

Summer Reading List

Arranged by Guided Reading Level

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MCPS Reading Targets Text Level Chart: K–5

Grade Level	End of First Quarter	End of Second Quarter	End of Third Quarter	End of Fourth Quarter	Lexile Range (Independent Level)
Kindergarten	Levels 1-2 (A-B)	Levels 2-3 (B-C)	Levels 3-4 (C)	Levels 4-6 (C-D)	
First Grade	Levels 5-7 (D-E)	Levels 8-11 (E-G)	Levels 12-15 (H-I)	Levels 16-17 (I)	200-400
Second Grade	Level J	Level K	Level L	Level M	300-600
Third Grade	Level M	Level N	Level O	Level P	500-800
Fourth Grade	Levels Q-R		Levels S-T		600-900
Fifth Grade	Levels T-U		Levels V-W		700-1000

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Level 1

Autumn Leaves by Gail Saunders-Smith
The Berenstain Bears in the House of Mirrors by Stan & Jan Berenstain
Cars by Gail Saunders-Smith
Count and See by Tana Hoban
Do You Want to Be My Friend? by Eric Carle
Growing Colors by Bruce McMillan
Look what I Can Do by Jose Aruego
My Book by Ron Maris
My Class by Lynn Salem
What Do Insects Do? by Susan Canizares

Level 2

Cat on the Mat by Brian Wildsmith
Chickens by Peter Brady
Fun with Hats by Lucy Malka
Hats around the World by Liza Charlesworth
Have You Seen My Cat? by Eric Carle
Have You Seen My Duckling? by Nancy Tafuri
The Headache by Rod Hunt
Mrs. Wishy-washy by Joy Cowley
Where's the Fish? by Taro Gomi

Levels 3-4

All Fall Down by Brian Wildsmith
Baby Says by John Steptoe
Boats by Gail Saunders-Smith
Brown Bear, Brown Bear by Bill Martin
Cars by Gail Saunders-Smith
Costumes by Lola Schaefer
Eating Apples by Gail Saunders-Smith
Family Pets by Lola Schaefer
The Fox on the Box by Barbara Gregorich
Gregory's Dog by William Stobbes
A Halloween Mask for Monster by Virginia Mueller
I Want a Pet by Barbara Gregorich
I Went Walking by Sue Williams
Joshua James Likes Trucks by Catherine Petrie
The Little Red House by Norma Jean Sawicki
Masks by Lola Schaefer
My Dream by Brian Wildsmith
Now We Can Go by Ann Jonas
Pancakes, Crackers and Pizza by Marjorie Eberts
A Playhouse for Monster by Virginia Mueller
Rain by Robert Kalan
Roll Over by Merle Peek
Spots, Feathers and Curly Tails by Nancy Tafuri
Sunflowers by Gail Saunders-Smith
Trucks by Gail Saunders-Smith
Up Went the Goat by Barbara Gregorich
What a Tale! by Brian Wildsmith
What's for Lunch? by Eric Carle

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Levels 5-6

Baby Birds by Helen Frost
The Ball Bounced by Nancy Tafuri
Bears in the Night by Stan and Jan Berenstain
Bears on Wheels by Stan and Jan Berenstain
Bears, Bears Everywhere by Rita Miles
Beetles by Cheryl Coughlan
Cat Traps by Molly Coxe
The Chick and the Duckling by Mirra Ginsburg
Crickets by Cheryl Coughlan
Dirty Larry by Bobbie Hamsa
A Dog Called Mischief by Leslie Wood
Frogs by Gail Saunders-Smith
The Good Bad Cat by Nancy Antle
Guinea Pigs by Martha Rustad
Horses by Martha Rustad
I Like Books by Anthony Browne
Ice Is... Whee! by Carol Greene
The Island by Brian Wildsmith
Ladybugs by Cheryl Coughlan
Mary Wore Her Red Dress by Merle Peek
Mary's Art by Susan Blackaby
The Monster and the Baby by Virginia Mueller
Old MacDonald Had a Farm by Glen Rounds
One Happy Classroom by Charnan Simon
Paul the Pitcher by Paul Sharp
Rain! Rain! by Carol Greene
Rick Is Sick by David McPhail
Sam's Wagon by Barbro Lindgren
School Bus by Donald Crews
Sid and Sam by Nola Buck
Sleepy Dog by Harriet Ziefert
There Is a Town by Gail Heiman
Too Many Balloons by Catherine Matthias
Wheels by Annie Cobb

