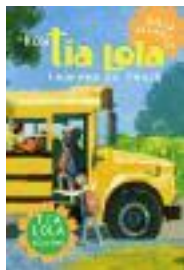




Suggested Books & Authors for Summer Reading
Fourth Grade into Fifth Grade – Summer 2016
Middletown Public Schools

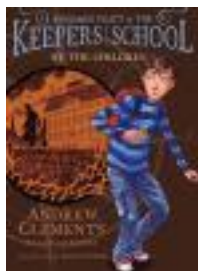


Reminder to Parents and Guardians

This is only a list of *suggested* titles. Your children may select others books of interest **with your approval**.

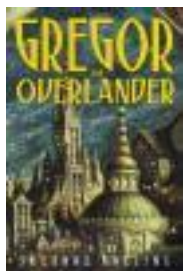
Alvarez: *How Tia Lola Learned to Teach* c2010 *divorce, family life, fiction*

Juanita and Miguel's great aunt, Tía Lola, comes from the Dominican Republic to help take care of them after their parents' divorce, and soon she is so involved in their small Vermont community that when her visa expires, the whole town turns out to support her.



Clements: *We the Children* series - mystery

Sixth-grader Ben Pratt's life is full of changes that he does not like but when the school janitor gives him a tarnished coin with some old engravings and then dies, Ben is drawn into an effort to keep the school from being destroyed.



Collins: *Gregor the Overlander* c2003 *fantasy*

Gregor and his two-year sister fall down a shaft in the basement and find a world of giant insects and rats. They become part of a huge battle.



DiCamillo: *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* c2006 *fantasy*

Edward Tulane is a selfish, thoughtless toy rabbit until he loses the little girl who loves him.



Giff: *Storyteller* c2010 *families, historical fiction*

Forced to spend months at an aunt's house, Elizabeth feel a connection to her ancestor Zee, whose picture hangs on the wall, and who reveals her story of hardships during the Revolutionary War as Elizabeth comes to terms with her own troubles.



Going: *The Liberation of Gabriel King* c2005 *race relations, friendship*

Gabriel, a white boy who is being bullied, and Frita, an African-American girl facing prejudice, decide to overcome their many fears together as they enter fifth grade in Georgia in 1976.



Lowry: *The Willoughbys* c2008 *family life, humorous stories*

A tongue-in-cheek take on classic themes in children's literature, in which the four Willoughby children set out to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny.



Lupica: *Two-Minute Drill* c2007 *dyslexia, football stories*

Brainy Scott, a great kicker who otherwise struggles with football, and star quarterback Chris, who has dyslexia, team up to help each other succeed in both football and school.



Paulsen: *Hatchet* c1987 *survival, fiction*

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.



Pearson: Kingdom Keepers series suspense fiction

When Disney comes looking for five teenagers to serve as actors for a new technology-Daylight Hologram Images (DHIs), there is more to it than meets the eye.



Smith: Bone c2004 graphic novel

Three cousins leave their home of Boneville. On their journey they meet royalty, dragons, and monsters as they try to return home.



Stewart: The Mysterious Benedict Society c2007 fiction, adventure

Four children are secretly spies as students in the Learning Institute for the Enlightened. They have to avoid being brainwashed by Mr. Curtain, one of the owners of the school. This is a mystery you will be eager to see unfold.



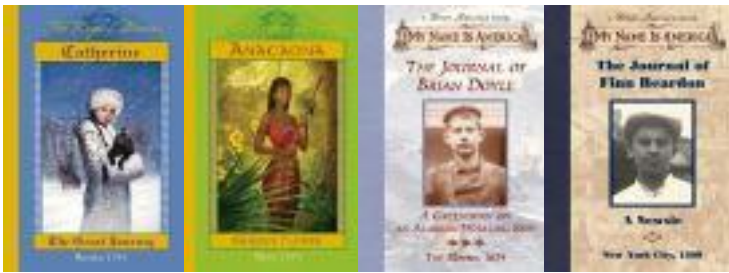
Thomas: The Kids Guide to Money Cent\$ c2004, personal finance, nonfiction

Text and cartoon illustrations introduce kids to the concept of money.



Various authors: 39 Clues series mystery

Follow Amy Cahill and her brother, Dan, as they travel the world to hunt for the 39 Clues.



Various authors: Dear America series historical fiction

Historical Fiction:

Bread and Roses, Too (Level T)

Lyddie (Level V)

Night Journeys (Level U)

Witch of Blackbird Pond (Level W)

Nonfiction Titles

Scholastic True Books Series- various authors (Average DRA 34-38)

If You Lived Series- various authors (Average DRA 38-40)

I Survived Series-Lauren Tarshis (Average DRA 40)

Matt Christopher Sports Series (DRA 38-40)

Stubby the War Dog: The True Story of World War I's Bravest Dog- Ann Bausum (DRA 60)

King George: What Was His Problem? The Whole Hilarious Story of the American Revolution-Steve Sheinkin (DRA 50)

Other Suggested Series & Authors

You Wouldn't Want to be a...series of books (Levels Q-X)

The Split History of Westward Expansion (Lexile Level 1030)

Nicky Fiftths Chapter Book Series by Lisa Funari-Willever

The Spiderwick Chronicles by Holly Black & Tony DiTerlizzi (Level Q)

Judy Blume Books

Andrew Clements Books

Brian Selznick Books

Various Titles by Jean Fritz

Can't You Make Them Behave King George? (DRA 40)

Harriet Beecher Stowe and the Beecher Preacher (DRA 60)

The Double Life of Pocahontas (DRA 50)

Traitor-The Case of Benedict Arnold (DRA 60)

Will You Sign Here, John Hancock? (DRA 40)