

June 1, 2008

Dear Student,

Welcome to Sixth Grade! We're looking forward to reading with you during the next three years at Central Middle School.

Attached is a copy of the *Reading List for Grade 6 Students*. Use this list to guide you to good books, not just this summer, but during the next school year as well. Copies of it are available at [www.schoolnotes.com](http://www.schoolnotes.com) (click on the Library link); at [www.longhill.org/central](http://www.longhill.org/central), our school's web site; and at the public library's web site, [www.longhilllibrary.org](http://www.longhilllibrary.org). The Long Hill Public Library and the Morris County Library Headquarters in Whippany have copies, as well as Borders in Bridgewater and Watchung, and Barnes and Noble in Bridgewater.

**Students entering the sixth grade are required to read at least two (2) books from the list during the summer. During the first week of school you will complete an activity in both your Reading and Language Arts classes about the books you read.**

An important part of the sixth grade Reading curriculum is the "Battle of the Books" program. These books are at the beginning of the list. Although you will be required to read at least six (6) "Battle" books from September through spring, you may choose one or two for extra reading over the summer, in addition to the two books mentioned above.

Should you be unable to locate books on this list over the summer, check with the public library for suggestions regarding other books. Remember that many of the authors listed have written other books that you will also enjoy.

Try this simple test to determine if a book is too hard:

- Open to any full page of text and begin reading. For each word you do not know, hold up one finger.
- At the end of the page, stop. If you have five or more fingers up, the book is too hard; if you have fewer, keep reading!

Don't forget: Give the book a chance. Some stories start slowly, then pick up speed as you go along. Read at least three chapters before you make up your mind. If the book is too scary or upsetting for you, stop reading. Just like videos and movies, not every book is meant for everyone.

Have a great summer, and we'll see you in September!

Miss Aimette  
Language Arts Teacher

Mrs. Heide  
Reading Teacher

Ms. Lommel  
Teacher-Librarian

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Please keep a record of the books you read, and write below the titles of the books that you complete. Parents are asked to sign next to each book completed. Students should bring this form to Mrs. Heide on the first day of school in September.

**Students are encouraged to take notes on the books read. This will help you remember names of characters, places, and other details of the plot that you may forget.**

In September, students will do an activity in Reading class related to the books you read. Once you have completed that activity successfully, you will be given credit toward the first marking period grade. Credit will be given for the two books that you complete this summer, and extra credit will be given for up to five books.

For Language Arts class, you will be required to use one of your books for a class activity. You will need to understand the basic parts of speech (noun, verb, pronoun, etc.) in order to successfully complete this task.

Happy summer and happy reading!!

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**Reading List for Grade 6**  
**Central Middle School, Stirling, New Jersey**  
**2008-2009**

**Battle of the Books:**

<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Genre</b>
Avi	<u>Crispin: The Cross of Lead</u>	Newbery/Hist.Fic./Adventure
Clements, Andrew	<u>A Week in the Woods</u>	Realistic Fiction/Adventure
Coville, Bruce	<u>I Was a Sixth Grade Alien</u>	Science Fiction/Humor
Dahl, Roald	<u>The BFG</u>	Fantasy/Humor
Dahl, Roald	<u>Boy: Tales of Childhood</u>	Autobiography
Farley, Walter	<u>The Black Stallion</u>	Animal/Adventure
Gutman, Dan	<u>Jackie and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure</u>	Sports/Time Travel
Horowitz, Anthony	<u>Stormbreaker</u>	Action/Adventure
King-Smith, Dick	<u>Martin's Mice</u>	Animal/Fantasy
Martin, Ann M.	<u>Belle Teal</u>	Historical Fiction
Matas, Carol	<u>Daniel's Story</u>	Historical Fiction/Holocaust
Roberts, Willo Davis	<u>Babysitting is a Dangerous Job</u>	Mystery
Salisbury, Graham	<u>Under the Blood Red Sun</u>	Historical Fiction/Adventure
Van Draanen, Wendelin	<u>Shredderman: Secret Identity</u>	Realistic Fiction/Humor
Whelan, Gloria	<u>Homeless Bird</u>	Realistic Fiction

<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Genre</b>
<b>Alcott, Louisa May</b>	<b><u>Little Women</u></b>	<b>Classic/Historical Fiction</b>

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

**Avi** **Crispin: The Cross of Lead** **Newbery/Hist.Fic./Adventure**  
 Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a juggler who holds a dangerous secret. Crispin: At the Edge of the World is the sequel.

