

# **NCA SUMMER READING PROGRAM ~ 2011/2012**

## **ELEMENTARY LEVEL**

### *FOUR EASY STEPS !*

- 1. Read the books.*
- 2. Do the simple projects for your books.*
- 3. Give the projects to your new teacher on the first day of school.*
- 4. Enjoy the free goodies that await you!*

Follow the guidelines for the grade level you just completed and select books from the attached list pertaining to the grade you just completed.

➤ Kindergarten: Read two books from the attached list:

\*\* Project: Draw a picture of your favorite part of each story.

Incoming Kindergarteners may read on your computers at [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com). Pick any four stories. Your parents will find easy instructions in the program. If you do not have a computer, you may read the books on the list. If you cannot read, a grown-up may read the stories to you.

\*\* Project: Draw a picture of your favorite part of each story.

➤ Grade One: Read two books from the attached list:

\*\* Project for each book: On a sheet of notebook paper

write title, author, and names of the main characters.

In one sentence tell about your favorite part of the

story. Draw a picture of your favorite part of the story.

➤ Grade Two: Choose two books from the attached list.

\*\* Project for each book: On a sheet of notebook paper write the title, author, and names of main characters.

Write three sentences about the story. Draw a picture of your favorite part of the book.

- Grade Three, Four, Five and Six: Choose two books from the appropriate grade level on the attached list:

**\*\*Projects for Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 (for each book):**

On notebook paper write the title, author, and one sentence telling the main event in each chapter.

**Example:** Chapter 1 - Josie finds . . .

Chapter 2 - Josie and Pete . . . Etc.

## Preschool and Kindergarten

Bemelmans, Ludwig. *MADLINE*. 1939. Caldecott Honor Book.

Madeline, smallest and naughtiest of the twelve little charges of Miss Clavel, wakes up one night with an appendicitis attack.

Bourgeois, Paulette. *FRANKLIN IN THE DARK*. 1986.

A turtle, afraid of small dark places and therefore of crawling into its shell, asks a number of animals for advice, only to find out that each has a fear of its own.

Brown, Marcia. *STONE SOUP: AN OLD TALE*. 1947. Caldecott Honor Book.

When three hungry soldiers come to a town where all the food has been hidden, they set out to make soup of water and stones, and the whole town enjoys a feast.

Burton, Virginia Lee. *MIKE MULLIGAN AND HIS STEAM SHOVEL*. 1939.

When Mike Mulligan and his steam shovel, Mary Ann, lose their jobs to the gasoline, electric, and diesel motor shovels, they go to a little country town where they find that one new job leads to another.

Carle, Eric. *THE GROUCHY LADYBUG*. 1977.

A grouchy ladybug looking for a fight challenges everyone she meets regardless of size or strength.

Carle, Eric. *THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR*. 1970.

A hungry little caterpillar eats his way through a large and varied quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep.

Flack, Marjorie. *THE STORY ABOUT PING*. Illustrated by Kurt Wiese. 1933.

A little duck finds adventure on the Yangtze River when he is too late to board his master's houseboat one evening.

Gág, Wanda. *MILLIONS OF CATS*. 1928. Newbery Honor Book.

A hill has "millions and billions and trillions of cats" who eat each other up until there is only one cat left.

Gramatky, Hardie. *LITTLE TOOT*. 1939.

Little Toot visits the beautiful palaces of Venice, travels its secluded waterways, and learns a skill that helps him save the city from thieving pirates.

Hoff, Syd. *SAMMY, THE SEAL*. 1959.

After discovering what it is like outside the zoo, Sammy decides there is no place like home.

Keats, Ezra Jack. *THE SNOWY DAY*. 1962. Caldecott Medal.

The adventures of a little boy occur in the city on a very snowy day.

Krauss, Ruth. *THE CARROT SEED*. Illustrated by Crockett Johnson. 1945.

Simple text and pictures show how the faith of a small boy who planted a carrot seed was rewarded.

Martin, Bill. *BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR, WHAT DO YOU SEE?*. Illustrated by Eric Carle. 1967.

Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a mother looking at them.

McCloskey, Robert. *BLUEBERRIES FOR SAL*. 1948. Caldecott Honor Book.

Little Sal and Little Bear both lose their mothers while eating blueberries and almost end up with each other's mother.

Minarik, Else Holmelund. *LITTLE BEAR*. Illustrated by Maurice Sendak. 1957.

Four stories center about Mother Bear and her Little Bear, who not only takes a trip to the moon but has a birthday party as well.

Pfister, Marcus. *THE RAINBOW FISH*. 1992.

The most beautiful fish in the entire ocean discovers the real value of personal beauty and friendship.

Potter, Beatrix. *THE TALE OF PETER RABBIT*. 1903.

Peter almost gets caught when he disobeys his mother by going into Mr. McGregor's garden.

Sendak, Maurice. *WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE*. 1963. Caldecott Medal.

A naughty little boy, sent to bed without his supper, sails to the land of the wild things, where he becomes their king.

Seuss, Dr., *HORTON HATCHES THE EGG*. 1960.

Bored with hatching an egg, a lazy bird persuades Horton the elephant to do the job.

*Preschool and Kindergarten*

Spier, Peter. *NOAH'S ARK*. 1977. Caldecott Medal.

This familiar story is retold in pictures to illustrate how a pair of every creature climbed on board Noah's ark and thereby survived the Flood.

White, E. B. *CHARLOTTE'S WEB*. Illustrated by Garth Williams. 1952. Newbery Honor Book.

Wilbur the pig is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend Charlotte decides to help him.

Zion, Gene. *HARRY, THE DIRTY DOG*. Illustrated by Margaret Bloy Graham. 1956.

When a white dog with black spots runs away from home, he gets so dirty his family doesn't recognize him as a black dog with white spots.

## **Additional Books for Preschool and Kindergarten**

Anno, Mitsumasa, ANNO'S COUNTING BOOK  
Barrett, Judith, CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS  
Bates, Lucy, LITTLE RABBIT'S LOOSE TOOTH  
Bemelmans, Ludwig, MADELINE SERIES  
Berenstain, Stan and Jan, BERENSTAIN BEARS SERIES  
Bourgeois, Paulette, FRANKLIN SERIES  
Bridwell, Norman, CLIFFORD SERIES  
Brown, Margaret Wise, GOODNIGHT MOON and RUNAWAY BUNNY  
Brunoff, Laurent de, BABAR SERIES  
Burton, Virginia Lee, THE LITTLE HOUSE  
Carle, Eric, THE VERY BUSY SPIDER, and THE VERY QUIET CRICKET  
Dougherty, James, ANDY AND THE LION  
Eastman, Philip O., ARE YOU MY MOTHER?  
Ehlert, Lois, RED LEAF, YELLOW LEAF  
Flack, Marjorie, ASK MR. BEAR, and ANGUS AND THE CAT  
Freeman, Don, CORDUROY, A POCKET FOR CORDUROY, and DANDELION  
Galdone, Paul, LITTLE RED HEN  
Heller, Ruth, CHICKENS AREN'T THE ONLY ONES  
Hoban, Lillian, FRANCES SERIES  
Hoff, Syd, DANNY AND THE DINOSAUR  
Hunt, Angela Elwell, THE TALE OF THREE TREES  
Hutchens, Pat, THE DOORBELL RANG and ROSIE'S WALK  
Johnson, Crocket, HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON  
Joslin, Sesyle, WHAT DO YOU SAY DEAR?  
Keats, Ezra Jack, OVER IN THE MEADOW, PETER'S CHAIR, and A WHISTLE FOR WILLIE  
Krauss, Ruth, LEO THE LATE BLOOMER  
Leaf, Munro, STORY OF FERDINAND  
Lionni, Leo, INCH BY INCH, FREDERICK, and SWIMMY  
Lobel, Arnold, FROG AND TOAD SERIES  
Marshall, James, GEORGE AND MARTHA  
Martin, Bill, CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM  
McCloskey, Robert, MAKE WAY FOR DUCKLINGS and ONE MORNING IN MAINE  
Milne, A. A., WINNIE THE POOH SERIES  
Numeroff, Laura, IF YOU GIVE A MOOSE A MUFFIN and IF YOU GIVE A MOUSE A COOKIE  
Payne, Emmy, KATY NO-POCKET  
Piper, Watty, THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD  
Rey, Hans Augusto, CURIOUS GEORGE SERIES  
Seuss, Dr., CAT IN THE HAT and GREEN EGGS AND HAM  
Steig, William, SYLVESTER AND THE MAGIC PEBBLE  
Waber, Bernard, IRA SLEEPS OVER and LYLE, LYLE CROCODILE  
Williams, Vera, THE VELVETEEN RABBIT  
Zolotow, Charlotte, THE SLEEPY BOOK

