Recommended Read-Alouds for Grades 1 to 6

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5th and 6th Grades

Chapter Books

Alone by Megan Freeman

Aviva vs. the Dybbuk by Mari Lowe

Because of the Rabbit by Cynthia Lord

Flora and Ulysses: the Illuminated Adventures by Kate DiCamillo

Framed! by James Ponti

Ghost by Jason Reynolds

Holes by Louis Sachar

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone by Tae Keller

The Jumbies by Tracey Baptiste

Lost in the Sun by Lisa Graff

Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya

Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster by Jonathan Auxier

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

The Witch's Boy by Kelly Barnhill

Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk

Short Stories

Flying Lessons by Ellen Oh

The Hero Next Door edited by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich

The Sea-Ringed World by Maria Garcia Esperon

3rd and 4th Grades

Chapter Books

Amari and the Night Brothers by B. B. Alston

Babe the Gallant Pig by Dick King-Smith

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Bob by Wendy Mass

Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate

<u>Detective Gordon: The First Case</u> by Ulf Nilsson

Fourth Grade Rats by Jerry Spinelli

From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsberg

<u>Heartwood Hotel: a True Home</u> by Kallie George

Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly

Jake Drake: Know it All by Andrew Clements

The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

Maya and the Robot by Eve L. Ewing

A Rover's Story by Jasmine Warga

The Season of Styx Malone by Kekla Magoon

Skunk and Badger by Amy Timberlake

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Tuesdays at the Castle by Jessica Day George

The Unicorn Rescue Society: The Creature Of the Pines by Alan Gidwitz

When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

Wish by Barbara O'Connor

1st and 2nd grades

Chapter Books

A Boy Called Bat by Elana K. Arnold

Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things by Lenore Look

Aven Green Sleuthing Machine by Dusti Bowling

Charlotte's Web by E. B. White

<u>Clementine</u> by Sarah Pennypacker

Dog Days: The Carver Chronicles, Book 1 by Karen English

Ivy and Bean by Annie Barrows

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

Lulu and the Brontosaurus by Judith Viorst

Mercy Watson to the Rescue by Kate DiCamillo

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle by Betty MacDonald

Our Friend Hedgehog: The Story of Us by Lauren Castillo

Ramona the Pest by Beverly Cleary

The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Milne

The Doll People by Ann M. Martin

The Miniature World of Marvin and James by Elise Broach

The World According to Humphrey by Betty G. Birney

Toys Go Out by Emily Jenkins

White Fur Flying by Patricia Maclachlan