**Avi** **The Fighting Ground** **Historical Fiction**

Thirteen-year-old Jonathan goes off to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers the real war is being fought within himself.

**Avi** **Poppy** **Animal/Fantasy**

Poppy, a deer mouse, urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas. Start of a series.

**Avi** **The Secret School** **Historical Fiction**

In 1925, fourteen-year-old Ida Bidson secretly takes over as the teacher when the one-room schoolhouse in her remote Colorado area closes unexpectedly.

**Avi** **Windcatcher** **Mystery/Adventure**

While learning to sail, eleven-year-old Tony becomes excited about the rumors of sunken treasure in the area and follows a couple who are mysteriously searching for something.

**Babbitt, Natalie** **Tuck Everlasting** **Fantasy**

The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they must now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing any older.

**Brittain, Bill** **The Wish Giver: Three Tales...** **Newbery/Fantasy**

When a strange little man promises he can give people exactly what they ask for, three young believers-in-magic each make a wish that comes true in the most unexpected way.

**Bruchac, Joseph** **Skeleton Man** **Mystery**

After her parents disappear and she is turned over to the care of a strange "great-uncle," Molly must rely on her dreams about an old Mohawk story for her safety and maybe even for her life.

**Bunting, Eve** **Is Anybody There?** **Mystery**

After discovering the disappearance of several household items, Marcus suspects that a stranger may be prowling around inside his house while he's at school and his mother is at work.

**Bunting, Eve** **SOS Titanic** **Historical Fiction/Adventure**

Fifteen-year-old Barry O'Neill, traveling from Ireland to America on the maiden voyage of the Titanic, finds his life endangered when the ship hits an iceberg and begins to sink.

**Burnett, Frances** **The Secret Garden** **Classic/Fantasy**

Ten-year-old Mary, an orphan, comes to live at a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers Colin, her invalid cousin, and the mysteries of a locked garden.

**Burnford, Sheila** **The Incredible Journey** **Animal/Adventure**

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

**Byars, Betsy** **The Pinballs** **Realistic Fiction**

Three lonely foster children learn to care about themselves and each other.

**Cameron, Ann** **The Secret Life of Amanda K. Woods** **Historical Fiction**

Living in a rural community in Wisconsin during the 1950s, eleven-year-old Amanda gradually and painfully learns a lot about herself, her parents, and her older sister.