Levels 7-8

Ants by Cheryl Coughlan
Bess and Tess by Susan Blackaby
Big Egg by Molly Coxe
Big Friend, Little Friend by Eloise Greenfield
Black Bears by Marcia Freeman
Bobby's Zoo by Carolyn Lunn
A Buzz Is Part of a Bee by Carolyn Lunn
Catch Me if you Can by Bernard Most
Cloudy Day, Sunny Day by Donald Crews
Dinosaurs Dance by Larry Brimner
Dolphins by Martha Rustad
Dragonflies by Cheryl Coughlan
The Ear Book by Al Perkins
Eat Your Peas, Louise by Pegeen Snow
Fall Harvest by Gail Saunders-Smith
The Farmer in the Dell by Kathy Parkinson
Fireflies by Cheryl Coughlan
Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed by Eileen Christelow
Five Silly Fishermen by Roberta Edwards
The Foot Book by Dr. Seuss
Go Dog Go by P.D. Eastman
The Gum on the Drum by Barbara Gregorich
Henry's Busy Day by Rod Campbell
Honey Bees and Hives by Lola Schaefer
Hot Rod Harry by Catherine Petrie
If I Were You by Brian Wildsmith
Inside, Outside, Upside Down by Stan and Jan Berenstain
It Looked Like Spilt Milk by Charles Shaw
Morris the Moose by Bernard Wiseman
My Five Senses by Aki
The Nose Book by Al Perkins
Oh a Hunting We Will Go by John Langstaff
Oh No Otis! by Julie Frankel
Oh, Cats! by Nola Buck
Out the Door by Catherine Matthias
The Pet that I Want by Mary Packard
Purple Is Part of a Rainbow by Carol Kowalczyk
Sharks by Martha Rustad
Sweet Potato Pie by Anne Rockwell
Where's Spot? by Eric Hill
Who is Coming? by Pat McKissack

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Across the Stream by Mirra Ginsburg
Bread, Bread, Bread by Ann Morris
Cat Goes Fiddle-I-Fee by Paul Galdone
Cookie's Week by Cindy Ward
A Dark, Dark Tale by Ruth Brown
Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell
A Dozen Dogs by Harriet Ziefert
Firehouse Sal by Larry Brimmer
Grasshoppers by Cheryl Coughlan
Gregory's Garden by William Stobbs
Hooray for Snail by John Stadler
I'm King of the Castle by Shigeo Watanabe
Is Anyone Home? by Ron Maris
Itchy Itchy Chicken Pox by Grace Maccarone
Just Like Daddy by Frank Asch
Koalas by Gail Saunders-Smith
The Lady with the Alligator Purse by Nadine Westcott
Lightning Liz by Larry Brimmer
The Lion and the Mouse by Gail Herman
Manatees by Martha Rustad
Maple Trees by Marcia Freeman
Marmalade's Nap by Cindy Wheeler
The Mountain that Loved a Bird by A. McLerran
"Pardon?" said the Giraffe by Colin West
Pizza Party! by Grace Maccarone
Rose by Cindy Wheeler
Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins
Shhhhh by Kevin Henkes
Six Empty Pockets by Matt Curtis
Soccer Game! by Grace Maccarone
Space Dog Jack by Susan Schade
The Teeny Tiny Woman by Jane O'Connor
Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang
Tiger Is a Scaredy Cat by Joan Phillips
What Is an Insect? by Lola Schaefer
"What Is That?" Said the Cat by Grace Maccarone
Wheels on the Bus by Raffi
Who Will Be My Friends? by Syd Hoff

