WJHSD Grade-Level Reading List

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This list is a record of the short stories and novels that are used in the support of the curriculum; this list does not contain the series specific nonfiction or other selections that may not be available outside of the series. These resources are used for instructional purposes and as such they should only be used to support the ELA curriculum as designed in the consensus maps.

## Kindergarten

“Whose Baby Am I?” by John Butler

“The Picnic at Apple Park” by Alma Flor Ada & F. Isobel Campoy

“Peter’s Chair” by Ezra Jack Keats

“What Do You Like?” by Michael Grejniec

“Friends All Around” by Miela Ford

“Simon and Molly plus Hester” by Lisa Jahn-Clough

“The Bus For Us” by Suzanne Bloom

“On the Go” by Ann Morris

“Duck on a Bike” by David Shannon

“Apple Farmer Annie” by Monica Wellington

“Our Special Sweet Potato Pie” by Andrea DavisPinkney

“Yoko” by Rosemary Wells

“Mama Cat Has Three Kittens” by Denise Fleming

“Animal Babies ABC” by Barbara Knox

“Mole and the Baby Bird” by Patrick Benson

“Russ and the Firehouse” by Janet Elizabeth Rickert

“Bus Stops” by Taro Gomi

“Alicia’s Happy Day” by Meg Starr

“A Rainy Day” by Robin Nelson

“In the Yard” by Dana Meachen Rau

“Bear Snores On” by Karma Wilson & Jane Chapman

“Oak Trees” by Melanie Mitchell

“Seed Secrets” by Tom Leonard

“Sunflower House” by Eve Bunting

“Beetles” by Edana Eckart

“Fish Faces” by Norbert Wu

“If the Dinosaurs Came Back” by Bernard Most

“What Do You Know!” by Lorinda Bryan Cauley

“Warthogs Paint: A Messy Color Book” by Pamela Duncan Edwards

“Turtle Splash: Countdown at the Pond” by Cathryn Falwell

## First Grade

“Pam and Sam” by Nancy Tafuri

“I Can, Too!” by Cathy Roper, illustrated by Sofia Balzola

“Flip” by Ezra R. Tanaka, illustrated by Michael Garland

“Soccer” by Patrick Lee

“Guess What!” by Michael Strickland

“Animal Moms and Dads” by Jose Ramos

“Over in the Meadow”

“Little Red Hen” retold by Cynthia Rothman, illustrated by David Diaz

“The Pigs, the Wolf, and the Mud” by Ellen Tarlow, illustrated by Pablo Bernasconi

“Beth and the Band” by Anne Miranda, illustrated by Lynne Cravath

“On My Way to School” by Wong Herbert Yee

“Smile, Mike!” by Aida Marcuse, illustrated by G. Brian Karas

“Rose Robot Cleans Up” by Mary Anderson, illustrated by Michael Garland

“Kids Have Fun!” by Minda Novek

“Drakes Tail” retold by Ruby Bell, illustrated by Richard Bernal

“Gram and Me” by Miriam Cohen, illustrated by Floyd Cooper

“The Kite” from Days with Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel

“Animal Teams” by Rachel Mann

“Where?” by Charlotte Zolotow

“Kitten’s First Full Moon” by Kevin Henkes

“Meet Ben Franklin” by Philip Dray, illustrated by John Kanzier

“Happy Fall!” from Pinwheel Days by Ellen Tarlow, Illustrated by Gretel Parker

“A Tiger Cub Grows Up” by Joan Hewett, photographs by Richard Hewett

“Gray Goose” by Julie Larios

“Olivia” by Ian Falconer

“Whistle for Willie” by Ezra Jack Keats

“Dot and Jabber and the Big Bug Mystery” by Ellen Stoll Walsh

“Super Oscar” by Oscar De La Hoya with Mark Shulman, illustrated by Lisa Kopelke

“Dancing Paper” by Pat Mora

## Second Grade

“David’s New Friends” by Pat Mora, illustrated by Ed Martinez

“Mr. Putter & Tabby Pour the Tea” by Cynthia Rylant, illustrated by Arthur Howard

“Meet Rosina” By George Ancona

“You-Tù” by Charlotte Pomerantz

“My Name Is Yoon” by Helen Recorvits, illustrated by Gabi Swiatkowski

“Babu’s Song” by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen, illustrated by Aaron Boyd

