THE MEADOWS SCHOOL

Lower School Independent Reading Program
2024-25 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
Elephant & Piggie by Mo Willems
Magic School Bus by Joanna Cole and Bruce Degen
Pete the Cat by James Dean
Doggo and Pupper by Katherine Applegate
Emma Everyday by C. L. Reid
Narwhal and Jelly by Ben Clanton
Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo and Chris Van Dusen
Princess in Black by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale
Nadia & Nadir by Marzieh A. Ali
Katie Woo and Pedro by Fran Manushkin and Tammie Lyon

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SECOND GRADE

SUMMER

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
Geronimo Stilton by Geronimo Stilton
Franny K. Stein by Jim Benton
Sadiq by Siman Nuurali
Mia Mayhem by Kara West and Leeza Hernandez
Zoey and Sassafras by Asia Citro and Marion Lindsay
InvestiGators by John Patrick Green
Sports Stories by Jake Maddox

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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
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
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 Midknights (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
Odder 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
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
- The Silver Six by A. J. Lieberman
- The Cardboard Kingdom by Chad Sell
- Allergic by Megan Wagner Lloyd
FIFTH GRADE

SUMMER
The Landry News by Andrew Clements
Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Icefall by Matthew J. Kirby
IQ: 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
The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart
Connect the Dots by Keith Calabrese
A Rover's Story by Jasmine Warga

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
Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos
When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
The Eyes and the Impossible by Dave Eggers

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
FIFTH GRADE (CONT.)

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 Agosín
Maximilian & the Mystery of the Guardian Angel by Xavier Garza
The Dreamer by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Return to Sender by Julia Alvarez
The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez by Adrianna Cuevas
Efrén Divided by Ernesto Cisneros
Mexikid by Pedro Martín

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
The Mona Lisa Vanishes: A Legendary Painter, a Shocking Heist, and the Birth of a Global Celebrity by Nicholas Day