Levels 11-12

Addition Annie by David Gisler
Bill's Baggy Pants by Susan Gates
Biscuit by Alyssa Capucilli
Biscuit Finds a Friend by Alyssa Capucilli
Boris Bad Enough by Robert Kraus
Bulldozers by Linda Williams
Cat and Dog by Else Minarik
The Day I Had to Play with My Sister by Crosby Bonsall
Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs by Byron Barton
The Dog by John Burningham
Each Peach Pear Plum by Alan Ahlberg
The Fat Cat Sat on the Mat by Nurit Karlin
The Great Bug Hunt by Bonnie Dobkin
The Great Race by David McPhail
Guard the House, Sam! by Charnan Simon
I Am in Charge of Me by Dana Rau
I Wish I Was Sick Too by Franz Brandenburg
Katie Did It by Becky McDaniel
The Life Cycle of a Penguin by Lisa Trumbauer
Let's Share by Dana Rau
Listen to Me by Barbara Neasi
My Dog by Judy Taylor
My Friends by Taro Gomi
Nicky Upstairs and Down by Harriet Ziefert
One Monday Morning by Uri Shulevitz
P.J. Funnybunny Camps out by Marilyn Sadler
Sam the Garbage Hound by Charnan Simon
Scorpions by William Ripple
The Secret Code by Dana Rau
Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy Shaw
Shhhh! by Suzy Kline
Snail Saves the Day by John Stadler
The Snow by John Burningham
Spiders and Their Webs by Linda Tagliaferro
Spot's First Walk by Eric Hill
Three Kittens by Mirra Ginsburg
Titch by Pat Hutchins
Wait, Skates! by Mildred Johnson
Wake up, Sun! by David Harrison
What's Zero? by Betsy Franco
When You Were a Baby by Ann Jonas
Zoo-Looking by Mem Fox

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Levels 15-16

- Airport by Byron Barton
Albert the Albatross by Syd Hoff
Allergies by Sharon Gordon
All Tutus Should Be Pink by Sheri Brownrigg
Alligators All around by Maurice Sendak
Ambulances by Marcia Freeman
Angus and the Cat by Marjorie Flack
Apples and Pumpkins by Ann Rockwell
Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastman
Asthma by Sharon Gordon
The Bear's Bicycle by Emilie McLeod
Benny Bakes a Cake by Eve Rice
Big Dog, Little Dog by P.D. Eastman
The Big Hungry Bear by Don and Audrey Wood
The Bike Lesson by Stan and Jan Berenstain
Busy Buzzing Bumblebees by Alvin Schwartz
Charles M. Schulz by Cheryl Carlson
Come and Have Fun by Edith Thacher Hurd
The Dinosaur Who Lived in My Backyard by Brendan Hennessy
Dragon Gets By by Dav Pilkey
Dragon's Fat Cat by Dav Pilkey
Earaches by Sharon Gordon
Father Bear Comes Home by Else Minarik
Fire Engines by Marcia Freeman
A Friend for Dragon by Dav Pilkey
Go away, Dog by Joan Nodset
Goodnight, Owl! by Pat Hutchins
Hattie and the Fox by Mem Fox
Hello Cat, You Need a Hat by Rita Gelman
Henny Penny by Paul Galdone
Hiccups for Elephant by James Preller
It's Not Easy Being a Bunny by Marilyn Sadler
Jim Meets the Thing by Miriam Cohen
Just a Mess by Mercer Mayer
Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus
The Lighthouse Children by Syd Hoff
A Look at China by Helen Frost
A Look at Mexico by Helen Frost
Lost in the Museum by Miriam Cohen
Maurice Sendak by Eric Braun
Messy Bessey by Patricia McKissack
Messy Bessey's Garden by Patricia McKissack
Nana's Fiddle by Larry Brimmer
The New Kid by Larry Brimmer
Noisy Nora by Rosemary Wells
The Planets by Martha Rustad
The Quilt by Ann Jonas
A Rainbow of My Own by Don Freeman
Reflections by Ann Jonas
Silly Times with Two Silly Trolls by Nancy Jewell
Small Pig by Arnold Lobel
Spooky Riddles by Marc Brown
The Story of Chicken Licken by Jan Ormerod
There's a Nightmare in My Closet by Mercer Mayer
The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle
We Just Moved by Stephen Krensky
We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen
What Are Volcanoes? by Mari Schuh

