ENTERING 1ST GRADE BOOK LIST

 *Song and Dance Man* Ackerman, Karen and S. Gammell

 *Miss Nelson is Missing* series Allard, Harry

 *Billy and Blaze series* Anderson, C.W.

 *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* Barrett, Judi and Ronald

 *Madeline books* Bemelmans, Ludwig

 *The Mitten* (and others) Brett, Jan

 *Clifford series* Bridwell,Norman

* *Flat Stanley* series Brown, Jeff

 *Arthur* series Brown, Marc

 *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel* Burton, Virginia Lee

 *Biscuit* series Capucilli, Alyssa

 *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* (and others) Carle, Eric

 *Miss Rumphius* Cooney, Barbara

 *A Ride on a Time Machine* Cromer, Karen

 *Llama Llama* series Dewdney, Anna

 *Petunia* DuVoisin, Roger

 *Are You My Mother* (and others) Eastman, P.D.

 *The Story About Ping* Flack, Marjorie

 *Dandelion* Freeman, Don

 *Corduroy* series Freeman, Don

 *Little Toot* Gramatky, Hardie

 *The Big Snow* Hader, Berta

 *Chrysanthemum* (and others) Henkes, Kevin

* *Frances* series Hoban, Russell

 *Danny and the Dinosaur* (and others) Hoff, Syd

 *Harold and the Purple Crayon* (series) Johnson,Crockett

 *The Snowy Day* Keats, Ezra Jack

 *Leo the Late Bloomer* Kraus, Robert

 *The Story of Ferdinand* Lear, Edward

 *Frederick*  Lionni, Leo

 *Pete the Cat* seriesLitwin, Eric

* *Frog and Toad Are Friends* (and others) Lobel, Arnold
* *You Are Special* (and others) Lucado, Max

*The Lost Lamb and the Good Shepherd* MacKall, Dandi Daley

*Jonah and the Fish* MacKall, Dandi Daley

*Make Way for Ducklings* McCloskey, Robert

* *Little Bear* series Minarik, Else Holmelund

 *The Day Jimmy’s Boa Ate the Wash* Noble, Trinka Hakes

 *Fancy Nancy* series (I Can Read) O’Connor, Jane

 *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* (and others) Numeroff, Laura

* *Amelia Bedelia* (various stories) Parish, Peggy

 *Katy* *No-Pocket* Payne, Emily

 *The Rainbow Fish* series Pfister, Marcus

 *Curious George* series Rey, H. A. or Margaret

 *Detective Dan* series Roland, Timothy

* *Henry and Mudge* stories Rylant, Cynthia

 Beginner Books/ Bright and Early Books Dr. Seuss

* *Nate the Great* series Sharmat, Marjorie

*Win or Lose I Love You* Terkeurst, Lysa

*It Will Be Okay: Trusting God Through…* Terkeurst, Lysa

*Piggy/Gerald/Pigeon* books Willems, Mo

 *Morris the Moose* books Wiseman, B.

 *The Napping House* Wood, Audrey

 *Harry, the Dirty Dog* (or others) Zion, Gene

* Denotes simple chapter books

ENTERING 2ND GRADE BOOK LIST

 *Cam Jansen* series Adler, David

 *Madeline* books Bemelmans, Ludwig

 *Berenstein Bears* Berenstain, Jan & Stan

 *Flat Stan*ley series Brown, Jeff

*Rachel Yoder* series Brustetter, Wanda

* *A Lion to Guard Us* (and others) Bulla, Clyde Robert
* *The Adventures of Old Mother West Wind* series Burgess, Thornton

 *The Best Loved Doll* (and others) Caudill, Rebecca

* *Henry Huggins/Ramona/Mouse and Motorcycle* series Cleary, Beverly
* *Magic School Bus* series Cole, Joanna

*Hardy Boys Secret Files* Dixon, Frank

 *Betsy and Billy* Haywood, Carolyn

 *Chrysanthemum* and others Henkes, Kevin

 *Imagination Station* series Hering, Marianne

 *Frances* books Hoban, Russell

 *Danny and the Dinosaur* (and others) Hoff, Syd

 *Tale of Three Trees* Hunt, Angela

 *Nancy Drew Clues Crew* Keene, Carolyn

 *The Story of Ferdinand* Leaf, Munroe

* *Cul-de-sac Kids* series Lewis, Beverly

 *Swimmy* Lionni, Leo

 *Frog and Toad* series Lobel, Arnold

* *Betsy-Tacy* series Lovelace, Maud Hart
* *Mrs. Piggle Wiggle* series MacDonald, Betty

