



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

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



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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

A Snicker of Magic by Natalie Lloyd

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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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

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

- Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell
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

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
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 Glooms 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

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



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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

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
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