



# THE MEADOWS SCHOOL

## Lower School Independent Reading Program 2023-24 Challenge List

### FIRST GRADE

#### SUMMER

*Junie B. Jones* by Barbara Park

*Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown

*Henry and Mudge* by Cynthia Rylant

*Biscuit* by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

*Nate the Great* by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

*Little Critter* by Mercer Mayer

*Elephant & Piggie* by Mo Willems

*Magic School Bus* by Joanna Cole and Bruce Degen

*Curious George* by H. A. Rey

*Pete the Cat* by James Dean

*Doggo and Pupper* by Katherine Applegate

*Emma Everyday* by C. L. Reid

READ ONE BOOK FROM EACH SERIES



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### SECOND GRADE

#### SUMMER

*Ramona* by Beverly Cleary

*Magic Treehouse* by Mary Pope Osborne

*A to Z Mysteries* by Ron Roy

*My Weird School* by Dan Gutman

*Cam Jansen* by David A. Adler

*Dragon Masters* by Tracey West

*Arthur* by Marc Brown

*Berenstain Bears* by Stan & Jan Berenstain

*Frog and Toad* by Arnold Lobel

*Geronimo Stilton* by Geronimo Stilton

*Franny K. Stein* by Jim Benton

*Sadiq* by Siman Nuurali

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*Ranger in Time (Book 1)* by Kate Messner

*Spiderwick Chronicles (Book 1)*  
by Tony DiTerlizzi & Holly Black

*The BFG* by Roald Dahl

*Superfudge* by Judy Blume

*The Only Thing Worse Than Witches*  
by Lauren Magaziner

*Bob* by Wendy Mass & Rebecca Stead

*Third Grade Angels* by Jerry Spinelli

*Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate

*A Dog Like Daisy* by Kristin O'Donnell Tubb

*Warriors: Into the Wild* by Erin Hunter

#### NEWBERY AWARD

*Flora & Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo

*The One and Only Ivan*  
by Katherine Applegate

*The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo

*The View From Saturday* by E.L. Konigsburg

*Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech

*Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

*Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan

*Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Cleary

*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*  
by Robert C. O'Brien

*Ginger Pye* by Eleanor Estes

#### SIBERT AWARD

*How We Got to the Moon: The People, Technology,  
and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity's  
Greatest Adventure* by John Rocco

*Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story*  
by Kevin Noble Maillard

*The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's  
Art Changed Science* by Joyce Sidman

*Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the  
Dead Calaveras* by Duncan Tonatiuh

*Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer,  
Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement*  
by Carole Boston Weatherford

*The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus*  
by Jen Bryant & Melissa Sweet

*Parrots Over Puerto Rico*  
by Susan L. Roth & Cindy Trumbore

*Locomotive* by Brian Floca

*Electric Ben: The Amazing Life and Times of  
Benjamin Franklin* by Robert Byrd

*The Great Stink: How Joseph Bazalgette  
Solved London's Poop Pollution Problem*  
by Colleen Paeff



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### THIRD GRADE (CONT.)

#### MORE AWARD WINNERS

*Paper Son: The Inspiring Story of Tyrus Wong,  
Immigrant and Artist* by Julie Leung

*Ada Lovelace, Poet of Science:*

*The First Computer Programmer* by Diane Stanley

*Drum Dream Girl* by Margarita Engle

*Ramona and Her Father* by Beverly Cleary

*Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo

*The Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes

*Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

*Wonderstruck* by Brian Selznick

*Dragon Rider* by Cornelia Funke

*The House That Lou Built* by Mae Respicio

#### AUDIO BOOKS

*The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown

*Pax* by Sara Pennypacker

*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J. K. Rowling

*Who Is Jeff Kinney?* by Patrick Kinney

*Encyclopedia Brown: Boy Detective* by Donald J. Sobol

*A Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom*  
by Christopher Healy

*Sideways Stories from Wayside School* by Louis Sachar

*Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning*  
by Lemony Snicket

*Stuntboy, in the Meantime* by Jason Reynolds

*Matilda* by Roald Dahl

#### STUDENT FAVORITES

*Max & the Midnighters (Book 1)*  
by Lincoln Pierce

*Invention of Hugo Cabret*  
by Brian Selznick

*How to Eat Fried Worms*  
by Thomas Rockwell

*Treasure Hunters (Book 1)*  
by James Patterson & Chris Grabenstein

*Saving Winslow* by Sharon Creech

*Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate

*Star Wars: Jedi Academy (Book 1)*  
by Jeffrey Brown

*Frindle* by Andrew Clements

*Diary of a Wimpy Kid (Book 1)*  
by Jeff Kinney

*Where the Sidewalk Ends*  
by Shel Silverstein



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*Babe & Me* by Dan Gutman  
*The Egypt Game* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder  
*Fablehaven (Book 1)* by Brandon Mull  
*The Land of Stories (Book 1)* by Chris Colfer  
*The Name of This Book is Secret*  
by Pseudonymous Bosch  
*Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume  
*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis  
*Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*  
by Chris Grabenstein  
*Word of Mouse* by James Patterson  
*Willodeen* by Katherine Applegate

#### NEWBERY AWARD

*Merci Suárez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina  
*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill  
*The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander  
*Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis  
*Holes* by Louis Sachar  
*The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin  
*From the Mixed-Up Files of  
Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg  
*Inside Out & Back Again* by Thanhha Lai  
*Al Capone Does My Shirts*  
by Gennifer Choldenko  
*When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller

