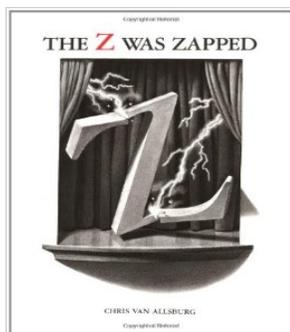


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Entering 1st Grade— Each student entering 1st Grade must choose **one** of the following books to read. Each list is organized by grade level Enduring Understandings.

Alphabet Books and the Children Who Read Them



The Z is Zapped, by Chris Van Allsburg

A dramatic black- and- white presentation of the alphabet in which the three-time Caldecott medalist depicts a mysterious transformation of each letter.

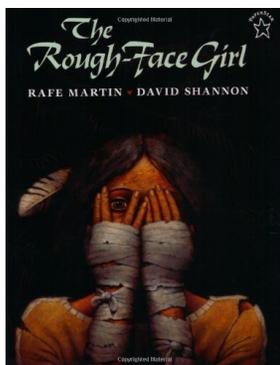
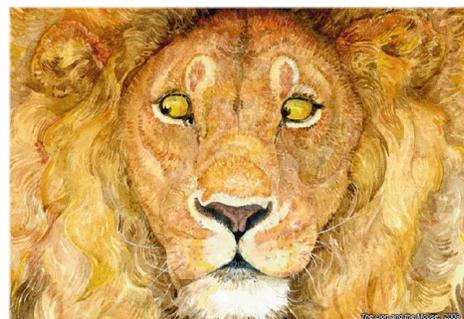
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Life Lessons

The Lion and the Mouse, by Jerry Pinkney (*wordless picture book)

In award-winning artist Jerry Pinkney's wordless adaptation of one of Aesop's most beloved fables, an unlikely pair learn that no act of kindness is ever wasted. After a ferocious lion spares a cowering mouse that he'd planned to eat, the mouse later comes to his rescue, freeing him from a poacher's trap. With vivid depictions of the landscape of the African Serengeti and expressively drawn characters, Pinkney makes this a truly special retelling, and his stunning pictures speak volumes.

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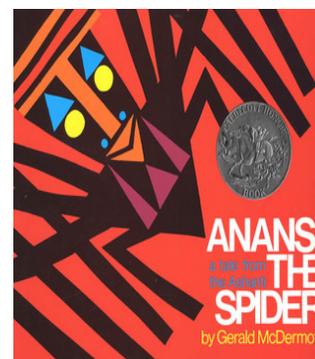


The Rough Faced Girl, by Rafe Martin

From Algonquin Indian folklore comes one of the most haunting, powerful versions of the Cinderella tale ever told. In a village by the shores of Lake Ontario lived an invisible being. All the young women wanted to marry him because he was rich, powerful, and supposedly very handsome. But to marry the invisible being the women had to prove to his sister that they had *seen* him. And none had been able to get past the sister's stern, all-knowing gaze. Then came the Rough-Face girl, scarred from working by the fire. Could she succeed where her beautiful, cruel sisters had failed?

http://www.amazon.com/The-Rough-Face-Girl-Rafe-Martin/dp/0698116267/ref=pd_sim_b_2?ie=UTF8&refRID=0KVG5D91BJ0E8S88ZKCP

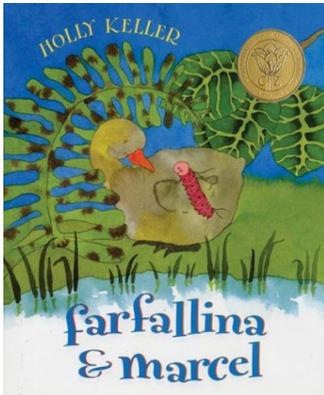
Anansi the Spider by Gerald McDermott Anansi the Spider is one of the great folk heroes of the world. He is a rogue, a mischief maker, and a wise, lovable creature who triumphs over larger foes. In this traditional Ashanti tale, Anansi sets out on a long, difficult journey. Threatened by Fish and Falcon, he is saved from terrible fates by his sons. But which of his sons should Anansi reward? Calling upon Nyame, the God of All Things, Anansi solves his predicament in a touching and highly resourceful fashion. In adapting this popular folktale, Gerald McDermott merges the old with the new, combining bold, rich color with traditional African design motifs and authentic Ashanti language rhythms. http://www.amazon.com/Anansi-Spider-A-TaleAshanti/dp/0805003118/ref=pd_bxgy_b_img_y



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Entering 2nd Grade— Each student entering 2nd Grade must choose **one** of the following books to read. Each list is organized by grade level Enduring Understandings.