<b>Christopher, John</b>	<b><u>The White Mountains (series)</u></b>	<b>Science Fiction/Adventure</b>
Young Will Parker and his companions make a perilous journey toward an outpost of freedom to escape from the Tripods, huge machines that control Earth with brainwashing devices.		
<b>Cleary, Beverly</b>	<b><u>Dear Mr. Henshaw</u></b>	<b>Newbery/Realistic</b>
In letters to an author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and finding his own place in the world. Sequel is <u>Strider</u> .		
<b>Clements, Andrew</b>	<b><u>Frindle</u></b>	<b>Realistic Fiction</b>
When he decides to turn his fifth-grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.		
<b>Clements, Andrew</b>	<b><u>The Jacket</u></b>	<b>Realistic Fiction</b>
An incident at school forces sixth grader Phil Morelli, a white boy, to become aware of racial discrimination and segregation, and to seriously consider if he himself is prejudiced.		
<b>Clements, Andrew</b>	<b><u>The Landry News</u></b>	<b>Realistic Fiction</b>
A fifth-grader starts a newspaper with an editorial that prompts her burnt-out classroom teacher to really begin teaching again, but he is later threatened with disciplinary action as a result.		
<b>Clements, Andrew</b>	<b><u>The School Story</u></b>	<b>Realistic Fiction</b>
After twelve-year-old Natalie writes a wonderful novel, her friend Zoe helps her devise a scheme to get it accepted at the publishing house where Natalie's mother works as an editor.		
<b>Clements, Andrew</b>	<b><u>A Week in the Woods</u></b>	<b>Realistic Fiction/Adventure</b>
The fifth grade's annual camping trip in the woods tests Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to a teacher who seems out to get him.		
<b>Cohen, Barbara</b>	<b><u>Thank You, Jackie Robinson</u></b>	<b>Historical Fiction/Sports</b>
A fatherless white boy, who shares with an old African-American man an enthusiasm for the Brooklyn Dodgers and Jackie Robinson, seeks a ball autographed by Jackie for his friend.		
<b>Colfer, Eoin (Owen)</b>	<b><u>Artemis Fowl</u></b>	<b>Fantasy/Adventure</b>
When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll. Start of a series.		
<b>Cooney, Caroline B.</b>	<b><u>The Face on the Milk Carton</u></b>	<b>Mystery/Suspense</b>
A photograph of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity. Start of a series.		
<b>Coville, Bruce</b>	<b><u>I Left My Sneakers in Dimension X</u></b>	<b>Fantasy</b>
Rod and his bratty cousin Elspeth are snatched into another dimension by the monstrous alien Smorkus Flinders.		
<b>Coville, Bruce</b>	<b><u>I Was a Sixth Grade Alien</u></b>	<b>Science Fiction/Humor</b>
When aliens come to Earth on an interplanetary trade mission, sixth-grader Tim makes friends with the ambassador's son and together they uncover a plot to sabotage the mission.		
<b>Coville, Bruce</b>	<b><u>Juliet Dove, Queen of Love</u></b>	<b>Fantasy/Humor</b>
A shy twelve-year-old girl must solve a puzzle involving characters from Greek mythology to free herself from a spell which makes her irresistible to boys.		
<b>Creech, Sharon</b>	<b><u>Bloomability</u></b>	<b>Realistic Fiction</b>
When her aunt and uncle take her from New Mexico to Lugano, Switzerland, to attend an international school, thirteen-year-old Dinnie discovers her world expanding.		
<b>Creech, Sharon</b>	<b><u>Chasing Redbird</u></b>	<b>Realistic Fiction</b>
Thirteen-year-old Zinnia Taylor uncovers family secrets and self truths while clearing a mysterious settler trail that begins on her family's farm in Kentucky.		
<b>Creech, Sharon</b>	<b><u>Walk Two Moons</u></b>	<b>Realistic Fiction</b>
After her mother leaves home, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal tells the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.		
<b>Curtis, Christopher Paul</b>	<b><u>Bud, Not Buddy</u></b>	<b>Newbery/Historical Fiction</b>
Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father.		
<b>Curtis, Christopher Paul</b>	<b><u>Watsons Go To Birmingham--1963</u></b>	<b>Newbery/Historical Fiction</b>
The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they decide to visit Alabama in 1963.		
<b>Cushman, Karen</b>	<b><u>Matilda Bone</u></b>	<b>Historical Fiction</b>
Fourteen-year-old Matilda, an apprentice bonesetter and practitioner of medicine in a village in medieval England, tries to reconcile the various aspects of her life, both spiritual and practical.		
<b>Dahl, Roald</b>	<b><u>The BFG</u></b>	<b>Fantasy/Humor</b>
Kidnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.		
<b>Dahl, Roald</b>	<b><u>Boy: Tales of Childhood</u></b>	<b>Autobiography</b>
Presents humorous anecdotes from the author's childhood, including his summer vacations in Norway and life at an English boarding school.		
<b>Dahl, Roald</b>	<b><u>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</u></b>	<b>Fantasy</b>
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.		
<b>Dahl, Roald</b>	<b><u>Matilda</u></b>	<b>Fantasy</b>
Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.		

**Danziger, Paula**                                    **Earth to Matthew**                                    **Realistic Fiction**  
Matthew Martin is on the threshold of becoming a teenager in suburban America and experiences conflicts regarding his future. Sequel is Not For a Billion Gazillion Dollars.

**Danziger, Paula**                                    **P.S., Longer Letter Later**                                    **Realistic Fiction**  
Twelve-year-old best friends Elizabeth and Tara-Starr continue their friendship through letter-writing after Tara-Starr's family moves away. Sequel is Snail Mail No More.

**Danziger, Paula**                                    **United Tates of America**                                    **Realistic Fiction**  
Eleven-year-old aspiring artist Skate experiences many changes when she enters middle school, finds her best friend drifting away from her, and loses her beloved great-uncle.

**DeFelice, Cynthia**                                    **The Ghost of Fossil Glen**                                    **Fantasy**  
Allie knows it's not her imagination when she hears a voice and sees in her mind's eye the face of a girl who seems to be seeking Allie's help.

