

Suggested Reading Lists

Grades 3-5

3rd Grade

- ** **Inside out and Back Again** by Thanhha Lai (poetry)
- ***Rapunzel** by Paul Zelinsky and the Brothers Grimm (fairy tale)
- ***Rosa** by Nikki Giovanni (biography)
- A River Ran Wild** by Lynne Cherry (nonfiction)
- Blizzard of the Blue Moon** by Mary Pope Osbourne (fiction)
- Cam Jansen Series** by David Adler (fiction)
- Detective La Rue: Letters from the Investigation** by Mark Teague (fiction)
- Dona Flor** by Pat Mora (Tall Tale)
- Gooseberry Park** by Cynthia Rylant (fiction)
- Hachiko Waits** by Leslea Newman (fiction based on true story)
- In Daddy's Arms I Am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers** (poetry)
- Jigsaw Jones Series** by James Preller (fiction)
- Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale** by Carmen Agra Deedy (folktale)
- Pablo's Tree** by Pat Mora (fiction)
- Runny Babbit: A Billy Sook** by Shel Silverstein (poetry)
- Shark Lady: True Adventures of Eugenia Clark** by Ann McGovern (nonfiction)
- Thank You, Mr. Falker** by Patricia Polacco (fiction based on a true story)
- The Dog that Stole Home** by Matt Christopher (fiction)
- The Stories that Julian Tells** by Ann Cameron (fiction)
- The Story of Ruby Bridges** by Robert Coles (nonfiction)
- Verdi** by Janell Cannon (fiction)



4th Grade

- ****Number the Stars** by Lois Lowry (Historical Fiction)
- ****The Cricket in Times Square** by George Selden (Fiction)
- ****The Great Gilly Hopkins** by Katherine Paterson (Fiction)
- ***Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr** (Biography)
- ***Tar Beach** by Faith Ringgold (Fiction)
- Because of Winn Dixie** by Kate DiCamillo (Fiction)
- Can You Fly High, Wright Brothers?** by Melvis Berger (Nonfiction)
- Clarice Bean Spells Trouble** by Lauren Child (Fiction)
- Do Tarantulas Have Teeth?** by Gilda Berger (Nonfiction)
- Get Ready for Gabi: A Crazy Mixed Up Spanglish Day** by Marisa Montes (Fiction)
- Hatchet** by Gary Paulsen (Fiction)
- Home Run: the Story of Babe Ruth** by Robert Burleigh (Nonfiction)
- James and the Giant Peach** by Roald Dahl (Fiction)
- La Rue Across America: Postcards from the Vacation** by Mark Teague (Fiction)
- Spaceheadz** by Jon Scieszka (Fiction)
- The Kid Who Became President** by Dan Gutman (Fiction)
- ***Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad** by Ellen Levin (nonfiction)
- George Washington Carver: The Peanut Wizard** by Laura Driscoll (biography)
- The New Kid on the Block** by Jack Prelutsky (Poetry)
- The Van Gogh Café** by Cynthia Rylant (Fiction)
- Through My Eyes** by Ruby Bridges (Biography)
- When Marian Sang** by Pam Munoz Ryan (Nonfiction)

5th Grade

- **Family Under the Bridge by Natalie Savage Carlson (Fiction)**
- **From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konegsburg (Fiction)**
- **Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinnelli (Fiction)**
- **My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George (Fiction)**
- *The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynn Reid Banks (Fiction)**
- **Hello Universe, by Erin Entrada Kelly**
- A Pizza the Size of the Sun by Jack Prelutsky (Poetry)**
- Encyclopedia Brown Cracks the Case by Donald Sobal (Fiction)**
- Girls think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women by Catherine Thimmesh (Nonfiction)**
- Mae Jemison by Sonia Black (Biography)**
- Mary McLeod Bethune by Eloise Greenfield (Biography)**
- Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco (Fiction)**
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor (Historical Fiction)**
- Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson by Barry Denenberg (Biography)**
- The Pepins and their Problems by Polly Horvath (Fiction)**
- The Secret Garden by Frances Burnett (Fiction)**
- The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angelberger (Fiction)**
- The Winter Room by Gary Paulsen (Fiction)**
- Thurgood Marshall by Karen Bush Gibson (Biography)**
- Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt (Fiction)**
- Where the Flame Trees Blossom by Alma Flor Ada (Fiction)**

*Caldecott Winners/Awards

**Newbery Winners/Awards