## **First and Second Grade**

Aardema, Verna. *WHY MOSQUITOES BUZZ IN PEOPLE'S EARS: A WEST AFRICAN TALE*. Illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon. 1975. Caldecott Medal.

The story reveals the meaning of the mosquito's buzz.

Allard, Harry. *MISS NELSON IS MISSING!* Illustrated by James Marshall. 1977.

The children in Room 207 take advantage of their teacher's good nature until she disappears and they are faced with a substitute.

Bemelmans, Ludwig. *MADLINE*. 1939. Caldecott Honor Book.

Madeline, smallest and naughtiest of the twelve little charges of Miss Clavel, wakes up one night with an attack of appendicitis.

Bianco, Margery Williams. *THE VELVETEEN RABBIT*. 1922.

By the time the velveteen rabbit is dirty, worn out, and about to be burned, he has almost given up hope of ever finding the magic called Real.

Burton, Virginia Lee. *MIKE MULLIGAN AND HIS STEAM SHOVEL*. 1939.

When Mike Mulligan and his steam shovel, Mary Ann, lose their jobs to the gasoline, electric, and diesel motor shovels, they go to a little country town where they find that one new job leads to another.

Carle, Eric. *THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR*. 1970.

A hungry little caterpillar eats his way through a large and varied quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep.

Cleary, Beverly. *THE MOUSE AND THE MOTORCYCLE*. Illustrated by Louis Darling. 1965.

A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.

Dalgliesh, Alice. *THE COURAGE OF SARAH NOBLE*. Illustrated by Leonard Weisgard. 1954. Newbery Honor Book.

An eight-year-old girl finds courage to go alone with her father to build a home in the Connecticut wilderness and stay with the Indians when her father goes back for the rest of the family.

Dobson, Danae. *WOOF FINDS A FAMILY*. 1989.

When a shaggy mutt saves the life of six-year-old Mark, the Petersons adopt the stray dog.

Freeman, Don. *CORDUROY*. 1968.

A toy bear in a department store wants a number of things, but when a little girl finally buys him, he finds what he always wanted most.

Hall, Donald. *OX-CART MAN*. Illustrated by Barbara Cooney. 1979. Caldecott Medal.

The day-to-day life through the changing seasons of an early 19th-century New England family is described.

Hoff, Syd. *DANNY AND THE DINOSAUR*. 1958.

A little boy is surprised and pleased when one of the dinosaurs from the museum agrees to play with him.

Keats, Ezra Jack. *THE SNOWY DAY*. 1962. Caldecott Medal.

Relates the adventures of a little boy on a very snowy day in the city.

Lobel, Arnold. *FROG AND TOAD ARE FRIENDS*. 1970. Caldecott Honor Book.

Five tales recount the adventures of two best friends, Frog and Toad.

McCloskey, Robert. *MAKE WAY FOR DUCKLINGS*. 1941. Caldecott Medal.

A mallard family make their home near a pond in the Public Garden in Boston.

Murphy, Elspeth Campbell. *THE MYSTERY OF THE CAROUSEL HORSE*. 1988.

Three cousins try to keep an elderly neighbor from being cheated out of an antique wooden carousel horse, learning to understand the biblical commandment, "You shall not covet."

Parish, Peggy. *AMELIA BEDELIA*. 1963.

