Lower School Reading Lists

III. This reading list is for readers who comprehend more complex plots, characters, and vocabulary. Subject matter is not too intense or frightening. (These books are designated by blue highlighting on paper copies of the reading list.)

**Friends and Foes—realistic fiction and true stories**
Amato, *The Naked Mole-Rat Letters*
Birdsall, *The Penderwicks* and others in this series
Blume, *Cornelia and the Audacious Escapades of the Somerset Sisters*
Cleary, *Ramona the Pest/Otis Spofford* and others in this series
Clements, *Frindle*
Creech, *Love That Dog*, poetry
Dahl, *Danny and the Champion of the World*
Danziger, *Amber Brown is Not a Crayon* and others in this series
Gownley, *Amelia Rules!: The Whole World’s Crazy* and others in this series, graphic novel
Gutman, *The Get Rich Quick Club*
Janeczko, *A Foot in the Mouth: Poems to Speak, Sing, and Shout*, poetry
Jonell, *Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat*, read-aloud
O’Connor, *The Small Adventures of Popeye and Elvis*
Polacco, *Thank You, Mr. Falker*
Smith, *If America Were a Village: A Book About the People of the United States*, nonfiction, math
Tracy, *Camille McPhee Fell Under the Bus*
Wiles, *Each Little Bird That Sings* and others in this series

**I Laughed So Hard**
Jonell, *Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat*
Lindgren, *Pippi Longstocking*
MacDonald, *Hello, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle* and others in this series
Sachar, *Sideways Stories from Wayside School* and others in this series
Silverstein, *Falling Up*, poetry

**Awesome Adventures**
Alexander, *The Book of Three* (The Chronicles of Prydain) and others in this series
Birney, *The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs*
Cleary, *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*
Dahl, *James and the Giant Peach*
DuPrau, *City of Ember* and others in this series
Hale, *Rapunzel’s Revenge*, graphic novel
Higson, *SilverFin: a James Bond adventure* and others in this series
Murphy, *Trace: the Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting*, nonfiction
Siy, *Cars on Mars: Roving the Red Planet*, nonfiction
Shanower, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, graphic novel
Stone, *Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream*, nonfiction
Taylor, *Amelia Earhart: This Broad Ocean*, biography, graphic novel
French, *Operation Redwood*
Ferris, *Once Upon a Marigold*

**Another Time, Another Place—history, geography, and historical fiction**
Cooney, *Eleanor*, biography
Ashman, *Come to the Castle*, poetry
Bunting, *Smoky Night*
Freedman, *Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille*, biography
Hendrix, *John Brown: His Fight for Freedom*, nonfiction
Hoberman, *Strawberry Hill*
Jakes, *Susanna of the Alamo*, biography
Kelly, *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*
Lasky, *The Librarian Who Measured the Earth*, biography
Longfellow, *The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere*, poetry
Marino, *Neil Armstrong is My Uncle: & Other Lies Muscle Man McGinty Told Me*
Martin, *Snowflake Bentley*, biography
Mitchell, *Journey to the Bottomless Pit: The Story of Stephen Bishop & Mammoth Cave*
Partridge, *Marching for Freedom*, nonfiction
Phelan, *The Storm in the Barn*, graphic novel
Sis, *Starry Messenger: A Book Depicting the Life of a Famous Scientist, Mathematician, Astronomer, Philosopher, Physicist: Galileo Galilei*, biography
Weitzman, *Pharaoh’s Boat*, nonfiction
Wilder, *Little House in the Big Woods* (Little House on the Prairie) and others in this series
Wiviott, *Benno and the Night of Broken Glass*

**Fur, Feathers, Fins, and Fangs**
Avi, *Poppy* and others in this series
Dahl, *Fantastic Mr. Fox*
DiCamillo, *The Tale of Despereaux*
George, *The Cats of Roxville Station*
Lobel, *Fables*
Milne, *Winnie the Pooh*
Scieszka, *Squids Will Be Squids: Fresh Morals, Beastly Fables*, fables
Seuss, *Horton Hatches the Egg*
Steig, *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*
Stilton, *Geronimo Stilton, Secret Agent* (G. Stilton) and others in this series
Teague, *Dear Mrs. La Rue: Letters from Obedience School*
Wallace, *A Dog Called Kitty*

**Imagine That—fantasy, fairy tales, mythology**
Buckley, *The Fairy Tale Detectives* (The Sisters Grimm) and others in this series
Curlee, *Brooklyn Bridge*
Dahl, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*
Davis, *The Secret Science Alliance and the Copycat Crook*, graphic novel
Eager, *Half Magic*
Gannett, *My Father’s Dragon*
Hunter, *Into the Wild* (Warriors) and others in this series
Levine, *Ella Enchanted*
Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* and others in this series
Lin, *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*
Macaulay, Castle, nonfiction
Martin, The Doll People and others in this series
Mull, Fablehaven, VSBA winner
Norton, The Borrowers and others in this series
Osborne, Favorite Greek Myths
Riordan, The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson and the Olympians and others in this series
Scieszka, Knights of the Kitchen Table (Time Warp Trio) and others in this series
Selznick, The Invention of Hugo Cabret
Wilkinson, DK Illustrated Dictionary of Mythology: Heroes, Heroines, Gods, and Goddesses from Around the World

It’s a Mystery to Me
Allison, Gilda Joyce, Psychic Investigator and others in this series
Barnett, The Case of the Case of the Mistaken Identity and others in this series
Blyton, The Secret Seven and others in this series
Dixon, The Tower Treasure (Hardy Boys) and others in this series
Korman, The Abduction Book I (Kidnapped) and others in this series
Korman, Swindle
Naylor, The Treasure of Bessledorf Hill
Keene, The Secret of the Old Clock (Nancy Drew) and others in this series
Riordan and Various Authors, The Maze of Bones (39 Clues) and others in this series
Stanley, The Mysterious Case of the Allbright Academy
Sobol, Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective and others in this series
Springer, The Case of the Missing Marquess (Enola Holmes) and others in this series

Give Me the Shivers
Haskin, The Headless Haunt and Other African-American Ghost Stories
Ogilvy, Measle and the Wrathmonk
Rich, Half-Minute Horrors
Stine, Who Let the Ghosts Out! (Mostly Ghostly) and others in this series
Winthrop, The Castle in the Attic

Busy Hands—build, cook, craft, and draw
Blackwood, Mysterious Messages: a History of Codes and Ciphers
Buchanan, The Double-Daring Book for Girls
Iggulden, The Dangerous Book for Boys
Woodford, Cool Science: Experiments with Electricity and Magnetism and others in this series
Wyatt, How to Build Your Own Country

Sports of All Sorts
Gutman, Honus and Me (Baseball Card Adventures) and others in this series
Lupica, Two-Minute Drill and others in this series
Winter, You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax? biography