who unravel clues sent to them to prevent a tragic death. It takes place in the real world but holds a fantastic puzzle at its heart.

**Prairie Lotus By: Linda Sue Park**

14-year-old Hanna stands out in Dakota Territory in 1880: the half-Asian girl draws stares and prejudice wherever she goes. When she and her widowed father settle in LaForge, Hanna hopes to attend school before becoming a full-time dressmaker working in her father's dry goods shop. As she sets about to realize her dreams of getting an education and making at least one friend, Hanna draws on memories of her half-Chinese, half-Korean mother's quiet strength to persevere through the challenges she encounters

**Chasing Vermeer By: Blue Balliett**

Chasing Vermeer joins the Scholastic Gold line, which features award-winning and beloved novels. Includes exclusive bonus content! When a book of unexplainable occurrences brings Petra and Calder together, strange things start to happen: Seemingly unrelated events connect; an eccentric old woman seeks their company; an invaluable Vermeer painting disappears. Before they know it, the two find themselves at the center of an international art scandal, where no one is spared from suspicion. As Petra and Calder are drawn clue by clue into a mysterious labyrinth, they must draw on

their powers of intuition, their problem-solving skills, and their knowledge of Vermeer. Can they decipher a crime that has stumped even the FBI?

**My Side of the Mountain By: Jean Craighead George**

Terribly unhappy in his family's crowded New York City apartment, Sam Gibley runs away to the solitude-and danger-of the mountains, where he finds a side of himself he never knew.

**Restart By: Gordon Korman**

Chase's memory just went out the window. Chase doesn't remember falling off the roof. He doesn't remember hitting his head. He doesn't, in fact, remember anything. He wakes up in a hospital room and suddenly has to learn his whole life all over again... starting with his own name. He knows he's Chase. But who is Chase? When he gets back to school, he sees that different kids have very different reactions to his return. Some kids treat him like a hero. Some kids are clearly afraid of him. One girl in particular is so angry with him that she pours her frozen yogurt on his head the first chance she gets. Pretty soon, it's not only a question of who Chase is -- it's a question of who he was... and who he's going to be.