

# SUGGESTED READING GR. 6

These are just *suggestions*. You may read any age-appropriate book (ask if you're not sure) as long as you explore different genres throughout the year.

Choose a reading activity to complete after reading each book. You may want to choose one before reading so you can take relevant notes as you read. Anything marked with a \* has an associated movie, which you will need for one of the activities.

## POETRY

- "Brown Girl Dreaming" by Jacqueline Woodson
- "Falling Up" by Shel Silverstein
- "House Arrest" by K.A. Holt
- "Love That Dog" by Sharon Creech
- "Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reverso Poems" by Marilyn Singer, illustrated by Josée Masse
- "One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance" by Nikki Grimes
- "Out of Wonder" by Kwame Alexander
- "Poetry for Young People: William Shakespeare" edited by David Scott Kastan and Marina Kastan, illustrated by Glenn Harrington
- "Rhyme Schemer" by K.A. Holt
- "The Red Pencil" by Andrea Davis Pinkney, illustrated by Shane W. Evans

## BIOGRAPHY

- "Ain't Nothing but a Man" by Scott Reynolds Nelson
- "A Song for China" by Ange Zhang
- "Child of the Dream" by Sharon Robinson
- "Dave the Potter" by Laban Carrick Hill, illustrated by Bryan Collier
- \* "Father Goose: One Man, a Gaggle of Geese, and Their Real Life Incredible Journey South" by William Lishman photos by Joseph Duff (movie "Fly Away Home")
- "Mama Africa! How Miriam Makeba Spread Hope With Her Song" by Kathryn Erskine, illustrated by Charly Palmer
- "My Story Starts Here" by Deborah Ellis
- \* "Never Cry Wolf" by Farley Mowat
- "Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdinkas" by Jim Ottaviani, illustrated by Maris Wicks
- \* "Secretariat" by William Nack
- "The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins" by Barbara Kerley, illustrated by Brian Selznick
- "Too Young to Escape" by Van Ho and Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch

## INFORMATIONAL

- "13 Art Mysteries Children Should Know" by Angela Wenzel
- "13  $\frac{1}{2}$  Incredible Things You Need to Know About Everything"
- "Food" by Erika Boas, Fiona Luray Wilhelm and Jeffrey David Wilhelm
- "Older Than Dirt: A Wild but True History of Earth" by Don Brown, illustrated by Dr. Mike Perfit
- "Pride: Celebrating Diversity & Community" by Robin Stevenson
- "Professor Astro Cat's Atomic Adventure" by Dr. Dominic Walliman, illustrated by Ben Newman
- "Speaking Our Truth: A Journey of Reconciliation" by Monique Gray Smith
- "Turtle Island" by Eldon Yellowhorn and Kathy Lowinger
- "What the Eagle Sees" by Eldon Yellowhorn and Kathy Lowinger

## TRADITIONAL LITERATURE

Some of these are very old and nearly impossible to find. Fortunately they can be found in Project Gutenberg's library. I have marked these ones with "PG".

- "A Journey to the Mother of the Sea" by Mâliâraq Vebæk
- "Bluenose Ghosts" by Helen Creighton
- PG "Canadian Fairy Tales" by Cyrus Macmillan
- PG "Canadian Wonder Tales" by Cyrus Macmillan
- "Coyote Tales of the Northwest" by Thomas George
- PG "Grimm's Fairy Tales" edited by Frances Jenkins Olcott, illustrated by Rie Cramer
- "Golden Tales" by Lulu Delacre
- "Keepers of the Night" by Joseph Bruchac and Michael J. Caduto, illustrated by David Kanietakeron Fadden
- "Kiviuq and the Mermaids" by Noel McDermott, illustrated by Toma Feizo Gas
- "Mingan My Village: Poems by Innu School Children" by Rogé
- "Raven's Great Light Show" by David Bouchard, illustrated by Jasyn Lucas\
- "The Adventures of Thor the Thunder God" by Lise Lunge-Larsen
- "The Flying Canoe: A Christmas Story" by Eric A. Kimmel, illustrated by Daniel San Souci and Justin San Souci
- "The Dragon Prince" by Thich Nhat Hanh
- "Trickster: Native American Tales" by Matt Dembicki
- "The Golden Phoenix and other French Canadian Fairy Tales" by Marius Barbeau
- "The Manitous" by Basil Johnston

## MYSTERY

- \* "Escape from Mr Lemoncello's Library" by Chris Grabenstein
- \* "Holes" by Louis Sachar
- "If You Find This" by Matthew Baker
- "Murder is Bad Manners" by Robin Stevens
- "Space Case" by Stuart Gibbs
- "The Great Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" by Arthur Conan Doyle (\*there are many movies and TV shows, if you can find one that corresponds with what you've read, you can use it)
- "The Greenglass House" by Kate Milford
- \* "The Invention of Hugo Cabaret" by Brian Selznick
- "The Justice Project" by Michael Betcherman
- "The Mysterious Benedict Society" by Trenton Lee Stewart
- "The Parker Inheritance" by Varian Johnson
- "The Strangers" by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- "The Westing Game" by Ellen Raskin
- "Three Times Lucky" by Sheila Turnage
- "Unstoppable Octobia May" by Sharon G. Flake
- "Vanished" by Sheela Chari
- "Who Killed Mr. Boddy?" by Eric Weiner

