Lower School Reading Lists

II. A reading list for children who are reading independently and enjoy a book with less than 100 pages. (These books are designated by orange highlighting on paper copies of the reading list).

**Friends and Foes—realistic fiction and true stories**
Ahlberg, *Everybody was a Baby Once and Other Poems*, poetry
Applegate, *Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs* (Roscoe Riley) and others in this series
Blume, *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*
Caudill, *The Best Loved Doll*
Clements, Jake *Drake, Bully Buster* (Jake Drake) and others in this series
Crum, *Thunder-Boomer*
Deedy, *14 Cows for America*, nonfiction
Duffey, *How to be Cool in Third Grade*
English, *Nikki & Deja: The Newsy News Newsletter* and others in this series
Flournoy, *The Patchwork Quilt*
Frasier, *Miss Alaineus: A Vocabulary Disaster*
Friedman, *Mallory on the Move* and others in this series
Gutman, *My Weird School #1: Miss Daisy is Crazy!* and others in this series
Howe, *Pinky and Rex* and others in this series
Hughes, *The Dream Keeper* and Other Poems, poetry
Keller, *Do Unto Otters: a Book about Manners*
Lewis, *The Underwear Salesman: and Other Jobs for Better or Verse*, poetry
Look, Alvin Ho: *Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things* and others in this series
Lowry, *Gooney Bird Greene* (and others in this series)
McDonald, *Stink: Solar System Superhero* and others in this series
McDonald, *Judy Moody* and others in this series
Morgenstern, *Secret Letters from 0 to 10*
Ness, Sam, *Bangs and Moonshine*
Noble, *The Orange Shoes*
Pennypacker, *Clementine* and others in this series
Salisbury, *Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet* and others in this series
Smith, *A School like Mine: A Unique Celebration of Schools Around the World*, nonfiction
Stevenson, *A Child's Garden of Verses*, poetry
Viorst, *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*

**I Laughed So Hard**
Agee, *Orangutan Tongs: Poems to Tangle your Tongue*, poetry
Benton, *Lunch Walks Among Us* (Franny K. Stein) and others in this series
Blume, *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* and others in this series
Harper, *Fashion Kitty* and others in this series, graphic novel
Krosoczka, *Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute* (Lunch Lady) and others in this series, graphic novel
Lechner, *Sticky Burr: Adventures in Burrwood Forest* and others in this series, graphic novel
Rockwell, *How to Eat Fried Worms*
Rosen, *Walking the Bridge of Your Nose: Wordplay, Poems, Rhymes*, poetry
Scieszka, *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by A. Wolf*
Truss, *The Girl’s Like Spaghetti: Why, You Can’t Manage Without Apostrophes!* and others in this series

**Awesome Adventures**
Bulla, *The Sword in the Tree*
Chin, *Redwoods*, nonfiction
Kidd, *Chasing George Washington*

**Another Time, Another Place**—history, geography, and historical fiction
Brown, *Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein*, biography
Coleman, *White Socks Only*
Fleming, *Imogene’s Last Stand*
Jules, *United or Die: How Thirteen States Became a Nation*, nonfiction
Kerley, *What to Do About Alice?*, biography
Kerley, *The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins*, biography
Kinsey-Warnock, *The Bear That Heard Crying*
McDonough, *The Doll Shop Downstairs*
McKissack, *Goin’ Someplace Special*
Say, *Grandfather’s Journey*
Hopkinson, *Band of Angels: A Story Inspired by the Jubilee Singers*
Shelton, *Child of the Civil Rights Movement*, nonfiction
St. George, *So You Want to Be President?*, nonfiction

**Fur, Feathers, Fins, and Fangs**
Becker, *A Birthday for Bear*
Donovan, *In Memory of Gorfman T. Frog*
Gibbons, *Tornadoes*, nonfiction
Hatkoff, *Winter’s Tail: How One Little Dolphin Learned to Swim Again*, nonfiction
Hatkoff, *Looking for Miza: The True Story of the Mountain Gorilla Family Who Rescued One of Their Own*, nonfiction
Jenkins, *Never Smile at a Monkey*, nonfiction
Knudsen, *Library Lion*
Lobel, *The Frogs and Toads All Sang*, poetry
McKissack, *Flossie & the Fox*
Meddaugh, *Martha Speaks* and others in this series
Murphy, *Too Many Kangaroo Things to Do!: Multiplying*, math
Muth, *Zen Shorts*
Nolan, *Home on the Range* (Down Girl and Sit) and others in this series
Post, *Sparrows*, nonfiction
Rylant, *Gooseberry Park*
Simont, *The Stray Dog*
Tellegen, *The Squirrel’s Birthday and Other Parties*
White, *Charlotte’s Web*