**DeFelice, Cynthia**                                    **Weasel**                                    **Adventure/Historical Fiction**  
Alone in the frontier wilderness in the winter of 1839, eleven-year-old Nathan runs afoul of the renegade killer known as Weasel and makes a surprising discovery. Sequel is Bringing Ezra Back.

**DiCamillo, Kate**                                    **Because of Winn-Dixie**                                    **Newbery/Animals**  
Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

**Farley, Walter**                                    **The Black Stallion**                                    **Animal/Adventure**  
The story of the understanding and love between a boy and a magnificent wild horse and the adventures and dangers they shared. Start of a series.

**Fleischman, Sid**                                    **Bandit's Moon**                                    **Historical Fiction**  
Twelve-year-old Annyrose, escapes the unscrupulous woman she is staying with and sets out on a grand adventure with the notorious bandit Joaquin Murieta and his band of outlaws.

**Fleischman, Sid**                                    **By the Great Horn Spoon!**                                    **HistoricalFiction/Adventure**  
A gentleman's gentleman from Boston flees to the wilds of California during the Gold Rush and becomes a hero.

**Fleischman, Sid**                                    **Jim Ugly**                                    **Mystery**  
The adventures of twelve-year-old Jake and Jim Ugly, a part-mongrel, part-wolf dog, as they travel through the Old West to find out what really happened to Jake's actor father.

**Fleischman, Sid**                                    **The Abracadabra Kid: A Writer's Life**                                    **Autobiography**  
The autobiography of the Newbery award-winning children's author who set out from childhood to be a magician.

**Fox, Paula**                                    **Monkey Island**                                    **Realistic Fiction**  
Forced to live on the streets of New York after his mother disappears from their hotel room, eleven-year-old Clay is befriended by two men who help him survive.

**Friedman, Robin**                                    **How I Survived My Summer Vacation**                                    **Humor**  
Determined to write a novel during the summer, thirteen-year-old Jackie struggles with his inability to finish anything and with the advice of others.

**Gantos, Jack**                                    **Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key**                                    **Realistic Fiction**  
To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription meds wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired. Start of a series.

**George, Jean C.**                                    **My Side of the Mountain**                                    **Newbery/Adventure**  
A young boy lives alone for a year in the Catskill Mountains, struggling for survival, dependent on nature and his animal friends. Start of a series.

**Giff, Patricia Reilly**                                    **Lily's Crossing**                                    **Newbery/Historical Fiction**  
During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.

**Giff, Patricia Reilly**                                    **Pictures of Hollis Woods**                                    **Newbery/Realistic Fiction**  
A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.

**Gipson, Fred**                                    **Old Yeller**                                    **Newbery/Animals**  
In the late 1860s in the Texas hill country, a big yellow dog and a fourteen-year-old boy form a close, loving relationship.

**Gliori, Debbie**                                    **Pure Dead Magic**                                    **Fantasy**  
The Strega-Borgia children, their mysterious new nanny, and a giant tarantula use magic and actual trips through the Internet to bring peace to their Scottish castle after the children's father is kidnapped. Start of a series.

**Gutman, Dan**                                    **Jackie and Me: Baseball Card Adv.**                                    **Sports/TimeTravel**  
With his ability to travel through time by using baseball cards, Joe Stoshack goes back to 1947 to meet Jackie Robinson, turning into a black boy in the process. One of a series.

**Gutman, Dan**                                    **Shoeless Joe & Me: Baseball Card Adv.**                                    **Sports/TimeTravel**  
Joe Stoshack travels back to 1919, where he meets Shoeless Joe Jackson and tries to prevent the fixing of the World Series in which Jackson was wrongly implicated. Start of a series.