Building Bridges with Unlikely Friends



Farfallina & Marcel, By Holly Keller

Once there was a caterpillar named Farfallina, whose best friend was a gosling named Marcel. They did everything together -- until one day, everything started to change. This beautiful and touching story shows that even as life takes different turns, friendship endures.

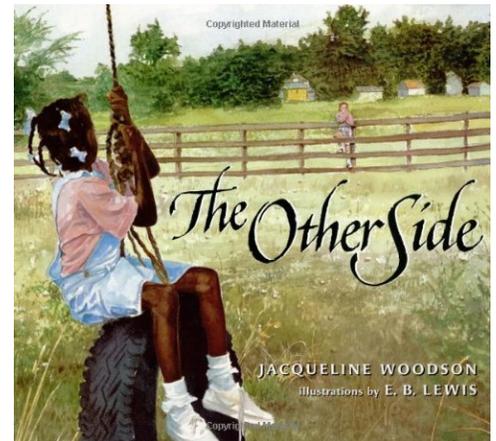
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Long Journey to Freedom

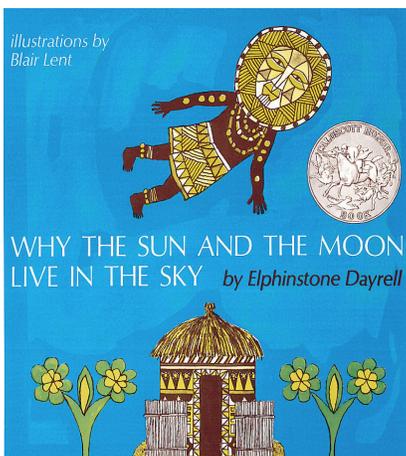
The Other Side, by Jacqueline Woodson.

True friendship has no color. Clover and Annie Rose come together on the fence that separates their yards. Their parents say it isn't safe to climb over, but one day Annie Rose crosses over to join Clover and her other black friends jump rope. A lovely metaphor. Picture Book.

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Hand Me Down Tales from Around the World



Why the Sun and the Moon Live in the Sky, by Elphinstone Dayrell

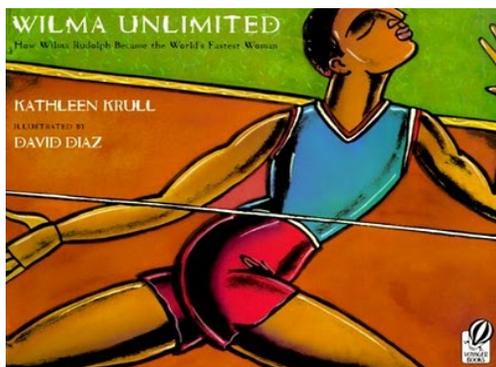
Sun and his wife, the moon, lived on Earth and built a large house so that the water people could visit. But so many poured in that they were forced to move to the sky.

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Entering 3rd Grade— Each student entering 3rd Grade must choose **one** of the following books to read. Each list is organized by grade level Enduring Understandings.

Perseverance



Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman by Kathleen Krull Before Wilma Rudolph was five years old, polio had paralyzed her left leg. Everyone said she would never walk again. But Wilma refused to believe it. Not only would she walk again, she vowed, she'd run. And she did run--all the way to the Olympics, where she became the first American woman to earn three gold medals in a single Olympiad. This dramatic and inspiring true story is illustrated in bold watercolor and acrylic paintings by Caldecott Medal-winning artist David Diaz.

