

READING LIST GRADES 1-4 SUMMER 2008

HAISLN Grades 1-2

*Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable. *Beginning readers are marked with an asterisk.*

Adler, David. *President George Washington*

Adler, David. *Young Cam Jansen and the Lion's Lunch Mystery**

Arnold, Tedd. *The Twin Princes*

Bailey, Linda. *Stanley's Party*

Baker, Keith. *More Mr. and Mrs. Green*

Bang-Campbell, Monika. *Little Rat Rides**

Barber, Tiki. *Game Day*

Blackwood, Gary L. *The Just-so Woman*

Brennan-Nelson, Denise. *My Teacher Likes to Say*

Brett, Jan. *Hedgie Blasts Off!*

Chaconas, Dori. *Cork & Fuzz: Short and Tall*

Cronin, Doreen. *Diary of a Spider*

Crummel, Susan Stevens. *City Dog, Country Dog*

Danneberg, Julie. *First Year Letters*

Danziger, Paula. *Second Grade Rules, Amber Brown**

Davies, Nicola. *Surprising Sharks*

De Paola, Tomie. *Stagestruck*

Dicamillo, Kate. *Mercy Watson Princess in Disguise*

Florian, Douglas. *Bow Wow Meow: It's Rhyming Cats and Dogs*

Frazee, Marla. *Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road?*

Gibbons, Gail. *The Vegetables We Eat*

Guest, Elissa Haden. *Iris and Walter and the Field Trip**

Hoberman, Mary Ann. *You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together.*

Hoff, Syd. *Danny and the Dinosaur Go To Camp*.*

Holub, Joan. *Why Do Birds Sing?* *

Hort, Lenny. *Did Dinosaurs Eat Pizza? Mysteries Science Hasn't Solved*

Howe, James. *Houndsley and Catina*

Isadora, Rachel. *Nick Plays Baseball*

Karas, G. Brian. *On Earth*

Katz, Alan. *Are You Quite Polite? : Silly Dilly Manners Songs*

Kennedy, Senator Edward M. *My Senator and Me: A Dog's Eye View of Washington D.C.*

Kimmel, Eric A. *Anansi and the Magic Stick*

Knudsen, Michelle. *Library Lion*

Krensky, Stephen. *Milo the Really Big Bunny*

Kuskin, Karla. *Toots the Cat*

Labatt, Mary. *Sam Gets Lost*. *

Landry, Leo. *Sea Surprise*

Lester, Helen. *Batter Up Wombat*

Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad Are Friends**

MacLachlan, Patricia and Emily MacLachlan Charest. *Once I Ate a Pie*

Markle, Sandra. *Spiders: Biggest! Littlest!*

Marshall, James. *Fox on the Job*

McBrier, Page. *Beatrice's Goat*

McCall, Francis. *A Huge Hog is a Big Pig: A Rhyming Word Game*

McDermott, Gerald. *Jabuti the Tortoise: A Trickster Tale from the Amazon*

McDonald, Megan. *Stink and the World's Worst Super-Stinky Sneakers*

McKissack, Patricia. *Precious and the Boo Hag*

McNulty, Faith. *If You Decide to Go to the Moon*

Miller, Sara Swan. *Three Stories You Can Read to Your Teddy Bear**

Murphy, Stuart J. *Lemonade for Sale*

Muth, Jon. *Zen Shorts*

Nixon, Joan Lowery. *Gus and Gertie and the Lucky Charms**

O Flatharta, Antoine. *Hurry and the Monarch*

Parish, Herman. *Amelia Bedelia Under Construction**

Polacco, Patricia. *Thank You Mr. Faulker*

Recorvits, Helen. *My Name is Yoon*

Reynolds, Peter. *The Dot*

Roberts, Bethany. *Ogre Eats Everything**

Rodman, Mary Ann. *My Best Friend.*

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. *Cookies: Bite-Size Life Lessons*

Ryder, Joanne. *Toad by the Road.*

Rylant, Cynthia. *Annie & Snowball and the Dress-Up Birthday **

Rylant, Cynthia. *Henry and Mudge and the Big Sleepover**

Rylant, Cynthia. *The High- Rise Private Eyes: the Case of the Desperate Duck**

Sayre, April Pulley. *Army Ant Parade*

Schorter, Roni. *The Boy Who Loved Words*

Schwartz, David. *If You Hopped Like a Frog*

Sharmat, Marjorie. *Nate the Great Talks Turkey**

Silverman, Erica. *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Partners*