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Level J

Allie's Basketball by Barbara Barber
Little Bear books by Else Minarik
Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant
Fox books by Edward Marshall
There's Something in My Attic, M. Mayer
Bear Shadow by Frank Asch
Bear's Bargain by F. Asch
Big Mama and Grandma Ghana, A. S. Medearis
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
The Grandma Mix-Up, E. A. McCully
Grandma's at Bat, E. A. McCully
Granny and the Desperadoes, Peggy Parish
Jamberry by Bruce Degen
Jimmy Lee Did It by Pat Cummings
Kick, Pass and Run by Leonard Kessler
The Magic Fish by C. Rylant
The Missing Tooth by Joanna Cole
Mr. Putter and Tabby books by C. Rylant
Norma Jean, Jumping Bean, Joanna Cole
Mouse Soup and Mouse Tales, A. Lobel
Otto the Cat by Gail Herman
Owl at Home by Arnold Lobel
Peter's Chair by E. J. Keats
Poppleton books by C. Rylant
Sam and the Firefly by P. D. Eastman
Sam the Minuteman by N. Benchley
Ten Apples Up on Top by T. LeSeig
There's an Alligator Under My Bed, M. Mayer
There's Something in My Attic by M. Mayer
The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Eric Carle
Where the Wild Things Are, M. Sendak
Hop on Pop by Dr. Seuss
Gus and Grandpa books, C. Mills

Level K

Dogku *Andrew Clements*
Fox and His Friends *Edward Marshall*
Frog and Toad Together *Arnold Lobel*
Clara and the Bookwagon *Nancy Smiles Levinson*
A Fine, Fine School *Sharon Creech*
Arthur books by Lillian Hoban
Frog and Toad books by Arnold Lobel
Nate the Great books by M.W. Sharmat
Chickens Aren't the Only Ones by Ruth Heller
Commander Toad books by Jane Yolen
Dinosaur Time by Peggy Parish
Five Funny Frights by J. B. Stamper
Zelda and Ivy books, L M Kvasnosky
Go and Hush the Baby by B. Byars
Grandma's at the Lake by E. A. McCully
Happy Birthday Dear Duck by Eve Bunting
A Letter to Amy by E. J. Keats
Meet M & M by Pat Ross
M& M series by Pat Ross
The Pancake by Anita Lobel
Ruby the Copycat by Peggy Rathman
Sam Who Never Forgets by Eve Rice
The Smallest Cow in the World, K. Paterson
Sheila Rae, the Brave, by K. Henkes
Three Stories You Can Read to Your Cat, S.S. Miller
Three Stories You Can Read to Your Dog, S. S. Miller
Treasure of the Lost Lagoon, G. Hayes

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Level L

My Dad's a Birdman *David Almond*
Oliver Pig books *by J. Van Leeuwen*
Pearl and Wagner: One Funny Day, *K. McMullan*
Swimming With Sharks, *Betty Hicks*
The Seven Treasure Hunts *Betsy Byars*
Chester *Melanie Watt*
Diary of a Worm *Doreen Cronin*
Cam Jansen books *by David Adler*
George and Martha books *by Suzy Kline*
Triplet Trouble series *by Jones and Dadey*
Horrible Harry series *by Suzy Kline*
Goliath books *by Terrance Dicks*
Hungry, hungry Sharks *by Joanna Cole*
Hill of Fire *by T. Lewis*
Gregory the Terrible Eater *by M.W. Sharmat*
Make Way for Ducklings *by R. McCloskey*
Josefina Story Quilt *by E. Coerr*
Pee Wee Scouts series *by Judy Delton*
Pinky and Rex series *by James Howe*
Miss Nelson Has A Field Day *by H. Allard*
Miss Nelson is Missing *by H. Allard*
Whales, The Gentle Giants *by J. Milton*

