Suggested Reading Lists

Grades 3-5

3rd Grade

** Inside out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai (poetry)
* Rapunzel by Paul Zelinsky and the Brothers Grimm (fairy tale)
* Rosa by Nikki Giovanni (biography)
A River Run Wild by Lynne Cherry (nonfiction)
Blizzard of the Blue Moon by Mary Pope Osbourne (fiction)
Cam Jansen Series by David Adler (fiction)
Detective La Rue: Letters from the Investigation by Mark Teague (fiction)
Dona Flor by Pat Mora (Tall Tale)
Gooseberry Park by Cynthia Rylant (fiction)
Hachiko Waits by Leslea Newman (fiction based on true story)
In Daddy's Arms I Am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers (poetry)
Jigsaw Jones Series by James Preller (fiction)
Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale by Carmen Agra Deedy (folktale)
Pablo’s Tree by Pat Mora (fiction)
Runny Babbit: A Billy Sook by Shel Silverstein (poetry)
Shark Lady: True Adventures of Eugenia Clark by Ann McGovern (nonfiction)
Thank You, Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco (fiction based on a true story)
The Dog that Stole Home by Matt Christopher (fiction)
The Stories that Julian Tells by Ann Cameron (fiction)
The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles (nonfiction)
Verdi by Janell Cannon (fiction)

4th Grade

** Number the Stars by Lois Lowry (Historical Fiction)
** The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden (Fiction)
** The Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Paterson (Fiction)
* Martin’s Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr (Biography)
* Tar Beach by Faith Ringgold (Fiction)
Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo (Fiction)
Can You Fly High, Wright Brothers? by Melvis Berger (Nonfiction)
Clarice Bean Spells Trouble by Lauren Child (Fiction)
Do Tarantulas Have Teeth? by Gilda Berger (Nonfiction)
Get Ready for Gabi: A Crazy Mixed Up Spanglish Day by Marisa Montes (Fiction)
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (Fiction)
Home Run: the Story of Babe Ruth by Robert Burleigh (Nonfiction)
James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl (Fiction)
La Rue Across America: Postcards from the Vacation by Mark Teague (Fiction)
Spaceheadz by Jon Scieszka (Fiction)
The Kid Who Became President by Dan Gutman (Fiction)
* Henry’s Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad by Ellen Levin (nonfiction)
George Washington Carver: The Peanut Wizard by Laura Driscoll (biography)
The New Kid on the Block by Jack Prelutsky (Poetry)
The Van Gogh Café by Cynthia Rylant (Fiction)
Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges (Biography)
When Marian Sang by Pam Munoz Ryan (Nonfiction)
5th Grade

**Family Under the Bridge by Natalie Savage Carlson (Fiction)**
**From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg (Fiction)**
**Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli (Fiction)**
**My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George (Fiction)**
*The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynn Reid Banks (Fiction)*
**Hello Universe, by Erin Entrada Kelly**
*A Pizza the Size of the Sun by Jack Prelutsky (Poetry)*
Encyclopedia Brown Cracks the Case by Donald Sobal (Fiction)
*Girls think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women by Catherine Thimmesh (Nonfiction)*
Mae Jemison by Sonia Black (Biography)
Mary McLeod Bethune by Eloise Greenfield (Biography)
Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco (Fiction)
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor (Historical Fiction)
Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson by Barry Denenberg (Biography)
The Pepins and their Problems by Polly Horvath (Fiction)
The Secret Garden by Frances Burnett (Fiction)
The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angelberger (Fiction)
The Winter Room by Gary Paulsen (Fiction)
Thurgood Marshall by Karen Bush Gibson (Biography)
Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt (Fiction)
Where the Flame Trees Blossom by Alma Flor Ada (Fiction)

*Caldecott Winners/Awards
**Newbery Winners/Awards*