

Entering Grade 1

Fiction

Cookie's Week by Tomie dePaola
The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss
I Went Walking by Sue Williams
Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein

Nonfiction

Seeds Grow! by Angela Shelf Medearis
Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! by Bob Barner
Zero is the Leaves on the Tree by Betsy Franco
What Do You Do with a Tail Like This? By Steve Jenkins

Authors to Explore

Eric Carle Mo Willems Rosemary Wells

Series to Explore

Biscuit by Alyssa Cappucilli
Froggy by Jonathan London
If You Give a ... By Laura Joffe Numeroff

Entering Grade 2

Fiction

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig
Danny and the Dinosaur by Syd Hoff
Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion
A House for Hermit Crab by Eric Carle

Nonfiction

Whales and Dolphins by Peter Roop
Hungry, Hungry Sharks! By Joanna Cole

Authors to Explore

Arnold Lobel Kevin Henkes Rosemary Wells

Series to Explore

Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant
Fly Guy! By Tedd Arnold
Katie Woo by Fran Manushkin

Entering Grade 3

Fiction

Clementine by Sara Pennypacker
Tikki Tikki Tembo by Arlene Mosel
Too Many Tamales by Gary Soto
Two Bad Ants by Chris Van Allsberg

Nonfiction

Family Pictures by Carmen Lomas Garza
I'm New Here by Bud Howlett
My Name is Celia by Monica Brown
Living Sunlight by Molly Bang & Penny Chisholm

Authors to Explore

Shel Silverstein David Adler Gail Gibbons

Series to Explore

Nate the Great by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Ivy and Bean by Annie Barrows
Mercy Watson by Kate DeCamillo

Entering Grade 4

Fiction

The World According to Humphrey by Petty G. Birney
Math Curse by Jon Scieszka
Stories Julian Tells by Ann Cameron
Ralph S. Mouse by Beverly Cleary
The Twits by Roald Dahl

Nonfiction

Will You Sign Here, John Hancock? by Jean Fritz
Balto and the Great Race by Elizabeth Coty Kimmel
Baseball Saved Us by Ken Mochizuki
Harvesting Hope: The Story of César Chávez by Kathleen Krull
Magic School Bus by Joanna Cole

Authors to Explore

Andrew Clements Judy Blume Dan Gutman

Series to Explore

Ramona by Beverly Cleary
Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar
Judy Moody by Megan McDonald
A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy

Entering Grade 5

Fiction

How Tia Lola Came to Stay by Julia Alvarez
The School Story by Andrew Clements
The Kid Who Became President by Dan Gutman
The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

Nonfiction

So You Want to Be an Inventor? by Judith St. George
Lady Liberty: A Biography by Doreen Rappaport
Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Authors to Explore

Betsy Byars Roald Dahl Carl Hiaasen Jerry Spinelli

Series to Explore

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis
Hank Zipzer by Henry Winkler & Lin Oliver
Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Rick Riordan

Entering Grade 6

Fiction

Sixth Grade Secrets by Louis Sachar
Everything on a Waffle by Polly Horvath
When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
Wonder by R.J. Palacio
The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd

Nonfiction

Exploring the Titanic by Robert D. Ballard
Boy by Roald Dahl
Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson by Barry Denenberg
Ellis Island by R. Conrad Stein

Authors to Explore

Kathryn Lasky Seymour Simon Sharon Creech
Karen Heese Wendy Mass

Series to Explore

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart
Red Wall by Brian Jacques

Entering Grade 7 and 8

Fiction

Baseball in April by Gary Soto
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang
The Red Umbrella by Christina Gonzalez
Return to Sender by Julia Alvarez
Shackletons' Stowaway by Victoria McKernan
Feed by M. T. Anderson
Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

Nonfiction

Knots in my Yo-Yo String by Jerry Spinelli
Amazing But True Sports Stories by Phyllis Hollander
The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child
by Francisco Jimenez
Witches: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem
by Rosalyn Schanzer
The Great Molasses Flood, 1919 by Deborah Kops
Three Cups of Tea: Young Reader's Edition by Greg Mortenson

Authors to Explore

Mike Lupica Walter Dean Myers Jacqueline Woodson

Series to Explore

Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Giver by Lois Lowry
Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares
Alex Rider: Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz
Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
Maximum Ride by James Paterson
Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer by John Grisham