Level M

Mr. George Baker *Amy Hest*
Magic Tree House Series *Mary Pope Osborne*
Dude, Where's my Spaceship? *Dan Greenburg*
George and Martha books, *J. Marshall*
Home on the Range, *Lucy Nolan*
Calvin Coconut: Hero of Hawaii, *G. Salisbury*
Down Girl and Sit: Smarter than Squirrels *Lucy Nolan*
Owen Foote, Soccer Star *S. Greene*
Soccer Shock *D.J. Napoli*
Soccer Bash *S. Blackaby*
Soccer Battle *M. Sorenson*
The Soccer Mystery *G.C. Warner*
Soccer Sam *J. Marzollo*
Soccer Mania *E. Tamar*
Aliens Don't Wear Braces *by Dadey and Jones*
Junie B. Jones series *by B. Park*
Stink books *by Megan McDonald*
Five True Dog Stories *by Margaret Davidson*

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Level N

Amber Brown Series *Paula Danziger*
One Dark Scary Night, *Bill Cosby*
The Elevator Family *by Douglas Evans*
Gooney Bird Greene, *Lois Lowry*
Trapped on the D.C. Train, *Ron Roy*
Metal Man *by A. Reynolds*
Suitcase *by M. P. Walter*
Anna, Grandpa and the Big Storm, *C. Stevens*
Adam Joshua Capers *by Janice Lee Smith*
The Stories Julian Tells *by A. Cameron*
Lily's Purple Plastic Purse, *Kevin Henkes*
A Weekend With Wendell *by K. Henkes*
Burndibar *Tony Kusher*
Julian, Secret Agent *Ann Cameron*
Babymouse: Skater Girl *Jennifer L. and Matthew*
Max Malone series *by Charlotte Herman*
Leftovers, The series *by Tristan Howard*
Helen Keller's Teacher *by Margaret Davidson*
Gooney Chewy Contest, The *by P.R. Giff*

Level O

It's Test Day, Tiger Turcotte *Pansie Hart Flood*
Clara Lee and the Apple Pie Dream, *J. Han*
Geronimo Stilton books *by G. Stilton*
Clover Twig and the Magical Cottage, *K. Umansky*
The Puppy Sister *S.E. Hinton*
The Snowy Day *Ezra Jack Keats*
Crickwing *Janell Cannon*
Beezus and Ramona *Beverly Cleary*
Murder My Tweet: A Chet Gecko Mystery *Bruce Hale*
The Boxcar Children Books *by G. C. Warner*
A to Z Mysteries *by Ron Roy*
Herbie Jones *by Suzy Kline*
Ramona *by Beverly Cleary*
Muggie Maggie *by B. Cleary*
Henry and Beezus *by B. Cleary*
Chester's Way *by Kevin Henkes*
Pony Pals *by J. Betancourt*
Class Clown *by Johanna Hurwitz*

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Level P

Painted Dreams *Karen Lynn Williams*
Anna Hibiscus series by *Atinuke*
Bobby vs. Girls (Accidentally) by *Lisa Yee*
The Night Fairy by *L. A. Schlitz*
Make Way for Dymonde Daniel, *N. Grimes*
Ruby Lu, Brave and True, *Lenore Look*
The Fairies Return by *G. C. Levine*
We Can't All be Rattlesnakes, *P. Jennings*
The Whipping Boy by *Sid Fleischman*
Alien Eraser to the Rescue, by *M. Moss*
The Revealers by *Doug Wilhelm*
Three Strikes for Rotten Ralph by *J. Gantos*
Sam and the Lucky Money *Karen Chinn*
Winter of the Ice Wizard; Magic Tree House *M P Osborne*
Magic Tree House books, *M. P. Osborne*
Baseball Saved Us *Ken Mochizuki*
The Not Just Anybody Family *Betsy Byers*
Sideways Stories From Wayside School *Louis Sachar*

Level Q

Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly *A. Madison*
Little Toot *Hardie Gramatky*
Kamishibai Man by *Allen Say*
The World According to Humphrey, *B. Birney*
Gloria Rising by *Ann Cameron*
Class President by *J. Hurwitz*
The Beast of Blackslope, by *Tracy Barrett*
Defiance by *Valerie Hobbs*
Make Way for Ducklings *Robert McCloskey*
Atomic Ace (He's Just My Dad) *Jeff Weigel*
Space Station Mar *Daniel San Souci*
Traction Man is Here! *Mini Grey*
James and the Giant Peach *Roald Dahl*
Jim Ugly *Sid Fleischman*