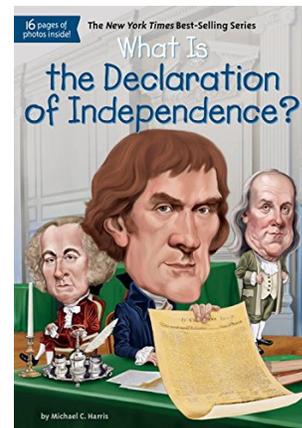
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Long Journey to Freedom: American Contributions

What is the Declaration of Independence? (What was... Series), by Michael C. Harris

On a hot summer day near Philadelphia in 1776, Thomas Jefferson sat at his desk and wrote furiously until early the next morning. He was drafting the Declaration of Independence, a document that would sever this country's ties with Britain and announce a new nation—The United States of America. Colonists were willing to risk their lives for freedom, and the Declaration of Independence made that official. Discover the true story of one of the most radical and uplifting documents in history and follow the action that fueled the Revolutionary War.

http://www.amazon.com/What-Is-Declaration-Independence-Was/dp/044848692X/ref=zg_bs_2955_3



Creative, Inventive and Notable People



Amelia And Eleanor Go For a Ride, by Pam Munoz Ryan

An inspiring true story of Amelia Earheart and Eleanor Roosevelt -- and a thrilling night when they made history together! On a brisk and cloudless evening in April 1933, Amelia Earheart and Eleanor Roosevelt did the unprecedented: They stole away from a White House dinner, commandeered an Eastern Air Transport plane and took off on a glorious adventure -- while still dressed in their glamorous evening gowns! This large-format lavishly produced picture book celebrates the courage and pioneering spirit of two friends who defied convention in the name of fulfillment, conviction, and fun. Breathtaking black and white drawings -- which create the look of a vintage movie -- make this a visual tour de force for young adventurers, historians and anyone else who dares to dream.

<http://www.amazon.com/Amelia-And-Eleanor-For-Ride/dp/059096075X>

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Entering 3rd Grade Continued

Fantastic Adventures with Dragons, Gods and Goddesses

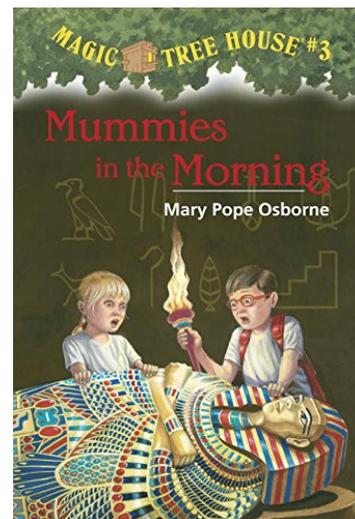
Mummies in the Morning (Magic Tree House Series, No. 3), by Mary Pope Osborne

Jack and Annie are ready for their next fantasy adventure in the bestselling middle-grade series—the Magic Tree House!

Jack and Annie don't need another mummy.

But that's what they get when the Magic Tree House whisks them back to ancient Egypt. There they meet a long-dead queen who needs their help. Will Jack and Annie be able to solve the puzzle, or will they end up as mummies themselves?

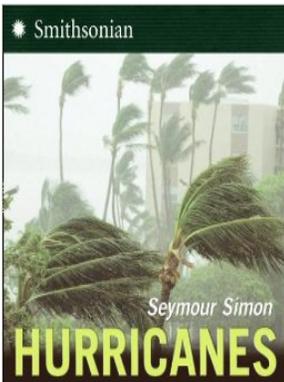
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Entering 4th Grade— Each student entering 4th Grade must choose **one** of the following books to read. Each list is organized by grade level Enduring Understandings.

Weather or Not



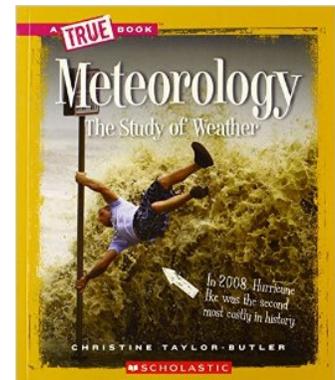
Hurricanes, by Seymour Simon

Hurricanes. Typhoons. Cyclones. No matter what you call them, these formidable, swirling storms are the most devastating events in nature. Hurricanes take young readers on an in-depth exploration of one of the most awe-inspiring phenomena on Earth! This dramatic account of hurricanes and the disasters they leave behind, including Andrew and Katrina, are intensified through arresting full-color photographs and satellite images. Award-winning science writer Seymour Simon has teamed up with the Smithsonian Institution to bring you a new, updated edition of his acclaimed look at this astonishing, and often terrifying, natural disaster. http://www.amazon.com/Hurricanes-Seymour-Simon/dp/0061170712/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1430426878&sr=1-1&keywords=hurricanes+seymour+simon