A literal-minded housekeeper causes a ruckus in the household when she attempts to make sense of some instructions.

Potter, Beatrix. *THE TALE OF PETER RABBIT*. 1903.

Peter almost gets caught when he disobeys his mother by going into Mr. McGregor's garden.

Sendak, Maurice. *WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE*. 1963. Caldecott Medal.

A naughty little boy, sent to bed without his supper, sails to the land of the wild things, where he becomes their king.

*First and Second Grades*

Shaw, Janet Beeler. *MEET KIRSTEN, AN AMERICAN GIRL*. 1986.

Nine-year-old Kirsten and her family experience many hardships as they travel from Sweden to the Minnesota frontier in 1854.

Slobodkina, Esphyr. *CAPS FOR SALE: A TALE OF A PEDDLER, SOME MONKEYS, AND THEIR MONKEY BUSINESS*. 1949.

A band of mischievous monkeys steals every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree.

Tresselt, Alvin R. *THE MITTEN: AN OLD UKRAINIAN FOLKTALE*. Illustrated by Yaroslavl. 1964.

A boy's lost mitten provides a refuge for a mélange of forest animals. The animals are portrayed with naturalistic detail, yet their feelings and personalities are conveyed with clarity and humor.

Waber, Bernard. *IRA SLEEPS OVER*. 1972.

A little boy is excited at the prospect of spending the night at his friend's house but worries how he'll get along without his teddy bear.

Warner, Gertrude Chandler. *THE BOXCAR CHILDREN*. 1942.

The four orphaned Alden children take refuge in an old boxcar. Their situation attracts attention, and they are happily reunited with their wealthy grandfather.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *LITTLE HOUSE IN THE BIG WOODS*. Illustrated by Garth Williams. 1932.

Two young girls growing up on the Wisconsin frontier help their mother with the daily chores, enjoy their father's stories and singing, and share special occasions with relatives or neighbors.

Zion, Gene. *HARRY, THE DIRTY DOG*. Illustrated by Margaret Bloy Graham. 1956.

When a white dog with black spots runs away from home, he gets so dirty his family doesn't recognize him as a black dog with white spots.

## **Additional Books for Grades One and Two**

Aardema, Verna, BRINGING THE RAIN TO KAPITI PLAIN  
Ackerman, Karen, SONG AND DANCE MAN  
Anderson, Hans Christian, THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES  
Anderson, Clarence W., BILLY AND BLAZE SERIES  
Barrett, Judith, CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS  
Bishop, Claire Huchet, FIVE CHINESE BROTHERS  
Bridwell, Norman, CLIFFORD SERIES  
Brown, Marc, ARTHUR SERIES  
Brown, Marcia, STONE SOUP  
Catling, Patrick, THE CHOCOLATE TOUCH  
Cleary, Beverly, RAMONA SERIES  
Cooney, Barbara, MISS RUMPHUS  
D'Aulaire, Ingri, ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
Dahl, Roald, CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY  
Dalgliesh, Alice, THE BEARS ON HEMLOCK MOUNTAIN  
Davidson, Margaret, HELEN KELLER  
Davoll, Barbara, CHRISTOPHER CHURCHMOUSE SERIES  
Decker, Marjorie, THE CHRISTIAN MOTHER GOOSE  
Dennis, Wesley, FLIP  
Duvoisin, Roger, PETUNIA SERIES  
Eastman, Philip D., ARE YOU MY MOTHER?  
Flack, Marjorie, THE STORY ABOUT PING  
Freeman, Don, DANDELION  
Gág, Wanda, MILLIONS OF CATS  
Gire, Ken, ADVENTURES IN THE BIG THICKET  
Gramatky, Hardie, LITTLE TOOT  
Hader, Elmer, THE BIG SNOW  
Hoban, Russell, FRANCES SERIES  
Hoffman, Mary, AMAZING GRACE  
Kraus, Robert, LEO THE LATE BLOOMER  
Levine, Nancy S., ALEX SERIES  
Lewis, C. S., THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA  
Lionni, Leo, FREDERICK  
Martin, Bill, BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR, WHAT DO YOU SEE?  
Minarik, Else, LITTLE BEAR SERIES  
Noble, Trinka Hayes, THE DAY JIMMY'S BOA ATE THE WASH  
Rey, Hans Augusto, CURIOUS GEORGE  
Seldon, George, CRICKET IN TIMES SQUARE  
Sharmat, Marjorie, NATE THE GREAT SERIES  
Tripp, Valerie, AMERICAN GIRL SERIES  
Ungerer, Tomi, CRICTOR  
Viorst, Judith, ALEXANDER AND THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY  
Williams, Margery, THE VELVETEEN RABBIT  
Yashúma, Taro, CROW BOY