Level R

The Little Prince *Antoine de Saint-Exupery*
Toys Go Out: Being the Adventures of a Knowledge Stingray, Toughy Little Buffalo, and Someone Called Plastic *Emily Jenkins*
Show Way *Jacqueline Woodson*
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes *Eleanor Coerr*
Shiloh *Phyllis Reynolds Naylor*
Lunch Money *Andrew Clements*
No Talking *Andrew Clements*
Swindle by *Gordon Korman*
Breakaway by *Andrea Montalbano*
Kensuke's Kingdom by *M. Morpurgo*
Frozen Stiff by *S. Shahan*
A Crooked Kind of Perfect by *Linda Urban*
Super Chicken Nugget Boy & the Furious Fry -*J. Lewis*
Stuart Little by *E.B. White*
The One Eyed Giant by *M. P. Osborne*

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Level S

Matilda *Roald Dahl*
Hachiko: The Story of a Loyal Dog *Pamela S. Turner*
Lassie Come-Home *Rosemary Wells*
The Chocolate Touch *Patrick Skene Catling*
Come on, Rain *Karen Hesse*
The Cricket in Times Square *George Selden*
Journey to Jo'burg: A south African Story *Beverly Naidoo*
The Missing' Gator of Gumbo Limbo *J.C George*
One Day in the Tropical Rainforest *J.C. George*
Martin Bridge Blazing Ahead! *J.S.Kerrin*
Poppy and Rye by *Avi*
The Liberation of Gabriel King by *K. L. Going*
Enchanted Glass by *D. W. Jones*
Lawn Boy by *G. Paulson*
The View from the Cherry Tree by *W. D. Roberts*

Level T

Paint The Wind *Pam Munoz Ryan*
Great African Americans *series by Rediger and Hacker*
The Great Brain *John D. Fitzgerald*
Love That Dog *Sharon Creech*
Kenny and the Dragon *by T. DiTerlizzi*
Drita, My Homegirl *by J. Lombard*
Akimbo and the Lions *by A.M. Smith*
Clarence Cochran, A Human Boy, *W. Loizeaux*

Level U

Chronicles of Prydain #01: The Book of Three: *Lloyd Alexander*
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane *Kate DiCamillo*
Do the Funky Pickle *Jerry Spinelli*
Onion John *by Joseph Krumgold*
Odd and the Frost Giants *by N. Gaiman*
Digory the Dragon Slayer *by A. Mc Allister*
Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little, *P. E. Gifford*

Level V

Mr. Peabody's Apples *Madonna and Loren Long*
Chig and the Second Spread *Gwenyth Swain*
Marja's Skis *Jean Pendziwol*
Gorilla City *by Nick Ward*
Lucy Rose: Big on Plans *by Katy Kelly*

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Level W

Evangeline Mudd and the Golden Haired Apes of the

Ikkinasti Jungle *David Elliot*

Bone #1, Out of Boneville *Jeff Smith*

Three Good Deeds *by V. Vande Velde*

Diary of a Wimpy Kid *Jeff Kinney*

Level Y

The Worst Witch at School *Jill Murphy*

The Dark is Rising *Susan Cooper*

The Bone Magician *by F.E.Higgins*

Level X

The Water Horse *Dick King Smith*

Jumanji *Chris Van Allsburg*

The Shakespeare Stealer *Gary Blackwood*

Younguncle Comes to Town *by V. Singh*

The Year of the Dog *by Grace Lin*

The White Giraffe *by L. St. John*

Level Z

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe *C.S. Lewis*

My Father's Dragon *Ruth Stiles Gannett*

Mysteries of the Mummy Kids, *Halls*

Johnny Tremain, *E. Forbes*

Redwall *series by B. Jacques*

A Good Horse *by Jane Smiley*