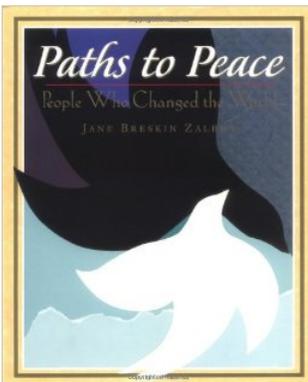
Meteorology: The Study of Weather (Scholastic True Book), by Christine Taylor-Butler

Whether you're interested in weather, oceans, or even the prehistoric world, earth science covers it all. The fascinating facts and fun activities in these titles help the budding earth scientist in you explore the fields of geology, meteorology, ecology, and more.

http://www.amazon.com/Christine-Taylor-Butler-Meteorology-Weather-Paperback/dp/B00SB6BEXM/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1430426904&sr=1-2&keywords=meteorology+scholastic+true+book



Long Journey to Freedom: Lessons Learned from Revolutionaries



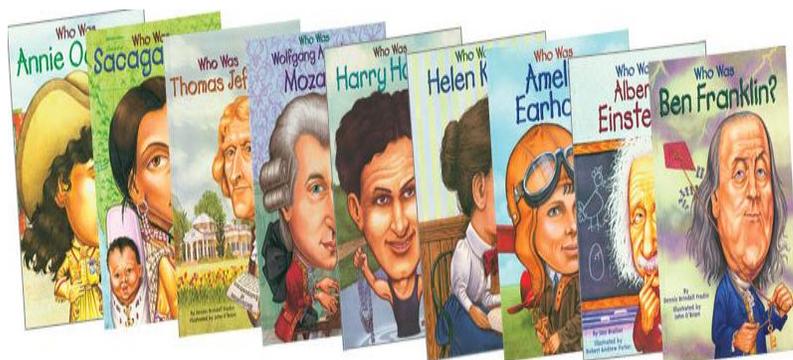
Paths to Peace: People Who Changed the World, by Jane Breskin Zalben

With a stirring quote set within a stunning and incisive collage, Zalben sets the tone for each of the sixteen peacemakers she profiles in this book. Mahatma Gandhi, Eleanor Roosevelt, Cesar Chavez, Aung San Suu Kyi, and the Nobel Prize winner, Dr. Wangari Maathai, are some of the people she chose to represent different eras and parts of the globe. Many started down their path to peace during childhood, and all challenge us to think about improving the lives of others. Also included in this beautiful volume are art notes, a glossary, a bibliography, further reading, and an index, making it an excellent resource for teachers and students.

http://www.amazon.com/Paths-Peace-People-Changed-World/dp/0525477349/ref=pd_sim_b_2?ie=UTF8&refRID=1JRM0B3655DGYZQ5QFY7

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Entering 4th Grade Continued



Who Was...? Series (By various authors)

Penguin's Who Was...? Series of nonfiction books offers kid-friendly accounts of important and famous figures.

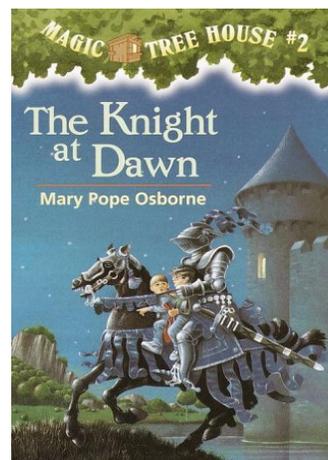
<http://www.whowasbookseries.com/>

What is a Hero?

The Knight at Dawn, by Mary Pope Osborne (Magic Tree House #2)

Jack and Annie are ready for their next fantasy adventure in the bestselling middle-grade series—the Magic Tree House! A castle with a secret passage! That's what Jack and Annie find when the Magic Tree House whisks them back to the Middle Ages for another wild adventure. In the Great Hall of the castle, a feast is under way. But Jack and Annie aren't exactly welcome guests!