Sis, Peter. *Train of States*

Smothers, Ethel Footman. *Hard-Times Jar*

Stanley, Diane. *Goldie and the Three Bears*

Steig, William. *The Amazing Bone*

Stowell, Penelope. *The Greatest Potatoes*

Sturges, Philemon. *She'll be Comin' Round the Mountain*

Sutcliffe, Jane. *Jesse Owens. **

Swope, Sam. *Gotta Go! Gotta Go!*

Tavares, Matt. *Mudball.*

Teague, Mark. *Detective LaRue: Letters from the Investigation*

Thomas, Shelley Moore. *Take Care, Good Knight**

Uhlberg, Myron. *Dad, Jackie and Me*

Van Leeuwen, Jean. *Oliver the Mighty Pig* *

Weatherby, Brenda. *The Trucker*

Whatley, Bruce. *Wait! No Paint!*

Whybrow, Ian. *Badness for Beginners: A Little Wolf and Smellybreff Adventure*

Willems, Mo. *Edwina the Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct*

Winter, Jonah. *Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates*

Wong, Janet. *Alex and the Wednesday Chess Club*

Yolen, Jane. *Count Me a Rhyme*

Yolen, Jane. *Here's a Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry*

Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidner. *Did Dinosaurs Have Feath*

HAISLN Grades 3-4

Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

Adler, David A. *Satchel Paige: Don't Look Back*

Asch, Frank. *Star Jumper: Journal of a Cardboard Genius.*

Aston, Dianna. *A Seed is Sleepy*

Atwater, Richard. *Mr. Popper's Penguins*

Avi. *Poppy's Return*

Babbitt, Natalie. *Jack Plank Tells Tales*

Barshaw, Ruth. *Ellie McDoodle: Have Pen, Will Travel.*

Bauer, Marion Dane. *Secret of the Painted House.*

Birney, Betty. *Friendship According to Humphrey*

Boniface, William. *The Extraordinary Adventures of Ordinary Boy: the Hero Revealed*

Bregoli, Jane. *The Goat Lady.*

Brooks, Gwendolyn. *Bronzeville Boys and Girls.*

Bunting, Eve. *Reggie*

Byars, Betsy. *Dog Diaries: Secret Writings of the WOOF Society .*

Byrd, Robert. *The Hero and the Minotaur*

Child, Lauren. *Clarice Bean Spells Trouble*

Cleary, Beverly. *Ribsy*

Clements, Andrew. *No Talking*

Clements, Andrews. *Dogku*

Colfer, Eoin. *Eoin Colfer's Legend of the Worst Boy in the World*

Cook, Sally. *Hey Batta Batta Swing! The Wild Old Days of Baseball*

Coombs, Kate. *The Secret Keeper*

Coren, Stanley. *How Dogs Think: Understanding the Canine Mind.*

Coville, Bruce. *Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher*

Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Mr. Chickee's Funny Money*

Dahl,, Roald. *Matilda.*

Davies, Nicola. *Extreme Animals: the Toughest Creatures on Earth.*

Deans, Karen. *Playing to Win: The Story of Althea Gibson* .

DiCamillo, Kate. *Because of WinnDixie.*

DiSalvo, Dyanne. *The Sloppy Copy Slipup*

Eilenberg, Max. *Beauty and the Beast.*

Fleischman, Paul. *Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal: A Worldwide Cinderella* .

Florian, Douglas. *Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars*

Friedman, Laurie and Tamara Schmitz. *Mallory on Board*

Gardiner, John R. *Stone Fox*

Gifford, Peggy. *Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little*

Greenwald, Sheila. *Rosy Cole's Memoir Explosion*

Greenwood, Marie. *Explorer*

Grimes, Nikki. *Thanks a Million*

Graff, Lisa. *The Thing About Georgie*

Gutman, Dan. *The Homework Machine*

Haas, Jessie. *Jigsaw Pony*

Hamilton, Virginia. *The Girl Who Spun Gold*

Hansen, Rosanna. *Caring for Cheetahs: My African Adventure*

Hanson, Mary. *How to Save Your Tail*

Hatkoff, Juliana, Isabella and Craig. *Knut: How One Little Polar Bear Captivated the World*

Hobbs, Valerie. *Sheep*

Holt, Kimberly Willis. *Piper Reed, Navy Brat*

Howe, James. *Bunnica: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery*

Hurwitz, Johanna. *PeeWee's Tale*

James, Helen Foster. *S is for S'mores* .

Jenkins, Emily. *Toys Go Out: Being the Adventures of a Knowledgeable Stingray, a Toughy Little Buffalo, and Someone Called Plastic*

Jenkins, Steve. *Dogs and Cats, Cats and Dogs*

Kelly, Katy. *Lucy Rose: Working Myself to Pieces and Bits*

Ketteman, Helen. *Waynetta and the Cornstalk: A Texas Fairy Tale*

Kimmel, Eric. *A Picture for Marc. Random*

KingSmith, Dick. *The Golden Goose* .

