Lower School Reading Lists

These readers are ready for any length of book and can handle some serious issues.
(These books are designated by green highlighting on paper copies of the reading list.)

**Friends and Foes—realistic fiction and true stories**
Cummings, Red Kayak
Dowel, *The Secret Language of Girls*
Draper, *Out of My Mind*
Gantos, *Joey Pigza Loses Control* and others in this series
Hannigan, Ida B.
Harte, *Mick Harte Was Here*
LaFleur, *Love, Aubrey*
Lowry, *The Willoughbys*
Paterson, *Bridge to Terabithia*
Patron, *Higher Power of Lucky*
Stead, *When You Reach Me*
White, *Belle Prater’s Boy*

**I Laughed So Hard**
Gantos, *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* and others in the series
Scieszka, *Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Almost True Stories of Growing Up Scieszka*, autobiography
Venuti, *Leaving the Bellweathers*

**Awesome Adventures**
Horowitz, *Skeleton Key* (Alex Rider) and others in this series
Kidd, *The Year of the Bomb*
Patterson, *The Angel Experiment: a Maximum Ride novel* and others in this series
Sala, *Cat Burglar Black*, graphic novel
Smith, *The 101 Dalmatians*

**Another Time, Another Place --- history, geography, and historical fiction**
Beatty, *Charley Skedaddle*
Burnett, *The Secret Garden*
Choldenko, *Al Capone Shines my Shoes*
Curtis, *The Watsons Go to Birmingham*
Cushman, *The Ballad of Lucy Whipple*
Donaldson, *On Viney’s Mountain*
Holm, *Our Only May Amelia*
Hoose, *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice*, nonfiction
Ibbotson, *The Star of Kazan*
Krull, *Lives of Extraordinary Women: Rulers, Rebels (and What the Neighbors Thought)*, biography
Polacco, *January’s Sparrow*
Howard, *The Crimson Cap*
Wisniewski, *Sundiata: Lion King of Mali*, biography

**Fur, Feathers, Fins and Fangs**
Naylor, *Shiloh* (and others in this series)

**Imagine That --- fantasy, fairy tales, mythology**
Babbitt, *Tuck Everlasting*
Bode, *The Anybodies* and others in this series
Cody, *Powerless*
Colfer, *Artemis Fowl* and others in this series
Dahl, *The Witches*
Diamond, *Raiders Ransom*
Dowell, *Falling In*
Funke, *Inkheart* and others in this series
Hardinge, *The Lost Conspiracy*
Kladstrup, *The Book of Story Beginnings*
Law, *Savvy*
O’Connor, *Zeus: King of the Gods (Olympians)* and others in this series, graphic novel
Paolini, *Eragon* and others in this series
Pfeffer, *Life as We Knew It* and others in this series
Riordan, *The Red Pyramid* and others in this series
Wrede, *Dealing with Dragons (Enchanted Forest Chronicles)* and others in this series

**It’s a Mystery to Me**
Abrahams, *Down the Rabbit Hole: an Echo Falls Mystery* and others in this series
Byars, *The Dark Stairs* (Herculeah Jones) and others in this series
Hiaasen, *Hoot* and others by this author
Nimmo, *Midnight for Charlie Bone* and others in this series
LaFevers, *Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos* and others in this series
Updale, *Montmorency: Thief, Liar, Gentleman?* and others in this series
Stewart, *The Mysterious Benedict Society* and others in this series
Van Draanen, *Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief* and others in this series

**Give Me the Shivers**
Cole, *Z. Rex*
Hahn, *All the Lovely Bad Ones*
Hahn, *Wait till Helen Comes: a Ghost Story*
Higgins, *The Eyeball Collector*
Kehret, *Ghost’s Grave*
Lorey, *Monster Hunters* (Nightmare Academy) and others in this series
McKissack, *The Dark-Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural*
Priestley, *Tales of Terror from the Black Ship* and others in this series
Price, *Haunted Tennessee*
Wooding, *Malice*, graphic novel

**Busy Hands—build, cook, craft, and draw**
Oldham, *Kid Made Modern: 52 Kid Friendly Projects Inspired by Mid-Century Modern Design*
Schmidt, *Best Ever Paper Airplanes*
Young, *Crime Scene Science: 20 Projects and Experiments About Clues, Crimes, Criminals, and other Mysterious Things*

**Sports of All Sorts**
Lupica, *The Batboy* and other titles
Ritter, *The Boy Who Saved Baseball*
Thayer, *Casey at the Bat*, poetry