- Haddix, Margaret Peterson**      **Among the Hidden**      **Science Fiction**  
In a future where families are limited to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong. Start of a series.
- Haddix, Margaret Peterson**      **Just Ella**      **Fantasy**  
In this continuation of the Cinderella story, fifteen-year-old Ella finds that accepting Prince Charming's proposal ensnares her in a suffocating tangle of palace rules and royal etiquette, so she plots to escape.
- Hamiton, Bethany**      **Soul Surfer: True Story of Faith, Family...**      **Autobiography**  
Bethany Hamilton shares the story of her lifelong love of surfing, and tells how she was able to recover with the help of her family, friends, and faith, after losing her arm in a shark attack at the age of thirteen.
- Henkes, Kevin**      **Sun and Spoon**      **Realistic Fiction**  
After the death of his grandmother, ten-year-old Spoon observes the changes in his grandfather and tries to find the perfect artifact to preserve his memories of her.
- Henry, Marguerite**      **Misty of Chincoteague (series)**      **Newbery/Animals**  
Two youngsters' determination to own a Chincoteague pony is greatly increased when the Phantom and her colt are among those rounded up for the yearly auction. Start of a series.
- Holt, Kimberly Willis**      **Dancing in Cadillac Light**      **Historical Fiction**  
In 1968, eleven-year-old Jaynell's life in the town of Moon, Texas, is enlivened when her eccentric grandfather comes to live with her family.
- Holt, Kimberly Willis**      **My Louisiana Sky**      **Historical Fiction**  
Growing up in Saitter, Louisiana, in the 1950s, twelve-year-old Tiger Ann struggles with her feelings about her stern, but loving grandmother, her mentally slow parents, and her good friend and neighbor, Jesse.
- Horowitz, Anthony**      **Stormbreaker**      **Action/Adventure**  
After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6. Start of a series.
- Horvath, Betty**      **Everything on a Waffle**      **Newbery/Realistic Fiction**  
Eleven-year-old Primrose, who lives in a small fishing village, recounts her experiences and all that she learns about human nature and the unpredictability of life in the months after her parents are lost at sea.
- Hunter, Erin**      **Into the Wild (Warriors Book 1)**      **Animal/Fantasy/Adventure**  
Rusty, a bored house kitten, is apprenticed by the ThunderClan and must struggle to fit in when the group of feral cats is threatened by the enemy ShadowClan. Start of a series.
- Hurwitz, Johanna**      **Baseball Fever**      **Sports/Humor**  
Ten-year-old Ezra tries to convince his scholarly father that his baseball fever is not wasting his mind.
- Jacques, Brian**      **Redwall**      **Animal/Fantasy**  
When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy. Start of a series.
- Kehret, Peg**      **Escaping the Giant Wave**      **Adventure/Survival**  
When an earthquake creates a tsunami where thirteen-year-old Kyle is on a family vacation at a Pacific Coast resort, he tries to save himself, his sister, and a boy who has bullied him for years.
- Kehret, Peg**      **Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio**      **Autobiography**  
The author describes her battle against polio when she was thirteen and her efforts to overcome its debilitating effects. Sequel is Five Pages a Day: A Writer's Journey.
- Kimmel-Smith, Robert**      **The War with Grandpa**      **Realistic Fiction**  
Upset that he has to give up the room he loves to his grandfather, Pete decides to declare war in an attempt to get it back.
- King-Smith, Dick**      **Babe, the Gallant Pig**      **Animal/Fantasy**  
A piglet comes to Farmer Hogget's farm, where he is adopted by an old sheepdog and accomplishes amazing things.
- King-Smith, Dick**      **Martin's Mice**      **Animal/Fantasy**  
A farm cat who doesn't want to catch mice keeps a family of them as pets in the barn; but then he is given away to a townswoman and acquires a new perspective.
- King-Smith, Dick**      **The Merman**      **Fantasy**  
While on vacation in Scotland on her tenth birthday, Zeta meets a wise, kindly old merman who teaches her not only to swim but also many more fascinating things.
- Klise, Kate**      **Regarding Fountain: A Tale, in Letters..**      **Realistic Fiction/Humor**  
When the principal asks a fifth-grader to write a letter regarding the purchase of a new drinking fountain for their school, he finds that all sorts of chaos results. Start of a series.
- Konigsburg, E.L.**      **From Mixed Up Files Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler**      **Newbery/Realistic Fiction**  
Two suburban children run away from their Connecticut home and go to New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, where their ingenuity enables them to live in luxury.
- Konigsburg, E.L.**      **The View from Saturday**      **Newbery/Realistic Fiction**  
Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond with their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.
- Korman, Gordon**      **No More Dead Dogs**      **Humor**  
Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.