“Doña Flor” by Pat Mora, illustrated by Raul Colon

“One Grain of Rice” by Demi

“African-American Inventors” by Jim Jaskins, illustrated by Eric Velasquez

“The Alvin Ailey Kids: Dancing As a Team” by Sharon Dennis Wyeth

“Abuelo and the Three Bears” by Jerry Tello, illustrated by Ana Lopez Escriva

“Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type” by Doreen Cronin, illustrated by Betsy Lewin

“Stirring Up Memories” by Pam Munoz Ryan

“Brush Dance” by Robin Bernard

“Crayons” by Marchette Chute

“Head, Body, Legs: A Story from Liberia” retold by Won-Ldy Paye and Margaret H. Lippert, illustrated by Julie Patschkis

“Officer Buckle and Gloria” by Peggy Rathmann

“A Harbor Seal Pup Grows Up” by Joan Hewett, photographs by Richard Hewett

“Mice and Beans” by Pam Munoz Ryan, illustrated by Joe Cepeda

“The Tiny Seed” by Eric Carle

“The Ugly Vegetables” by Grace Lin

“Farfallina and Marcel” by Holly Keller

“Nutik, the Wolf Pup” by Jean Craighead George, illustrated by Ted Rand

“Dig Wait Listen: A Desert Toad’s Tale” by April Pulley Sayre, illustrated by Barbara Bush

“Splish! Splash! Animal Baths” by April Pulley Sayre

“Super Storms” by Seymour Simon

“Pushing Up the Sky” by Joseph Bruchac, illustrated by Stefano Vitale

## Third Grade

Charlotte’s Web, by E. B. White

“First Day Jitters” by Julie Danneberg, illustrated by Judy Love

“Be a Good Citizen” by Jan Smith

“Amazing Grace” by Mary Hoffman, illustrated by Caroline Binch

“The Storytelling Stone” by Joseph Bruchac

“Wolf!” by Becky Bloom, illustrated by Pascal Biet

“The Truth About Wolves” by Paul Netcher

“My Very Own Room” by Amanda Irma Perez, illustrated by May Christina Gonzalez

“Frank Lloyd Wright” by Karen O’Malley

“Boom Town” by Sonia Levitin, illustrated by Cat Bowman Smith

“A Look at Local Government” by Dawson McGinest

“Home-Grown Butterflies” from *Ranger Rick* by Deborah Church man

“Monarch Butterfly” by Marilyn Singer

“The Caterpillar” by Christina Rossetti

“Here’s My Dollar” by Gary Soto

“Neighbors” by Mari Paz Pradillo

“Recycling” by J.Z. Belle

“A Castle on Viola Street” by DyAnne DiSalvo

“Homes for Families” by Angel Gracia

“Author: A True Story” by Helen Lester

“Listen” by Bobbi Katz

“Dear Juno” by Sayung Pak, illustrated by Susan Kathleen Hartung

“How We Keep in Touch” by Eric Michaels

“What Do Illustrators Do?” by Eileen Christelow

“Jobs in Animation” by Lisa Soo

“The Jones Family Express” by Javaka Steptoe

“From Here to There” by Lauren Eckler

“Seven Spools of Thread” by Angela Shelf Medearis, illustrated by Daniel Minter

“What Causes Day and Night?” by Keisha Oliver

“Nacho and Lolita” by Pam Munoz Ryan, illustrated by Claudia Rueda

“Ramona and Her Father” by Beverly Cleary, illustrated by Ilene Richard

“Out of This World! The Ellen Ochoa Story” by Liane B. Onish

“Sky Bear” by Joseph Bruchac, illustrated by Thomas Locker

“Penguin Chick” by Betty Tatham, illustrated by Helen K. Davie

“Antarctic Anthem” by Judy Sierra

“Animal Homes” by Ann O. Squire

“Do Animals Have Personalities?” by Patricia West

“Wilbur’s Boast” from Charlotte’s Web by E.B. White, illustrated by Garth Williams