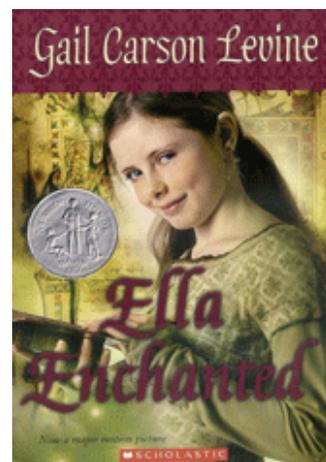
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Ella Enchanted, by Gail Carson Levine (challenge read)

How can a fairy's blessing be such a curse? At her birth, Ella of Frell was given a foolish fairy's "gift"—the gift of obedience. Ella must obey any order given to her, whether it's hopping on foot for a day or chopping off her own head! But strong-willed Ella does not tamely accept her fate. She goes on a quest, encountering ogres, giants, wicked stepsisters, fairy godmothers, and handsome princes, determined to break the curse and live happily ever after. In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

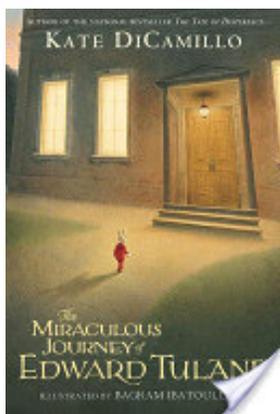
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AIM Lower School Required Summer Reading

Entering 5th Grade— Each student entering 5th Grade must choose **one** of the following books to read. Each list is organized by grade level Enduring Understandings.

Animals are Characters, Too



Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

Once, in a house on Egypt Street, there lived a china rabbit named Edward Tulane. The rabbit was very pleased with himself, and for good reason: he was owned by a girl named Abilene, who adored him completely. And then, one day, he was lost. . . . Kate DiCamillo takes us on an extraordinary journey, from the depths of the ocean to the net of a fisherman, from the bedside of an ailing child to the bustling streets of Memphis. Along the way, we are shown a miracle -- that even a heart of the most breakable kind can learn to love, to lose, and to love again.

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Miraculous-Journey-Edward-Tulane/dp/076364367X>

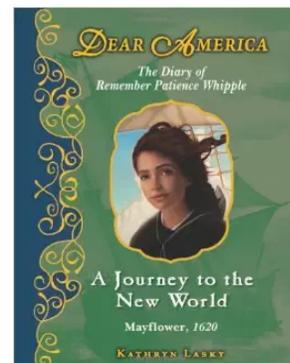
America's Long Journey to Freedom

Dear America: A Journey to the New World by Kathryn Lasky

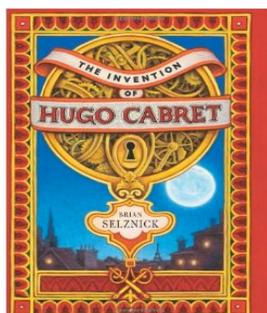
Twelve-year-old Remember Patience Whipple ("Mem" for short) has just arrived in the New World with her parents after a grueling 65-day journey on the MAYFLOWER. Mem has an irrepressible spirit, and leaps headfirst into life in her new home. Despite harsh conditions, Mem is fearless. She helps to care for the sick and wants more than anything to meet and befriend a Native American.

<http://www.amazon.com/Dear-America-Journey-New-World/dp/0545238013>

Additional books in the series: Dear America: With the Might of Angels, by Andrea Pinkney and Dear America: The Winter of Red Snow, by Kristiana Gregory.



Inventive Thinking



The Invention of Hugo Cabret (challenge read)

Orphan, clock keeper, and thief, Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. But when his world suddenly interlocks with an eccentric, bookish girl and a bitter old man who runs a toy booth in the station, Hugo's undercover life, and his most precious secret, are put in jeopardy. A cryptic drawing, a treasured notebook, a stolen key, a mechanical man, and a hidden message from Hugo's dead father form the backbone of this intricate, tender, and spellbinding mystery.

<http://www.amazon.com/Invention-Hugo-Cabret-Brian-Selznick/dp/0439813786>

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Entering 5th Grade Continued

Frindle by Andrew Clements

Is Nick Allen a troublemaker? He really just likes to liven things up at school -- and he's always had plenty of great ideas. When Nick learns some interesting information about how words are created, suddenly he's got the inspiration for his best plan ever...the frindle. Who says a pen has to be called a pen? Why not call it a frindle?

<http://www.amazon.com/Frindle-Andrew-Clements/dp/0689818769>