<b>Korman, Gordon</b>	<b><u>The Sixth Grade Nickname Game</u></b>	<b>Humor</b>
Jeff and Wiley, notorious for attaching nicknames on other students, teachers, and even their own class; however, their game backfires as the nicknames turn into name calling and the games stop being funny.		
<b>L'Engle, Madeleine</b>	<b><u>A Wrinkle in Time</u></b>	<b>Newbery/Fantasy</b>
Meg and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.		
<b>Levine, Gail Carson</b>	<b><u>Ella Enchanted</u></b>	<b>Newbery/Fantasy</b>
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.		
<b>Levine, Gail Carson</b>	<b><u>Cinderella and the Glass Hill</u></b>	<b>Fantasy</b>
In this humorous retelling, a lonely young farm lad uses his unusual inventive ability to pass a nearly impossible test and win the hand of the neighboring princess.		
<b>Levine, Karen</b>	<b><u>Hana's Suitcase: A True Story</u></b>	<b>History--Holocaust</b>
A biography of a Czech girl who died in the Holocaust, told in alternating chapters with an account of how the curator of a Japanese Holocaust center learned about her life after Hana's suitcase was sent to her.		
<b>Levitin, Sonia</b>	<b><u>Journey to America</u></b>	<b>Historical Fiction</b>
A Jewish family fleeing Nazi Germany in 1938 endures separations before they are once again united.		
<b>Lewis, C.S.</b>	<b><u>The Lion, The Witch, and Wardrobe</u></b>	<b>Fantasy</b>
Four English school children 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. "Chronicles of Narnia" series.		
<b>Lord, Bette Bao</b>	<b><u>In Year of Boar and Jackie Robinson</u></b>	<b>Historical Fiction</b>
In 1947, Shirley Temple Wong comes to Brooklyn where she becomes Americanized at school, in her apartment building, and by her love for baseball.		
<b>Lord, Cynthia</b>	<b><u>Rules</u></b>	<b>Newbery/Realistic Fiction</b>
Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.		
<b>Lunn, Janet</b>	<b><u>The Root Cellar</u></b>	<b>Historical Fiction</b>
Twelve-year-old orphan Rose, sent to live with relatives on a farm in Canada, ventures into her aunt's root cellar and finds herself making friends with people who lived on the farm more than a century earlier.		
<b>MacLachlan, Patricia</b>	<b><u>Baby</u></b>	<b>Realistic Fiction</b>
Taking care of a baby left with them at the end of the tourist season helps a family come to terms with the death of their own infant son.		
<b>MacLachlan, Patricia</b>	<b><u>Sarah, Plain and Tall</u></b>	<b>Newbery/Historical Fiction</b>
When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay. Start of a series.		
<b>Martin, Ann M.</b>	<b><u>Belle Teal</u></b>	<b>Historical Fiction</b>
Belle Teal Harper's start of fifth-grade in the early 1960s brings many changes and challenges as her Gran's memory slips, her mom works long hours, and her class gets a new student, an African-American boy.		
<b>Matas, Carol</b>	<b><u>Daniel's Story</u></b>	<b>Historical Fiction/Holocaust</b>
Daniel, whose family suffers as the Nazis rise to power in Germany, describes his imprisonment in a concentration camp and his eventual liberation.		
<b>Mazer, Harry</b>	<b><u>A Boy at War: A Novel of Pearl Harbor</u></b>	<b>Historical Fiction</b>
While fishing off Honolulu on December 7, 1941, teenaged Adam sees the Japanese attack and through the chaos of the subsequent days tries to find his father, a naval officer on the U.S.S. Arizona when the bombs fell. Start of a series.		
<b>McKay, Hilary</b>	<b><u>Saffy's Angel</u></b>	<b>Realistic Fiction</b>
After learning that she was adopted, thirteen-year-old Saffron's relationship with her eccentric, artistic family changes, until they help her go back to Italy where she was born to find a special memento of her past. Start of a series.		
<b>McSwiggan, Marie</b>	<b><u>Snow Treasure</u></b>	<b>Historical Fiction</b>
In 1940, when the Nazis invade their Norwegian village, twelve-year-old Peter and his friends use their sleds to transport gold bullion past German soldiers to take the gold for safekeeping in the United States.		
<b>Naidoo, Beverley</b>	<b><u>Journey to Jo'burg: South African Story</u></b>	<b>Historical Fiction</b>
Separated from their mother by the harsh social and economic conditions prevalent among blacks in South Africa, thirteen-year-old Naledi and her younger brother make a long journey to find her in Johannesburg.		
<b>Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds</b>	<b><u>Shiloh</u></b>	<b>Newbery/Animals</b>
Marty finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, and tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs. Start of a series.		
<b>Nixon, Joan Lowery</b>	<b><u>A Family Apart</u></b>	<b>Historical Fiction</b>
When their mother can no longer support them, six siblings are sent by the Children's Aid Society of New York City to live with farm families in Missouri in 1860. Start of the "Orphan Train Adventure" series.		