 *Blueberries for Sal* McCloskey, Robert

 *Little Bear* books Minarik, Else Holmelund

any book Murphy, Elspeth Campbell

any book Numeroff, Laura

* *Animal Friends* series Oke, Janette
* *Magic Treehouse* series Osborne, Mary Pope

 *Amelia Bedelia* series Parish, Herman (not Peggy)

* *The Littles* series Peterson, John

 *Curious George* Rey, H. A. or Margaret

* *Grandma’s Attic* series Richardson, Arleta

 *Detective Dan* series Roland, Timothy

* *A to Z Mysteries* series *Calendar Mysteries* & others Roy, Ron

 *Henry and Mudge* series Rylant, Cynthia

 Longer Books Seuss, Dr.

 *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile* Waber, Bernard

* *Boxcar Children* series Warner, Gertrude Chandler

 *Sara Morton’s Day* (and others) Waters, Kate

* *Little House on the Prairie* series Wilder, Laura Ingalls

 *Harry the Dirty Dog* series Zion, Gene

* *American Girl* books Various authors

 *I Can Read Books* –level 3 Various authors

* Denotes more challenging books

ENTERING 3RD GRADE BOOK LIST

 *Promised Land Diaries* (various titles) Adams, Anne T & Edwards

 *Animal Ark* series Baglio, Ben M.

 *The Penderwicks* Birdsall, Jeanne

 *Paddington* series Bond, Michael

 *The Chocolate Touch* Catling, Patrick Skene

 Biographies Children’s Press

 *Matt Christopher Sports* Series Christopher, Matt

 *Henry Huggins/Ramona/ Mouse & Motorcycle s*eries Cleary, Beverly

 *Magic School Bus* (series-chapter books) Cole, Joanna

 *Mercy Watson* series DiCamillo, Kate

* *The Hardy Boys* *The Secret Files* series Dixon, Frank

 *Hank the Cowdog* series Erickson, John R.

* *The Moffats* series Estes, Eleanor

 *The Cabin Faced West* Fritz, Jean

 *Stone Fox* Gardiner, John Reynolds

 *Thunder at Gettysburg* Gauch, Patricia

 *The Ox Cart Man* Hall, Donald

 *Betsy and Billy* series Haywood, Carolyn

* *Misty of Chincoteague* (and others) Henry, Marguerite

 Dog stories, cat stories, other titles Herriot, James

 *The Bobbsey Twins* series Hope, Laura Lee

* *Sugar Creek Gang* series Hutchens, Paul

*Nancy Drew Clues Crew* Keene, Carolyn

* *Nancy Drew* series Keene, Carolyn

 *Babe: The Gallant Pig* (and others) King-Smith, Dick

* *Mandie* series Leppard, Lois Gladys
* *Cul-de-sac Kids* series Lewis, Beverly
* *Pippi Longstocking* series Lindgren, Astrid
* *Betsy-Tacy* series Lovelace, Maud Hart
* *Mrs. Piggle Wiggle* series MacDonald, Betty

 *Caleb’s Story* MacLachlan, Patricia

 *Skylark* MacLachlan, Patricia

 *Owls in the Family* Mowat, Farley

 *Bloodhounds Inc.* Myers, Bill

 Any book Murphy, Elspeth Campbell

* *Shiloh* series Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds
* *The Borrowers* Norton, Mary
* Children’s Books series Oke, Janette

 *The Littles* Peterson, John

 *Little House on the Prairie* series (adapted) Peterson, Melissa

 *The Magic Treehouse* series Pope, Mary Pope Osborne

 *Grandma’s Attic* series Richardson, Arleta

 *A to Z Mysteries, Calendar Mysteries* Roy, Ron

 *Time Warp Trio* series Scieszkz, Jon

 *Encyclopedia Brown* series Sobol, Donald

 Any historical biography title Stanley, Diane

 *Geronimo Stilton* series Stilton, Geronimo

 *Boxcar Children* series Warner, Gertrude Chandler

 *Charlotte’s Web/ Wilbur’s Adventures* White, E.B.