Kline, Suzy. *Herbie Jones Moves On*

Levine, Ellen. *Henry's Freedom Box*

Lin, Grace. *The Year of the Dog*

Look, Lenore. *Ruby Lu: Empress of Everything*

Lowry, Lois. *Gooney Bird and the Room Mother*

Lubar, David. *Punished*

MacDonald, Alan. *Trolls Go Home!*

MacLachlan, Patricia. *Edward's Eyes.*

Mannis, Celeste. *Julia Morgan Built a Castle*

Markle, Sandra. *Little Lost Bat*

Marsden, Carolyn. *Bird Springs*

McCully, Emily. *Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor. Farrar*

McDonald, Megan. *Judy Moody Around the World in 8 ½ Days*

McDonough, Yona. *Hammerin' Hank: The Life of Hank Greenberg*

Mills, Claudia. *Being Teddy Roosevelt*

Nagda, Ann Whitehead. *Meow Means Mischief*

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. *Patches and*

NicolaLisa, W. *How We Are Smart*

Nolan, Lucy. *On the Road*

Osborne, Mary Pope. *Pompeii Lost & Found*

Park, Linda Sue. *Archer's Quest*

Patterson, Nancy Ruth. *The Winner's Walk*

Paulsen, Gary. *Lawn Boy*

Pennypacker, Sara. *Talented Clementine*

Perkins, Mitali. *Rickshaw Girl*

Perry, Andrea. **The Snack Smasher and Other Reasons Why It's Not My Fault**

Polacco, Patricia. *Something About Hensley's*

Prelutsky, Jack. *Good Sports*

Rosen, Michael J. *Balls!*

Ryder, Joanne. *A Pair of Polar Bears: Twin Cubs Find a Home at the San Diego Zoo*

Rylant, Cynthia. *The Journey: Stories of Migration*

Scieszka, Jon. *Oh Say, I Can't See*

Simon, Seymour. *Horses*

St. George, Judith. *Make Your Mark, Franklin Roosevelt*

Star, Fleur. *Rain Forest: Around the Clock with Animals of the Rain Forest*

Stewart, Melissa. *A Place for Butterflies*

Tang, Greg. *Math Potatoes*

Truss, Lynne. *The Girl's Like Spaghetti: Why You Can't Manage Without Apostrophes*

Urbigkit, Cat. *Brave Dogs, Gentle Dogs: How They Guard Sheep*

Vande Velde, Vivian. *Three Good Deeds*

Van Draanen, Wendelin. *Shredderman: Meet the Gecko*

Willey, Margaret. *Clever Beatrice and the Best Little Pony*

***Texas Bluebonnet Award 2008-2009 Nominees for Grades 1-4**

(Choose books from this list appropriate for your grade level.)

*** Students in grades 3-6 who read 5 or more Bluebonnet Books from this list by January 5, 2009, may vote for the top Bluebonnet book for 2008-2009!**

Auch, Mary Jane. 2006. *One-Handed Catch*. New York: Henry Holt and Company. Sixth grader Norm's future plans are built around being either a pitcher or an artist, but when he loses his hand helping his father by grinding meat for a customer, his hopes are shattered. Norm must find the strength to not give up on his dreams. (Grades 4-7)

Cheaney, J. B. 2007. *The Middle of Somewhere*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. Twelve-year-old Ronnie wants to see the world. The opportunity for her and her brother to travel with their wind prospector grandfather in his camper comes when her mother is injured in a hilarious romp through the house chasing a squirrel. The fact that her grandfather doesn't really want company and her brother is hyperactive just adds to the adventure. (Grades 4-7)

Day, Karen. 2007. *Tall Tales*. New York: Wendy Lamb Books. Sixth grade is the year Meg finally makes a friend after having to move time-after-time as her alcoholic father is constantly trying to make a fresh start. She is afraid to tell Grace her family secrets, so she makes up stories of a wished-for life. As the truth comes out, Meg discovers what friendship is about. (Grades 4-7)

DeFelice, Cynthia. 2006. *One Potato, Two Potato*. Illustrated by Andrea U'Ren. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Mr. and Mrs. O'Grady are so poor that they have had to share one coat, one blanket, and one potato each day, but they don't mind. When Mr. O'Grady is digging for potatoes and finds a pot with the magical power of doubling any object put into it, they have the chance to make big changes in their simple life. (Grades K-3)

Florian, Douglas. 2007. *Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars: Space Poems and Paintings*. Orlando: Harcourt, Inc. Verse, paintings and scientific facts bring the marvels of the Universe to life. The changing of Pluto's status as a planet is included. (Grades 1-5)

Graff, Lisa. 2006. *The Thing About Georgie*. New York: Laura Geringer Books. Georgie is a Little Person, and for the most part he is happy with his life. However, finding out he is about to become a brother, dealing with Jeanie the Meanie, and having a major fight with his best friend all converge during his fourth-grade year. Georgie has to learn that growing up is not a height issue. (Grades 3-6)