- Speare, Elizabeth George**      **The Witch of Blackbird Pond**      **Newbery/Historical Fiction**  
 In 1687 in Connecticut, Kit Tyler, feeling out of place in the Puritan household of her aunt, befriends an old woman considered a witch by the community and suddenly finds herself standing trial for witchcraft.
- Spinelli, Jerry**      **Loser**      **Realistic Fiction**  
 Even though his classmates consider him strange and a loser, Donald Zinkoff's optimism and exuberance and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.
- Spinelli, Jerry**      **The Library Card**      **Realistic Fiction**  
 Collection of four stories in which the lives of four young people in different circumstances are changed by their encounters with books.
- Strasser, Todd**      **Help! I'm Trapped in My Teacher's Body**      **Science Fiction/Humor**  
 Jake switches bodies with Nick Nelson, a pro wrestler, in order to rescue his friend Andy who has switched bodies with Bruce Bloom, another pro wrestler. Start of a series.
- Talbott, Hudson**      **Forging Freedom: True Story of Heroism**      **History/Holocaust**  
 Chronicles the brave exploits of Jaap Penraat, a young Dutch man, who risked his life during World War II to save the lives of over 400 Jews.
- Tolkien, J.R.R.**      **The Hobbit, or There and Back Again**      **Fantasy**  
 The adventures of the well-to-do hobbit, Bilbo Baggins, who lives happily in his comfortable home until a wandering wizard grants his wish. Start of the "Lord of the Rings" series.
- Vande Velde, Vivian**      **Smart Dog**      **Fantasy/Humor**  
 Fifth grader Amy finds her life growing complicated when she meets and tries to hide an intelligent, talking dog who has escaped from a university lab.
- Van Draanen, Wendelin**      **Flipped**      **Realistic Fiction**  
 In alternating chapters, two teenagers describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.
- Van Draanen, Wendelin**      **Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief**      **Mystery**  
 Thirteen-year-old Sammy's penchant for speaking her mind gets her in trouble when she involves herself in the investigation of a robbery at the "seedy" hotel across the street from the seniors' building where she is living with her grandmother. Start of a series.
- Van Draanen, Wendelin**      **Shredderman: Secret Identity**      **Realistic Fiction/Humor**  
 Fifth-grader Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, has a secret identity--Shredderman! Start of a series.
- Wait, Lea**      **Stopping to Home**      **Historical Fiction**  
 In 1806, orphans Abigail and her younger brother Seth find a home with a young widow in the seaport of Wiscasset, Maine, and help her discover a way to support them all.
- Whelan, Gloria**      **Homeless Bird**      **Realistic Fiction**  
 Thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage and must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's customs or find the courage to oppose tradition.
- Winkler, Henry**      **Niagara Falls, Or Does It?**      **Humor**  
 Fourth-graders Hank, Ashley, and Frankie are excitedly preparing for a magic show at the Rock 'N Bowl when Hank's creative alternative to an English essay lands him in detention and grounded the week of the show. Start of a series.
- Winthrop, Elizabeth**      **The Castle in the Attic**      **Fantasy**  
 A gift of a toy castle, complete with silver knight, introduces William to an adventure involving magic and a personal quest. Sequel is The Battle for the Castle.
- Woodruff, Elvira**      **The Ghost of Lizard Light**      **Mystery**  
 Moving from Iowa to a lighthouse cottage in Maine, ten-year-old Jack struggles to live up to his father's high standards and encounters a young ghost with a 150-year-old unsolved sea mystery.
- Wright, Betty Ren**      **The Dollhouse Murders**      **Mystery**  
 A dollhouse filled with a ghostly light in the middle of the night, and dolls that have moved from where she last left them, lead Amy and her mentally handicapped sister to unravel the mystery surrounding grisly murders that took place years ago.
- Yep, Lawrence**      **Child of the Owl**      **Historical Fiction**  
 Growing up in San Francisco in the '60s, young Casey learns of her Chinese heritage and the mother she never knew from her grandmother.