## SCIENCE FICTION

- "Among the Hidden" by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- \* "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle
- \* "Escape to Witch Mountain" by Alexander Key
- \* "Howl's Moving Castle" by Diana Wynne Jones
- \* "Journey to the Center of the Earth" by Jules Verne
- "Life as we Knew It" by Susan Beth Pfeffer
- "One Trick Pony" by Nathan Hale
- "Sal and Gabi Break the Universe" by Carlos Hernandez
- "Star Wars: Jedi Academy" by Jeffrey Brown
- "Tesla's Attic" by Neal Shusterman and Eric Elfman
- \* "The City of Ember" by Jeanne DuPrau
- \* "The Giver" by Lois Lowry
- "The Wild Robot" by Peter Brown
- "Tunnels" by Roderick Gordon and Brian Williams
- \* "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" by Jules Verne
- "When You Reach Me" by Rebecca Stead

## REALISTIC FICTION

- "As the Crow Flies" by Melanie Gillman
- "Doll Bones" by Holly Black
- "Freak the Mighty" by Rodman Philbrick
- "Front Desk" By Kelly Yang
- \* "Hatchet" by Gary Paulsen
- "Martin McLean, Middle School Queen" by Alyssa Zaczek
- "My Side of the Mountain" by Jean Craighead George
- "Gracefully Grayson" by Ami Polonsky
- "Orbiting Jupiter" by Gary D. Schmidt
- "Other Words for Home" by Jasmine Warga
- "Out of my Mind" by Sharon Draper
- \* "Shiloh" by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- \* "The Call of the Wild" by Jack London
- "The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora" by Pablo Cartaya
- "The Inexplicable Logic of my Life" by Benjamin Alire Sáenz
- "The Lemonade War" by Jacqueline Davies
- "The Outsiders" by S.E. Hinton
- "The Season of Styx Malone" by Kekla Magoon
- "The Someday Birds" by Sally J. Pla
- "The Strange Case of Origami Yoda" by Tom Angleberger
- \* "Two Against the North" (originally "Lost in the Barrens") by Farley Mowat
- "Waiting for Normal" by Leslie Connor
- "Walk Two Moons" by Sharon Creech
- \* "Ways to Live Forever" by Sally Nicholls
- \* "Where the Red Fern Grows" by Wilson Raws
- "Wishtree" by Katherine Applegate
- \* "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio
- "Wringer" by Jerry Spinelli

## FANTASY

- "Akata Witch" by Nnedi Okorafor
- \* "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll
- "Aru Shah and the End of Time" by Roshani Chokshi
- \* "The Magic Bedknob" by Mary Norton (movie "Bedknobs and Broomsticks")
- \* "Coraline" by Neil Gaiman
- "Diary of an 8-Bit Warriorr" by Cube Kid
- "The Castle in the Attic" by Elizabeth Winthrop
- \* "The Dark is Rising" by Susan Cooper
- \* "The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien
- "The Graveyard Book" by Neil Gaiman
- \* "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" C.S. Lewis
- \* "The Lightning Thief" by Rick Riordan
- \* "The Sheep-Pig" by Dick King-Smith (movie "Babe")

- "Fablehaven" by Brandon Mull
- "Gregor the Overlander" by Suzanne Collins
- \* "Matilda" by Ronald Dahl
- "Pashmina" by Nidhi Chanani
- \* "Peter Pan" by J.M. Barrie
- "Sweep" by Jonathan Auxier
- "The Boggart" by Susan Cooper
- "The StoneKeeper" by Kazu Kibuishi
- "The Sword of Summer" by Rick Riordan
- \* "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" by L. Frank Baum
- \* "Treasure Island" by Robert Louis Stevenson

## HISTORICAL FICTION

- "A Boy is Not a Bird" by Edeet Ravel
- "A Grain of Rice" by Nhung N. Tran-Davies
- \* "Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl" by Anne Frank
- \* "Anne of Green Gables" by L.M. Montgomery
- \* "Bridge to Terabithia" by Katherine Paterson
- "Chains" by Laurie Halse Anderson
- "Dear Canada: These Are My Words" by Ruby Slipperjack
- \* "Island of the Blue Dolphins" by Scott O'Dell
- "Loving vs. Virginia" by Patricia Hruby Powell, illustrated by Shadra Strickland
- "No Time to Say Goodbye" by Sylvia Olsen, Rita Morris and Ann Sam
- "Number the Stars" by Lois Lowry
- "Refugee" by Alan Gratz
- "Revolution is Not a Dinner Party" by Ying Chang Compestine
- "Shadows on a Sword" by Karleen Bradford
- \* "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak
- "The Breadwinner" by Deborah Ellis
- "The Green Glass Sea" by Ellen Klages
- \* "The Sign of the Beaver" by Elizabeth George Speare
- "The Sky is Falling" by Kit Pearson
- "The Taste of Rain" by Monique Polak
- "The Watsons Go to Birmingham" by Christopher Paul Curtis
- "The Whole Truth" by Kit Pearson
- "Uprooted" by Lynne Reid Banks
- \* "Wonderstruck" by Brian Selznick

## OTHER

- \* "Charlotte's Web" by E.B. White
- "Look Both Ways" by Jason Reynolds
- \* "The Secret Garden" by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- \* "Tuck Everlasting" by Natalie Babbitt