Harper, Charise Mericle. 2007. *Just Grace*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company. There are four girls named Grace in the same third grade class. When Miss Lois asks Grace what she wants to be called, her reply is, "just Grace"—and the name stuck. Grace prides herself in empathizing with others, but her attempt at helping her neighbor feel better about her lost cat backfires. Grades 2-4)

Jenkins, Emily. 2006. *Toys Go Out: Being the Adventures of a Knowledgeable stingray, a Toughy Little Buffalo, and Someone Called Plastic*. Illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky. New York: Schwartz & Wade Books. Told in six episodic adventures, Lumpy, Stingray, and Plastic, three best friends who are toys belonging to the Little Girl, discover the dangers and adventures of life in these funny and endearing tales. (Grades K-3)

Lauber, Patricia. 2006. *What You Never Knew About Beds, Bedrooms, and Pajamas*. Illustrated by John Manders. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. From The Stone Age to Modern Times the development of all that has to do with sleeping is related in an entertaining, but factual manner. No one will be able to get ready for bed in the same way again, and it might be difficult getting to sleep just thinking about beds, bedrooms, and pajamas. (Grades 2-5)

McCully, Emily Arnold. 2006. *Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux. The inventor, Margaret Knight, was not the usual 19th century young woman. Her first inventions were for her brothers, and at age twelve she invented a shuttle-guard that prevented many mill injuries. She became part of history when a man stole her invention for making square bottomed paper bags, and she had to go to court to prove herself as the inventor to obtain the patent. (Grades K-3)

O'Connor, Barbara. 2007. *How to Steal a Dog*. New York: Francis Foster Books, Farrar, Straus and Giroux. One secret that Georgina plans to keep from everyone, including her best friend, is that her father left; now she, her mother and her little brother, Toby, are homeless. When she sees a sign offering a \$500.00 reward for a lost dog, she sees a way out of her troubles. Now she just has to steal a dog. (Grades 3-7)

Patterson, Nancy Ruth. 2006. *The Winner's Walk*. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux. Everyone in Case's family has a special talent, and nine-year-old Case is determined to find his. Things are beginning to look bleak as plan after plan fails — until he finds a lost dog he names Noah. Since Noah has special abilities, he and Case find success in dog agility contests. However, Case soon discovers something else about Noah that leads him to find a special talent for caring. (Grades 3-5)

Paulsen, Gary. 2007. *Lawn Boy*. New York: Wendy Lamb Books. On his twelfth birthday he is broke and bored, and his grandmother gives him an old riding lawnmower. Before long he's working every day making \$20.00 a lawn and he becomes The Lawn Boy. Then, Arnold the stockbroker comes into his life. The next thing he knows he's got a crew working for him, he's rich, and one of his investments is the contract of prizefighter, Joey Pow. No more boring summer. (Grades 4-7)

Selznick, Brian. 2007. *The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures*. New York: Scholastic Press In this first of a kind book that is novel, picture book, graphic novel, and even film, the reader is introduced to Hugo, the orphaned son of a clockmaker in 1931 Paris. Hugo has managed to keep the secret of his father's death by continuing the job of winding the huge clocks at the Paris train station each day. When his job is done, he works on the secret his father left him. Hugo becomes involved with a book-loving girl and an angry old man; thus, the fast-paced mystery begins. (Grades 4-9)

Sidman, Joyce. 2007. *This is Just to Say: Poems of Apology and Forgiveness*. Illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski. Boston: Houghton Mifflin The assignment for this fictionalized class is to write poems of apology. It's a hit. The students ask the recipients of the apologies to reply, and the class puts them together in a book. Through a wide variety of poetry the emotion involved in "I'm sorry" and "you're forgiven" is presented. (Grades 4-7)

Tingle, Tim. 2006. *Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship and Freedom*. Illustrated by Jeanne Rorex Bridges. El Paso: Cinco Puntos Press. On one side of Bok Chitto is the plantation and on the other the Choctaws. If a slave could get across the river to the Choctaw tribe, there was freedom. With the aide of a Choctaw secret and a bit of magic, Little Mo's family is able to escape to freedom in this oral tradition tale from both the Choctaw and African-American traditions. (Grades 2-6)

White, Ruth. 2007. *Way Down Deep*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux. The town Way Down Deep is full of delightful characters; among them, Ruby a toddler found by the townspeople in the summer of 1944. Ruby lives with Miss Arbutus, the owner of the boarding house, but is raised by the entire town. She loves her life but has always wondered about her history. When she is twelve, a new family that has clues to her past moves to Way Down Deep. The discoveries lead to even more questions for Ruby who has decisions to make about the rest of her life. (Grades 4-7)