“The Lion and the Mouse” retold by Max McGee

“Unique Animals of the Southwest” by Tanya Lee Stone

“The Story of the First Woodpecker” by Florence Holbrook

“Stone Soup” by Jon J. Muth

“What’s for Lunch?” by Leonard Mecury

“The Strongest One” by Joseph Bruchac, illustrated by Lucia Angela Perez

“The Big Dipper” by Guadalupe V. Lopez

“Cook-a-Doodle-Doo!” by Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel, illustrated by Janet Stevens

“Welcome to the Bakery!” by Eric Michaels

“One Riddle, One Answer” by Lauren Thompson, illustrated by Linda S. Wingerter

“Beauty and the Beast” adapted by Amy Ehrlich

## Fourth Grade

The Cricket in Times Square, by George Selden (Lexile 780)

Esperanza Rising, by Pam Muñoz Ryan (Lexile 750)

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, by Roald Dahl (Lexile 830)

Hatchet by Gary Paulson (Lexile 1020)

“My Diary from Here to There” by Amada Irma Perez, illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez

“Cesar Chavez” by Sam Hiller

“The Adventures of Ali Baba Bernstein” by Johanna Hurwitz, illustrated by Brian Biggs

“One Thousand Nights and a Night” by Neena Akram

“The Astronaut and the Onion” by Ann Cameron, illustrated by Anna Rich

“Sky-High Dining” by Mel Dorsett

“Because of Winn-Dixie” by Kate DiCamillo

“I Love the Look of Words” by Maya Angelou

“My Brother Martin” by Christina King Farris, illustrated by Chris Soentpiet

“Barbara Jordan” by Jayden Kirksey

“Mighty Jackie” by Marissa Moss, illustrated by C.F. Payne

“The New Kid” by Mike Markley, illustrated by Steve Cieslawski

“Wild Horses” by Chris Peterson, photographs by Alvis Upitis

“The Tale of Pecos Bill” retold by Gillian Reed

“Mystic Horse” by Paul Goble

“The Pony Express” by Betriz Santiago

“When I Went to the Library” by Ken Roberts, illustrated by Nicole E. Wong

“Dear Mrs. LaRue” by Mark Teague

“Dog Amazes Scientists!” by Kim Christopher

“Ranita, the Frog Princess” by Carmen Agra Deedy, illustrated by Renato Alarcao

“And Still More Tales” by Eric Michaels

“Me and Uncle Romie” by Claire Hartfield, illustrated by Jerome Lagarrigue

“Computers: The Future of Art” by Lynn Boulanger

“The Cricket in Times Square” by George Selden, illustrated by Garth Williams

“The Chance of a Lifetime” by Patrick West

“The Life and Times of the Ant” by Charles Micucci

“The Ant and the Grasshopper” retold and illustrated by Amy Lowry Poole

“Ima and The Great Texas Ostrich Race” by Margaret McManis, illustrated by Bruce Dupree

“My Brothers’ Flying Machine” by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Jim Burke

“Brave New Heights” by Monica Kulling

“A Walk in the Desert” by Rebecca L. Johnson

“Food Chains: Predators vs. Prey” by Chisulo Lingenvelder

“Roadrunner’s Dance” by Rudolfo Anaya, illustrated by David Diaz

“Flycatcher and Coyote” by Gillian Reed

“At Home in the Coral Reef” by Katy Muzik, illustrated by Katherine Brown-Wing

“Poseidon and the Kingdom of Atlantis” retold by Gillian Reed

“Adelina’s Whales” by Richard Sobol

“Limericks” by Doreen Beauregard

“Leah’s Pony” by Elizabeth Friedrich, illustrated by Michael Garland

“Soil Turned to Dust” by Miriam Ramirez

“The Gold Rush Game” by William F. Wu, illustrated by Cornelius Van Wright and Ying-Hwa Hu

“Gold!” by Jan Jensen

“Snowflake Bentley” by Jacqueline Briggs Martin, illustrated by Mary Azarian

“Haiku” by Hashin, Joso, Matsuo Basho, and Kobayashi Issa

“How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning” by Rosalyn Schanzer

“Light Bulb” and “Lightning Bolt” by Joan Bransfield Graham

## Fifth Grade

Frindle by Andrew Clements (Lexile 830)

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis (Lexile 940)

George Washington’s Socks by Elvira Woodruff (Lexile 840) nonfiction

Canyons by Gary Paulson (Lexile 930)

Brian’s Winter by Gary Paulson (Lexile 1140)