## **Third and Fourth Grades**

Atwater, Richard Tupper. *MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS*. Illustrated by Robert Lawson. 1938. Newbery Honor Book.

Mr. Popper has to get a penguin from the zoo to keep his homesick one company. Soon there are twelve.

Brink, Carol Ryrie. *CADDIE WOODLAWN*. Illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman. 1935. Newbery Medal.

Life on the frontier was exciting for Caddie and her six brothers and sisters, especially since Caddie could be more of a tomboy than a lady.

Bunyan, John. *PILGRIM'S PROGRESS SIMPLIFIED*. 1975.

An easy-to-read version presents an allegory of a Christian's search for Heaven as Pilgrim faces trials and difficulties.

Cleary, Beverly. *HENRY HUGGINS*. Illustrated by Louis Darling. 1950.

Henry Huggins picks up a stray dog, names him Ribsy, and sets out on numerous adventures with him, including breeding hundreds of fish and collecting over a thousand worms.

Dahl, Roald. *CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY*. 1964.

Each of five children, lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory, takes advantage of the situation in his own way.

Dalgliesh, Alice. *THE COURAGE OF SARAH NOBLE*. Illustrated by Leonard Weisgard. 1954. Newbery Honor Book.

Remembering her mother's words, an eight-year-old girl finds courage to go alone with her father to build a new home in the Connecticut wilderness and to stay with the Indians when her father goes back for the rest of the family.

Dixon, Franklin W. *THE TOWER TREASURE*. 1927.

The robbery of the treasure in the tower proves to be an exciting challenge to Frank and Joe Hardy.

Fleischman, Sid. *THE WHIPPING BOY*. Illustrated by Peter Sis. 1986. Newbery Medal.

A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.

George, Jean Craighead. *MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN*. 1959. Newbery Honor Book.

A young boy relates his adventures during the year he spends living alone in the Catskill Mountains, including his struggle for survival, his dependence on nature, and his ultimate realization that he needs human companionship.

Lawson, Robert. *BEN AND ME: A NEW AND ASTONISHING LIFE OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AS WRITTEN BY HIS GOOD MOUSE, AMOS, LATELY DISCOVERED*. 1939.

Amos Mouse moves into Ben Franklin's hat and serves so successfully as his advisor that Franklin becomes renowned.

Lenski, Lois. *STRAWBERRY GIRL*. 1945. Newbery Medal.

Set in a little-known backwoods region of Florida, *Strawberry Girl* is the first of the Lenski regional books and the winner of the Newbery Award.

Lewis, C. S. *THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE*. 1950.

Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

Lofting, Hugh. *THE VOYAGES OF DOCTOR DOLITTLE*. 1922. Newbery Medal.

The good doctor learned the language of animals and made adventurous voyages.

MacLachlan, Patricia. *SARA, PLAIN AND TALL*. 1985. Newbery Medal; Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction.

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come to live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by her and hope that she will stay.

McSwigan, Marie. *SNOW TREASURE*. 1942.

An adventure based on a true story about a group of Norwegian children who smuggled nine million dollars in gold past Nazi sentries during World War II.

Norton, Mary. *THE BORROWERS*. Illustrated by Beth and Joe Krush. 1952. Carnegie Medal; Lewis Carroll Shelf Award.

Miniature people who live in an old country house by borrowing things from the humans are forced to emigrate from their home under the clock.

