

**Summer Reading for Students Entering 5th & 6th Grade
Fall 2023**

**Required for students entering
5th Grade:**

Katherine Applegate - *Wishtree*
AND

Robert C. O'Brien - *Mrs. Frisby and the
Rats of NIMH*

**Required for students entering
6th Grade:**

Natalie Babbitt - *Tuck Everlasting*

Students are required to read at least two other books from the following list to continue their development as readers. They will be assessed on these books through book talks, journal entries, class discussions, and other informal assessments.

Historical Fiction:

Laurie Halse Anderson : *Fever, Chains*,
AND *Forge*

Avi: *Sophie's War: A Tale of Revolution*
AND *The Secret School*

Anne Blankmann : *The Blackbird Girls*

John Boyne : *The Boy in the Striped
Pajamas* AND *The Boy at the Top of the
Mt.*

Kimberly Brubaker Bradley : *The War that
Saved My Life* AND *The War I Finally Won*

Ann E. Burg : *Unbound*

Gennifer Choldenko : *Al Capone Does My
Shirts*

Christopher Paul Curtis : *Bud, Not Buddy*
AND *The Watsons Go To Birmingham*

Laura Marx Fitzgerald : *The Gallery*

Esther Forbes : *Johnny Tremain*

Alan Gratz : *Ground Zero, Refugee*,
Grenade, AND *Project 1065*

Veera Hiranandani : *The Night Diary*

Jennifer L. Holm : *Turtle in Paradise*

Linda Williams Jackson : *Midnight Without
a Moon*

Jacqueline Kelly : *The Evolution of
Calpurnia Tate*

A Ceiling Made of Eggshells : *Gail Carson
Levine*

Kristen Levine : *The Lions of Little Rock*

Lois Lowry : *Number the Stars*

Tess Hilmo : *Cinnamon Moon*

R.J. Palacio : *White Bird: A Wonder Story*
(graphic novel)

Linda Sue Park : *A Long Walk to Water*

Gary Paulson : *Woods Runner*

Richard Peck : *A Long Way From Chicago*
AND *A Year Down Yonder*

James Ponti : *City Spies* series

Tom Rogers : *Eleven*

Augusta Scattergood : *Glory Be*

Tim Tingle : *Stone River Crossing*

Elizabeth Wein : *The Pearl Thief*

Rita Williams-Garcia : *One Crazy Summer*,
AND *Gone Crazy in Alabama*

Lauren Wolk : *Echo Mountain, Wolf
Hollow*, AND *Beyond the Bright Sea*

Mysteries:

Avi: *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*

Jennifer Allison: *Gilda Joyce* series

Blue Balliett : *Chasing Vermeer*

Elise Broach : *Shakespeare's Secret*

Patrick Carman : *Floors*

Ally Carter : *Winterborne Home* series

Leslie Connon : *The Truth as Told By Mason Buttle*

Heather Vogel Frederick : *Absolutely Truly*

Stuart Gibbs : *Belly Up*

Patricia Reilly Giff : *Eleven*

John Grisham : *Theodore Boone* series

Dan Gutman : *The Homework Machine*

Carl Hiaasen : *Hoot, Flush, Scat AND Chomp*

E.L. Konigsburg : *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*

Gordan Korman : *Swindle* series

Carly Nugent : *The Peacock Detectives*

Kate Milford : *The Thief Knot*

Rebecca Stead : *When You Reach Me AND Liar & Spy*

Robin Stevens : *Wells & Wong* series

Realistic Fiction:

Dusti Bowling : *Cactus* series, AND *24 Hours in Nowhere*

Kate DiCamillo : *Because of Winn Dixie*

Jacqueline Davies : *Lemonade War* series

Sharon M. Draper : *Out of My Mind*

Gordan Korman : *Ungifted AND Slacker*

Dana Alison Levy : *The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher*

Mike Lupica : *Long Shot, Heat, AND Home Team* series

Wendy Mass: *11 Birthdays AND Finally*

R.J. Palacio : *Wonder*

Funny:

Roald Dahl : *Matilda*

Tim Federle : *Better Nate Than Ever*

Andy Griffiths : *Treehouse* series

Christopher Healy : *A Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom* series

Jory John : *The Terrible Two* series

Jeff Kinney : *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series

Jo Nesbo : *Fart Powder* series

James Patterson : *Middle School* series AND *I, Funny* series

Ellen Potter : *Slob*

Adam Rex : *The True Meaning of Smekday*

Thomas Rockwell : *How to Eat Fried Worms*

Pam Munoz Ryan : *Mananaland*

Lemony Snicket : *The Bad Beginning AND A Series of Unfortunate Events* series

David Walliams : *Gangsta Granny, The World's Worst Children, AND Demon Dentist*

Adventure/Fantasy:

