



THE MEADOWS SCHOOL

Lower School Independent Reading Program 2021-22 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

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

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THIRD GRADE

SUMMER

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

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
A Snicker of Magic by Natalie Lloyd
Matilda by Roald Dahl



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THIRD GRADE (CONT.)

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

Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation
by Duncan Tonatiuh

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

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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FOURTH GRADE

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Babe & Me by Dan Gutman
Midnight for Charlie Bone by Jenny Nimmo
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

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

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



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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

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

Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson

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 Gloom by Laura Amy Schlitz
The Mysterious Benedict Society
by Trenton Lee Stewart
My Life As a Fifth-Grade Comedian
by Elizabeth Levy

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

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
Two Miserable Presidents by Steve Sheinkin
From an Idea to Google by Lowey Bundy Sichol
Astrophysics for Young People in a Hurry by Neil Degrasse Tyson



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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

*Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves,
Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life*
by Ashley Bryan

*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

PURA BELPRE AWARD

Sal and Gabi Break the Universe
by Carlos Hernandez

Lety Out Loud
by Angela Cervantes

Lucky Broken Girl
by Ruth Behar

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