Peretti, Frank E. *THE DOOR IN THE DRAGON'S THROAT*. 1985.

An American archeologist and his two children seek God's protection as they journey to the Near East in search of a buried treasure that local residents believe is cursed.

*Third and Fourth Grades*

Rawls, Wilson. *WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS*. 1989.

In the Louisiana woods, two dogs and a boy explore the legend of the red fern.

Robinson, Barbara. *THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER*. Illustrated by Judith Gwyn Brown. 1972.

The six mean Herdman kids lie, steal, smoke cigars (even the girls), and then become involved in the community Christmas pageant.

Sewell, Anna. *BLACK BEAUTY*. 1877.

As a fine horse goes from one master to another, readers learn the story of his life in nineteenth-century England.

Sobol, Donald J. *ENCYCLOPEDIA BROWN, BOY DETECTIVE*. Illustrated by Leonard Shortall. 1963.

Fifth-grader "Encyclopedia" Leroy Brown solves ten mysteries and, by putting the solutions at the back of the book, challenges the reader to do the same.

Spyri, Johanna. *HEIDI*. 1880.

The goats and the grandfather are Heidi's only happiness when she is sent from her mountain home to a big city to go to school and to be a companion for a wealthy, gentle girl who cannot walk.

Warner, Gertrude Chandler. *THE BOXCAR CHILDREN*. 1942.

The four orphaned Alden children take refuge in an old boxcar. Their situation attracts attention, and they are happily reunited with their wealthy grandfather.

White, E. B. *STUART LITTLE*. Illustrated by Garth Williams. 1945.

The debonair mouse Stuart Little sets out to seek his dearest friend, a little bird who stayed a few days in his family's garden.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *LITTLE HOUSE IN THE BIG WOODS*. Illustrated by Garth Williams. 1932.

Two young girls on the Wisconsin frontier help their mother with the daily chores, enjoy their father's stories and singing, and share special occasions with relatives or neighbors. Two young girls on the Wisconsin frontier help their mother with the daily chores, enjoy their father's stories and singing, and share special occasions with relatives or neighbors.

## **Additional Books for Grades Three and Four**

Adamson, Joy, BORN FREE  
Alcott, Louisa May, JO'S BOYS, LITTLE MEN, and LITTLE WOMEN  
Armstrong, William, SOUNDER  
Bailey, Carolyn, MISS HICKORY  
Barrie, James, PETER PAN  
Baum, L. Frank, THE WIZARD OF OZ  
Bibee, John, SPIRIT FLYER SERIES  
Blume, Judy, FRECKLE FACE, SUPERFUDGE, and TALES OF A FOURTH-GRADE NOTHING  
Bond, Michael, PADDINGTON SERIES  
Bulla, Clyde, SHOESHINE GIRL  
Burnett, Frances Hodgson, THE LITTLE PRINCESS and THE SECRET GARDEN  
Burnford, Sheila, THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY  
Byars, Betsy, THE MIDNIGHT FOX  
Carlson, Natalie, THE FAMILY UNDER THE BRIDGE  
Collodi, Carlo, PINOCCHIO  
Dahl, Roald, JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH  
Daugherty, James, DANIEL BOONE  
Davidson, Margaret, HELEN KELLER  
DeJong, Meindert, THE WHEEL ON THE SCHOOL  
Dixon, Franklin, HARDY BOYS SERIES  
du Bois, William Pene, TWENTY-ONE BALLOONS  
Edmonds, Walter D., THE MATCHLOCK GUN  
Estes, Eleanor, THE HUNDRED DRESSES and THE MOFFATS  
Farley, Walter, BLACK STALLION SERIES  
Fritz, Jean, THE CABIN FACED WEST  
Gardiner, John Reynolds, STONE FOX  
Gipson, Fred, OLD YELLER  
Grahame, Kenneth, THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS  
Henry, Marguerite, MISTY OF CHINCOTEAGUE  
Hutchens, Paul, SUGAR CREEK GANG SERIES  
Keene, Carolyn, NANCY DREW SERIES  
Knight, Eric, LASSIE COME HOME  
Lawson, Robert, RABBIT HILL  
Lindgren, Astrid, PIPPI LONGSTOCKING  
Lowry, Lois, NUMBER THE STARS  
McCloskey, Robert, HOMER PRICE  
O'Brien, Robert C., MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH  
O'Dell, Scott, ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHINS  
Reid Banks, Lynne, THE INDIAN IN THE CUPBOARD  
Sperry, Armstrong, CALL IT COURAGE  
Tripp, Valerie, AMERICAN GIRL SERIES  
White, E. B., CHARLOTTE'S WEB and TRUMPET OF THE SWAN  
Wyss, Johann David, SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON

## **Fifth and Sixth Grades**

Alcott, Louisa May. *LITTLE WOMEN*. 1868.

The joys and sorrows of the four March sisters are chronicled as they grow into young ladies in nineteenth-century New England.

Brink, Carol Ryrie. *CADDIE WOODLAWN*. Illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman. 1935.  
Newbery Medal.

Life on the frontier was exciting for Caddie and her six brothers and sisters, especially since Caddie could be more of a tomboy than a lady.

Burnford, Sheila. *THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY*. 1961.

A Siamese cat, an old bull terrier, and a young Labrador retriever travel together 250 miles through the Canadian wilderness to find their family.

de Angeli, Marguerite. *THE DOOR IN THE WALL*. 1949.

Robin, a cripple, is taken by Brother Luke to a monastery, where he learns to read, write, carve, and use crutches. Together, they journey to the castle on the Welsh marshes, where he becomes a page and eventually wins his knighthood.

Dodge, Mary Mapes. *HANS BRINKER; OR THE SILVER SKATES*. 1865.

A Dutch boy and girl work toward two goals: finding the doctor who can restore their father's memory and winning the competition for the silver skates.

Farley, Walter. *THE BLACK STALLION*. Illustrated by Keith Ward. 1941.

A seventeen-year-old boy is pulled to a desert island by a wild black stallion he has freed during a shipwreck at sea. Rescued by a southbound freighter, he befriends the horse, trains him by night, and rides him to victory in a race.

George, Jean Craighead. *JULIE OF THE WOLVES*. Illustrated by John Schoenherr. 1972.  
Newbery Medal.

While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.

Gipson, Fred. *OLD YELLER*. Illustrated by Carl Burger. 1956. Newbery Honor Book.

While his father is away, fourteen-year-old Travis, left to take care of his mother and small brother in the Texas wilderness, does so with the help of a big yellow dog.

Henry, Marguerite. *KING OF THE WIND*. Illustrated by Wesley Dennis. 1948. Newbery Medal.

Sham and the stable boy Agba travel from Morocco to France to England where, at last, Sham's majesty is recognized and he becomes the "Godolphin Arabian," ancestor of the most superior thoroughbred horses.

Konigsburg, E. L. *FROM THE MIXED-UP FILES OF MRS. BASIL E. FRANKWEILER*. 1967. Newbery Medal.

Claudia and Jamie, pampered suburban children, run away from their Connecticut home and go straight to New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, where their ingenuity enables them to live in luxury, even though on borrowed time.

Lewis, C. S. *THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE*. 1950.

Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

✓ Lowry, Lois. *NUMBER THE STARS*. 1989. Newbery Medal.

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

Martin, Ann M. *KRISTY'S GREAT IDEA*. 1986.

Kristy's idea is to form a baby-sitter club with her three friends. All of the Baby-sitter Club books are popular with children.

Morey, Walt. *GENTLE BEN*. Illustrated by John Schoenherr. 1965. Newbery Honor Book.

The friendship between a boy and a bear grows as they experience the rugged Alaskan Territory.

O'Dell, Scott. *ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHINS*. 1960. Newbery Medal.

When her tribe migrates and leaves her behind, an Indian girl shows courage and self-reliance as she lives alone for eighteen years on an isolated island off the California coast.

Paulsen, Gary. *HATCHET*. 1987. Newbery Honor Book.