**Imagine That**—fantasy, fairy tales, mythology
Abbott, *The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet (Secrets of Droon)* and others in this series
Bauer, *The Very Little Princess*
Brown, *The Curious Garden*
Dadey, *Vampires Don’t Wear Polka Dots* (The Bailey School Kids) and others in this series
Deedy, *The Library Dragon*
DePaola, *Strega Nona* and others in this series
DiTerlizzi, *The Fieldguide* (The Spiderwick Chronicles) and others in this series
Egliński, *The Gingerbread Boy*, fairy tale
Gravett, *Spells*
Kellogg, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, fable
Lesser, *Hansel and Gretel*, fairy tale
Marcellino, *Puss in Boots*, fairy tale
McMullan, *The New Kid at School* (Dragon Slayers’ Academy) and others in this series
Nesbit, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, fairy tale
Osborne, *Dinosaurs Before Dark* (The Magic Tree House) and others in this series
Rocco, *Wolf! Wolf!*, fable
Schur, *Gullible Gus*, tall tale
Schwarz, *How Much is a Million?*, math
Singer, *Mazel and Shlimazel, or, the Milk of a Lioness*, fairy tale
Spires, *Binky the Space Cat*, graphic novel
Tolan, *Wishworks, Inc.*
Wood, * Heckedy Peg*, fairy tale
Zelinsky, *Rumpelstiltskin*, fairy tale

**It’s a Mystery to Me**

Adler, *Cam Jansen & The Mystery of the Television Dog* (Cam Jansen) and others in this series
Dixon, *Trouble at the Arcade* (Hardy Boys: Secret Files) and others in this series
Keane, *The Haunted Toolshed: Case #000001* (Joe Sherlock, Kid Detective) and others in this series
Keene, *Sleepover Sleuths* (Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew) and others in this series
Labatt, *Dracula Madness: A Sam & Friends Mystery* and others in this series, graphic novel
Marsh, *The Puzzle of the Indian Arrowhead* (Three Amigos) and others in this series
Lewis, *The Double Dabble Surprise* (The Cul-de-Sac Kids) and others in this series
Roy, *The Absent Author* (A to Z Mysteries) and others in this series
Warner, *The Boxcar Children* and others in this series

**Give Me the Shivers**

Brown, *Shadow*
Bunting, *Banshee*
Greenburg, *A Ghost Named Wanda* (The Zack Files) and others in this series
Howe, *Bunnicana* and others in this series
Osborne, *The One-Eyed Giant* (Tales from the Odyssey) and others in this series
Sage, *My Haunted House* (Araminta Spookie) and others in this series
Van Allsburg, *The Widow’s Broom*

**Busy Hands—build, cook, craft, and draw**

Agee, *Go Hang a Salami and Other Palindromes*
Charney, *Kids Kookiest Riddles*
Hart, *Cartooning for the Beginner*
Jakubiak, *A Smart Kid’s Guide to Playing Online Games*
Katzen, *Honest Pretzels: And 64 Other Amazing Recipes for Cooks Ages 8 & Up*
King, *Campfire magic: 50 Amazing, Easy-to-learn Tricks and Mind-blowing Stunts*
Lagasse, *Emeril’s There’s a Chef in My Soup: Recipes for the Kid in All of Us*
Smith, *Origami for the First Time*
Steig, *CDB; CDC*
Speechley, *Bead Crafts (Creative Crafts for Kids)* and others in this series
Stephens, *Show Off: How to do Absolutely Everything One Step at a Time*
Sturm, Adventures in Cartooning
Warshaw, The Sleep-over Cookbook
Young, Bug Science: 20 Projects and Experiments about Arthropods, Insects, Arachnids, Algae, Worms, and Other Small Creatures

Sports of All Sorts
Bowen, No Easy Way: the Story of Ted Williams and the Last .400 Season, nonfiction
Bruhac, Jim Thorpe’s Bright Path, biography
Krull, Wilma Unlimited, biography
Lewin, At Gleason’s Gym
Lorbiecki, Jackie’s Bat
Low, The Fastest Game on Two Feet: and Other Poems About How Sports Began, poetry
Maddox, Free Throw and others in this series
Moss, Mighty Jackie: the Strike-out Queen, nonfiction
Paul, Long Shot: Never Too Small to Dream Big
Ransome, Satchel Paige, biography