“Goin’ Someplace Special” by Patricia C. McKissack, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney

“Through My Eyes” by Ruby Bridges

“Shiloh” from the novel by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, illustrated by Joel Spector

“Love at First Sight” by Amy Yin

“The Night of San Juan” from Salsa Stories by Lulu Delacre, illustrated by Edel Rodriquez

“The Phases of the Moon” by Ron Verrula

“Sleds on Boston Common” by Louise Borde, illustrated by Robert Andrew Parker

“Paul Revere’s Ride” excerpt from, by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow”

Hidden Worlds, excerpt from, by Stephen Kramer, photos by Dennis Kunkel

“The Termites” by Douglas Florian

“Rattlers!” by Ellen Lambeth

“How Poison Came into the World” retold by Paul Siris

“Up in the Air: The Story of Balloon Flight” by Patricia Lauber

“Hot-Air Balloon Haiku” by Rita Bristol

“Hurricanes” by Seymore Simon

“Suspense” by Pat Mora

“The Catch of the Day, A Trickster Play” by Angela Shelf Medearis, illustrated by Wendy Born Hollander

“The Fox and the Crow” retold by Mei Kirimoto

“The Goldent Mare, the Firebird, and the Magic Ring” by Ruth Sanderson

“A Tale Told Around the World” by Lateesha Gray

“Blancaflor” by Alma Flor Ada, illustrated by Valerie Sokolova

“Kitchen Alchemy” by Velda Peterson

“The Unbreakable Code” by Sara Hoagland Hunter, illustrated by Julia Miner

“Navajo Code Talkers: Five Cinquains” by Mary Willie

Spirit of Endurance excerpt from, by Jennifer Armstrong

“Exploring the Earth Top to Bottom” by Mary Ann Williams

Ultimate Field Trip 5: Blasting Off to Space excerpt from, by Susan E. Goodman, phots by Michael J. Doolittle

“The Flight of Icarus” by Alice Low

“Zathura” by Chris Van Allsburg

“Observing the Night Sky” by Kyle Seulen

Skunk Scout excerpt from, by Laurence Yep, illustrated by Winson Trang

“Our National Parks” by Tanya Sumaga

“Valley of the Moon: The Diary of Maria Rosalia de Milagros” by Sherry Garland, illustrated by Kristina Rodanas

“Black Cowboy Wild Horses” by Julius Lester, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney

“Home on the Range” words by John A. Lomax, music by Daniel Kelley

“Davey Crockett Saves the World” by Rosalyn Schanzer

“The Tales are Getting Taller” by Kyle Seulen

“When Esther Morris Headed West” by Connie Nordhielm Wooldrige, illustrated by Jacqueline Rogers

“Suffrage for Women” by Maria Chan

“Miss Alaineus” by Debra Frasier

“The National Spelling Bee” by Nicole Lee

“Bravo, Tavo!” by Brian Meunier, illustrated by Perky Edgerton

“Water: A Portable Potable” by Raj Embry

“Weslandia” by Paul Fleischman, illustrated by Kevin Hawkes

“Blue Potatoes and Square Watermelons” by Omar Naid

The Gri Gri Tree excerpted from, by Lynn Joseph, illustrated by Maria Baggetta

“The Largest Creature on Earth” by Yolanda Robertson

## Sixth Grade

Zach’s Lie by Roland Smith (Lexile 580)

Soldier’s Heart: Being the Story of the Enlistment and Due Service of the Boy Charley Goddard in the First Minnesota Volunteers by Gary Paulsen (Lexile 1000) historical fiction

Lincoln’s Grave Robbers by Steve Sheinkin (Lexile not available)

The Gadget by Paul Zindel (Lexile 590)

## Seventh Grade

Deadly by Julie Chibbaro (Lexile 930) Historical Fiction

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson (Lexile 580) Historical Fiction

Bomb by Steve Sheinkin (Lexile920) Narrative Nonfiction

TBD- School Wide Read novel

## Eighth Grade

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie (Lexile Level 570)

The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer (Lexile Level 660)

Call of the Wild by Jack London (Lexile Level 990)

Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes (Lexile Level 910)

Johnny Tremaine by Esther Forbes (Lexile Level 840) *as part of the Social Studies curriculum*