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

*Fifth and Sixth Grades*

Reid Banks, Lynne. *THE INDIAN IN THE CUPBOARD*. 1980.

A nine-year-old boy receives a plastic Indian, a cupboard, and a little key for his birthday and finds himself involved in adventure when the Indian in the cupboard comes to life and befriends him.

Sewell, Anna. *BLACK BEAUTY*. 1877.

As a fine horse goes from one master to another, readers learn the story of his life in nineteenth-century England.

Speare, Elizabeth George. *THE SIGN OF THE BEAVER*. 1983. Newbery Honor Book; Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction.

Left alone to guard the family's wilderness home in eighteenth-century Maine, a boy is hard-pressed to survive until local Indians teach him their skills.

Sperry, Armstrong. *CALL IT COURAGE*. 1940. Newbery Medal.

Based on a Polynesian legend, the story tells about a youth who overcomes his fear of the sea and proves his courage to himself and his tribe.

Stevenson, Robert Louis. *TREASURE ISLAND*. 1882.

While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that leads to a pirate fortune as well as great danger.

Tolkien, J. R. R. *THE HOBBIT*. 1938.

Bilbo Baggins, a well-to-do hobbit, lives happily in his comfortable home until a wandering wizard grants his wish.

White, E. B. *CHARLOTTE'S WEB*. Illustrated by Garth Williams. 1952. Newbery Honor Book.

Wilbur, the pig, is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him.

Wyss, Johann David. *THE SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON*. 1813.

When a Swiss couple and their four sons are shipwrecked on an isolated island, they adapt to their "New Switzerland," using imaginative methods of farming and animal taming.

## **Additional Books for Grades Five and Six**

Armstrong, William, SOUNDER  
Babbitt, Natalie, TUCK EVERLASTING  
Beatty, Patricia, TURN HOMEWARD, HANNALEE  
Burnett, Frances Hodgson, THE SECRET GARDEN  
Byars, Betsy, THE SUMMER OF THE SWANS  
Cleary, Beverly, DEAR MR. HENSHAW  
Defoe, Daniel, ROBINSON CRUSOE  
Dickens, Charles, A CHRISTMAS CAROL  
Enright, Elizabeth, THIMBLE SUMMER  
Field, Rachel, HITTY: HER FIRST HUNDRED YEARS  
Forbes, Esther, JOHNNY TREMAIN  
Gates, Doris, BLUE WILLOW  
George, Jean Craighead, MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN  
Grahame, Kenneth, THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS  
Hess, Donna Lynn, A FATHER'S PROMISE  
Juster, Norton, THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH  
Kipling, Rudyard, THE JUNGLE BOOK  
Kjelgaard, Jim, BIG RED  
Latham, Jean Lee, CARRY ON, MR. BOWDITCH  
London, Jack, CALL OF THE WILD and WHITE FANG  
Montgomery, L. M., ANNE OF GREEN GABLES SERIES  
North, Sterling, RASCAL  
Norton, Mary, THE BORROWERS  
O'Brien, Robert C., MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH  
Paterson, Katherine, BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA  
Peretti, Frank, COOPER KIDS ADVENTURE SERIES  
Porter, Elizabeth, POLLYANNA  
Rawlings, Marjorie, THE YEARLING  
Rawls, Wilson, WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS  
Robinson, Barbara, THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER  
Seredy, Kate, THE GOOD MASTER  
Sorensen, Virginia, MIRACLES ON MAPLE HILL  
Speare, Elizabeth George, THE BRONZE BOW and THE WITCH OF BLACKBIRD POND  
St. John, Patricia, STAR OF LIGHT and THE TANGLEWOOD SECRET  
Sterling, Dorothy, FREEDOM TRAIN  
Stevenson, Robert Lewis, KIDNAPPED  
Tada, Joni Eareckson, JONI  
Taylor, Mildred, ROLL OF THUNDER, HEAR MY CRY  
Taylor, Theodore, THE CAY  
Yates, Elizabeth, AMOS FORTUNE, FREE MAN