 *The Castle in the Attic* Winthrop, Elizabeth

 *American Girl* series Various authors

 *A New Coat for Anna* Ziefert, Harriett

* Denotes more challenging books

ENTERING 4TH and 5TH GRADE READING LIST

**Parents:** Below you will find a list of engaging and well-written stories that represent a variety of genres. Your student should choose to read two novels from the list below. While we endeavor to choose books that are representative of appropriate content, age level, and maturity, we recommend each family research the suggested selections. You may find sites such as [www.squeakycleanreviews.com](http://www.squeakycleanreviews.com), [www.commonsensemedia.org](http://www.commonsensemedia.org), or [www.thrivingfamily.com](http://www.thrivingfamily.com) helpful as you discern the best publication for your student.

*Sounder* Armstrong, William
*True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*  Avi
*The Indian in the Cupboard* Banks, Lynne Reid
*Turn Homeward, Hannalee* Beatty, Patricia
*The Shakespeare Stealer* Blackwood, Gary
*Caddie Woodlawn* Brink, Carol
*A Little Princess* Burnett, Frances H
*The Incredible Journey* Burnford, Sheila
*The Summer of the Swans* Byars, Betsy
*The Family Under the Bridge* Carlson, Natalie
*Dear Mr. Henshaw* Cleary, Beverly
*Leif the Lucky*  D’Aulaire, Ingrid
*The House of Sixty Fathers* DeJong, Meindert
*Because of Winn Dixie*  DiCamillo, Kate
*The Tale of Despereaux* DiCamillo, Kate
*Hardy Boys* series Dixon, Franklin
*The Twenty One Balloons* du Bois, William Pene
*Thimble Summer* Enright, Elizabeth
*Inkheart* Funke, Cornellia
*The Thief Lord* Funke, Cornellia
*The Snow Goose* Gallico, Paul
*Blue Willow* Gates, Doris
*My Side of the Mountain* George, Jean C.
*Old Yeller* Gipson, Fred
*The Reluctant Dragon*  Grahame, Kenneth
*The Wind in the Willows* Grahame, Kenneth
*The Winter of Red Snow: Abigail Stewart* Gregory, Kristina
*Soul Surfer* Hamilton, Bethany
*Two Mighty Rivers: Sons of Pocahontas* Hanes, Mari
*King of the Wind: The Story of the Godolphon Arabian* Henry, Marguerite
*The Fourteenth Goldfish* Holm, Jennifer L.
*Book of the King* series Jenkins, Jerry
*Red Rock Mystery* series Jenkins, Jerry
*Raiders From the Sea* Johnson, Lois
*Nancy Drew* series Keene, Carolyn
*Big Red* Kjelgaard, Jim
*Lassie Come Home* Knight, Eric
*From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* Konigsburg, E. L.
*Left Behind* series LaHaye & Jenkins
*Ben and Me: …Ben Franklin and His Good Mouse Amos* Lawson, Robert
*Carry On, Mr. Bowditch* Lathan, Jean
*A Wrinkle in Time* L’Engle, Madeline
*Prairie School* Lenski, Lois

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S*trawberry Girl* Lenski, Lois
*Ella Enchanted* Levine, Gail Carson
*Fairest* Levine, Gail Carson
*Chronicles of Narnia* series Lewis, C. S.
*Gifted Hands, Kid’s Edition: Ben Carson* Lewis, Greg & Deborah
*Snow Treasure* McSwigan, Marie
*Gentle Ben* Morey, Walt
*Shiloh*  Naylor, Phyllis
*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* O’Brien, Robert
*Tom’s Midnight Garden* Pearce, Phillipa
*The Copper Kids Adventure* Peretti, Frank
*Pollyanna* Porter, Eleanor
*Rats, Bulls & Flying Machines:..the Renaissance* Prum, Deborah
*Summer of the Monkeys* Rawls, Wilson
*Trouble at Silver Pines Inn* Repp, Gloria
*Henry Reed, Inc.*  Robertson, Keith
*The Little Prince* Saint-Exupery, Antoine de
*The Cricket in Times Square*  Selden, George
*The Good Master* Seredy, Kate
*The White Stag* Seredy, Kate
*Starry Messenger: Galileo Galilei*  Sis, Peter
*The Sign of the Beaver* Speare, Elizabeth
*Heidi* Spyri, Johanna
*The Mysterious Benedict Society* Stewart, Trenton Lee
*All-of-a-Kind-Family* Taylor, Sydney
*Many Moons* Thurber, James
*Banner in the Sky*  Ullman, James
*Thunderstorm in Church* Vernon, Louise
*The Trumpet of the Swan* White, E. B.
*Stuart Little* White, E. B.
*Little House on the Prairie* series (not adapted) Wilder, Laura Ingalls
*Leepike Ridge* Wilson, N.D.