Avi: *Crispin*

Natalie Babbitt: *Tuck Everlasting*

David Baldacci: *Vega Jane* series

Dave Barry : *Peter and the Starcatcher*

Jennifer Chambliss Bertman: *Book Scavenger* series

Suzanne Collins : *Hunger Games*

Kate DiCamillo : *The Magician's Elephant*

Across a War-Tossed Sea : *L.M. Elliot*

Stuart Gibbs : *Spy School* series, *Moon*

Base Alpha series, *Fun Jungle* series

Adam Gidwitz : *The Inquisitor's Tale*

Carol Goodman : *The Metropolitans*

Andy Griffiths : *Treehouse* series

Leah Henderson : *The Magic in Changing Your Stars*

Melissa Savage : *Lemons*

Laura Amy Schlitz : *Splendors and Glooms*

Christina Soontornvat : *A Wish in the Dark*

Tae Keller : *When You Trap a Tiger*

Margaret Peterson Haddix : *The Missing* series AND *The Shadow Children* series

Norton Juster : *The Phantom Tollbooth*

Wesley King : *A World Below*

Jennifer Ann Mann : *Scar: A Revolutionary War Tale*

Brandon Mull : *Fablehaven* series AND *Five Kingdoms* series

James Nichol : *The Apprentice Witch*

Jennifer A. Nielsen : *The False Prince* series

George Orwell: *Animal Farm*

James Patterson : *Treasure Hunters* series

Gary Paulsen : *Hatchet*

Rick Riordan : *Percy Jackson* series AND *Kane Chronicles* series

Tui T. Sutherland : *Wings of Fire* series

Graphic Novels:

Max Brallier: *Last Kids on Earth* series

Svetlana Chmakova: *awkward* AND *brave*

Emmanuel Guibert: *Ariol* series

Nathan Hale: *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales* series

Shannon Hale : *Real Friends, Best Friends* AND *Rapunzel's Revenge*

Jay Hosler: *Last of the Sandwalkers*

Victoria Jamieson: *Roller Girl*

Kazu Kibuishi: *Amulet* series

Terri Libenson: *Invisible Emmie* series

Jeff Smith: *Bone* series

Raina Telgemeier : *Smile, Sisters, Drama, Guts, AND Ghost*

Written in Verse:

Kwame Alexander : *The Crossover* AND
Booked

Katherine Applegate : *Home of the Brave*

Marion Dane Bauer : *Little Cat's Luck*

Ann E. Burg : *Unbound* AND *All the
Broken Pieces*

Margarita Engle : *Mountain Dog*

Nikki Grimes : *Garvey's Choice*

Karen Hesse : *Out of the Dust* AND
Witness

Thanhha Lai : *Inside Out and Back Again*

Katherine Lawrence : *Stay*

Maryann MacDonald : *Odette's Secret*

Caroline Starr Rose : *May B.*

Jennifer Roy : *Yellow Star*

Julie Sternberg : *Like Pickle Juice on a
Cookie*

Jacqueline Woodson : *Brown Girl
Dreaming*

Told From Different Perspectives:

John David Anderson : *Ms. Bixby's Last
Day*

Tom Angleberger : *Strange Case of
Origami Yoda*

Nora Raleigh Baskin : *Nine, Ten: A
September 11 Story*

Rob Buyea : *Because of Mr. Terupt* series

Helen Frost : *Hidden*

Jennifer L. Holm : *Turtle in Paradise* AND
Full of Beans

Silas House : *Same Sun Here*

Erin Entrada Kelly : *Hello Universe*

Gordon Korman : *Flipped*

Wendy Mass : *Every Soul a Star*

Shelley Pearsall : *All of the Above*

Non-Fiction:

Jennifer Armstrong : *Shipwreck at the
Bottom of the World*

Jeannine Atkins : *Finding Wonders - Three
Girls Who Changed Science*

William Kamkwamba : *The Boy Who
Harnessed the Wind* (Young Reader's
Edition)

Christina Soontornvat : *All Thirteen: The
Incredible Cave Rescue*

James L. Swanson : *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*

Texas Bluebonnet Award Nominees:

3rd-6th graders in the state of Texas are eligible to vote each year for their favorite book from a list of twenty titles selected by teachers and librarians. GSES students will be learning about these books during the school year, and casting their ballots in January 2024. The winning author and illustrator receives the prestigious Texas Bluebonnet Award. Students are encouraged to read at least 5 of the 20 titles before voting.

Black Boy Joy edited by Kwame Mbalia

Blue by Nana Ekua Brew-Hammond.

Illustrated by Daniel Minter

Gladys the Magic Chicken by Adam Rubin.

Illustrated by Adam Rex

Haven: A Small Cat's Big Adventure by

Megan Wagner Lloyd

Indelible Ann by Meghan P. Browne.

Illustrated by Carlynn Whitt

Invisible by Christina Diaz Gonzalez.

Illustrated by Gabriela Epstein

Leave it to Plum! by Matt Phelan

Once Upon a Tim by Stuart Gibbs.

Illustrated by Stacy Curtis

Solimar: The Sword of the Monarchs by

Pam Muñoz Ryan

Tales to Keep You Up At Night by Dan

Poblocki. Illustrated by Marie Bergeron

The Beatryce Prophecy by Kate DiCamillo.

Illustrated by Sophie Blackall

The Dirt Book: Poems About Animals That

Live Beneath Our Feet by David L.

Harrison. Illustrated by Kate Cosgrove

The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza by Mac

Barnett. Illustrated by Shawn Harris

The Last Beekeeper by Pablo Cartaya.

Illustrated by C. Vélez Aguilera

The Last Mapmaker by Christina

Soontornvat

The Legend of Gravity by Charly Palmer

The Marvellers by Dhonielle Clayton

The Polter-Ghost Problem by Betsy Uhrig

Thirst by Varsha Bajaj

Unbound: The Life + Art of Judith Scott by

Joyce Scott with Brie Spangler, illustrated

by Melissa Sweet