#### CORETTA SCOTT KING AWARD

*Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky*  
by Kwame Mbalia  
*The Parker Inheritance* by Varian Johnson  
*The Season of Styx Malone* by Kekla Magoon  
*Finding Langston* by Lesa Cline-Ransome  
*Gone Crazy in Alabama* by Rita Williams-Garcia  
*Words With Wings* by Nikki Grimes  
*We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro  
League Baseball* by Kadir Nelson  
*Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut*  
by Derrick Barnes  
*Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets*  
by Kwame Alexander  
*Let the Children March*  
by Monica Clark-Robinson



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#### MORE AWARD WINNERS

- Doll Bones* by Holly Black  
*We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga* by Traci Sorell  
*The Silver Bowl* by Diane Stanley  
*Harry Potter: The Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling  
*Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer  
*Ho'onani: Hula Warrior* by Heather Gale  
*Momotaro: Xander and the Lost Island of Monsters*  
by Margaret Dilloway  
*Step Up to the Plate, Maria Singh*  
by Uma Krishnaswami  
*Queen of Physics: How Wu Shiung Helped Unlock  
the Secrets of the Atom* by Teresa Robeson  
*The Last Mapmaker* by Christina Soontornvat

#### AUDIO BOOKS

- Echo* by Pam Muñoz Ryan  
*Swindle* by Gordon Korman  
*The 39 Clues Book 1: The Maze of Bones* by Rick Riordan  
*Towers Falling* by Jewell Parker Rhodes  
*Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Balliett  
*Liesl & Po* by Lauren Oliver  
*Grump* by Liesl Shurtliff  
*Fake Mustache* by Tom Angleberger  
*Capture the Flag* by Kate Messner  
*Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard (Book 1)*  
by Rick Riordan

#### GRAPHIC NOVELS

- When Stars are Scattered*  
by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed  
*The Lightning Thief: The Graphic Novel*  
by Robert Venditti  
*El Deafo* by Cece Bell  
*Amulet: The Stonekeeper* by Kazu Kibuishi  
*City of Light, City of Dark* by Avi  
*Dog Man* by Dav Pilkey  
*Ghosts* by Raina Telgemeier  
*Thunderous* by M. L. Smoker  
*The Silver Six* by A. J. Lieberman  
*The Cardboard Kingdom*  
by Chad Sell



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### FIFTH GRADE

#### SUMMER

*The Landry News* by Andrew Clements  
*Found* by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
*Icefall* by Matthew J. Kirby  
*I, Q: Independence Hall* by Roland Smith  
*Loot: How to Steal a Fortune* by Jude Watson  
*Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper  
*A Tale Dark & Grimm* by Adam Gidwitz  
*Splendors and Glooms* by Laura Amy Schlitz  
*The Mysterious Benedict Society*  
by Trenton Lee Stewart  
*Connect the Dots* by Keith Calabrese

#### NEWBERY AWARD

*New Kid* by Jerry Craft  
*Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly  
*Moon Over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpool  
*The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman  
*Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry  
*The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare  
*One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia  
*Criss Cross* by Lynne Rae Perkins  
*Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos  
*When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead

#### CORETTA SCOTT KING AWARD

*Genesis Begins Again* by Alicia D. Williams  
*Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds  
*The Stars Beneath Our Feet*  
by David Barclay Moore  
*Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*Zora and Me*  
by Victoria Bond & T. R. Simon  
*Elijah of Buxton*  
by Christopher Paul Curtis  
*Hidden Figures: True Story of Four Black Women  
and the Space Race* by Margot Lee Shetterly  
*Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist  
Jean-Michel Basquiat* by Javaka Steptoe  
*Trombone Shorty* by Troy Andrews  
*Choosing Brave: How Mamie Till-Mobley and  
Emmett Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement*  
by Angela Joy



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#### PURA BELPRE AWARD

*Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* by Carlos Hernandez  
*Lety Out Loud* by Angela Cervantes  
*Tumble* by Celia C. Pérez  
*I Lived on Butterfly Hill* by Marjorie Agosin  
*Maximilian & the Mystery of the Guardian Angel*  
by Xavier Garza  
*The Dreamer* by Pam Muñoz Ryan  
*Return to Sender* by Julia Alvarez  
*Becoming Naomi León*  
by Pam Muñoz Ryan  
*The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez* by Adrianna Cuevas  
*Efrén Divided* by Ernesto Cisneros

#### MORE AWARD WINNERS

*Stargazing* by Jen Wang  
*Front Desk* by Kelly Yang  
*Full Cicada Moon* by Marilyn Hilton  
*Edison: The Mystery of the Missing Mouse Treasure*  
by Torben Kuhlmann  
*The Night Diary* by Veera Hiranandani  
*Heart of a Samurai* by Margi Preus  
*Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen  
*Bomb: The Race to Build - and Steal - the World's  
Most Dangerous Weapon* by Steve Sheinkin  
*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds  
*The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family*  
by Ibtihaj Muhammad

#### NONFICTION

*Guts & Glory: The Vikings* by Ben Thompson  
*Hazardous Tales: Donner Dinner Party* by Nathan Hale  
*Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson  
*Titanic: Voices from the Disaster* by Deborah Hopkinson  
*DK Life Stories: Albert Einstein* by Wil Mara  
*A Kids' Guide to America's First Ladies* by Kathleen Krull  
*Born to Fly: The First Women's Air Race Across  
America* by Steve Sheinkin  
*From an Idea to Google* by Lowey Bundy Sichol  
*Astrophysics for Young People in a Hurry*  
by Neil Degrasse Tyson  
*Seen and Unseen: What Dorothea Lang,  
Toyko Miyatake, and Ansel Adams's Photographs  
Reveal About the Japanese American Incarceration*  
by Elizabeth Patridge