



Victory Academy Summer Reading List 2019-2020

Hello Parents!

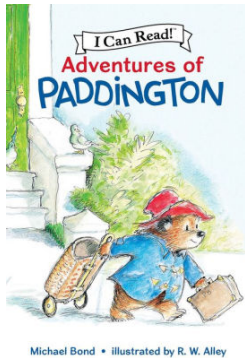
Below is the list of books each teacher has for summer reading 2019. Please review what has been requested for each grade. All teachers are asking that students write a summary of each chapter in a notebook that will be turned in to the teacher the first day of school. Kindergarten students can express themselves by drawing pictures of things they were excited about in their book. A graphic organizer has been included at the end of this packet to help students organize their thoughts.

Thank you,

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Kindergarten & 1st Grade Reading – Mrs. Lopez

Adventures of Paddington by Michael Bond

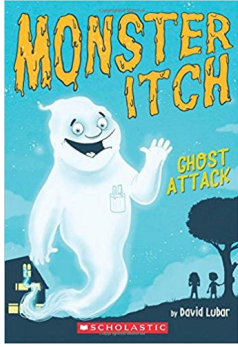


ISBN: 9780062742223

2nd & 3rd Grade Reading – Ms. Ramondo

Monster Itch: Ghost Attack by David Luber (**2nd Grade Class**)

When Alex and his cousin Sarah are visiting their grandparents, Alex gets terrible red, itchy hives. Yikes! He's allergic to a ghost! Even worse, the ghost won't leave him alone; he wants Alex and Sarah's help. Can they solve the ghost's mystery and get rid of Alex's awful rash before it ruins everything?

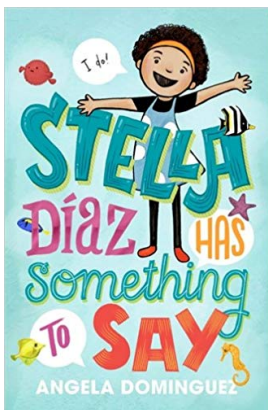


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Stella Diaz Has Something to Say by Angela Dominguez (3rd Grade Class)

Stella Diaz loves marine animals, especially her betta fish, Pancho. But Stella Diaz is not a betta fish. Betta fish like to be alone, while Stella loves spending time with her mom and brother and her best friend Jenny. Trouble is, Jenny is in another class this year, and Stella feels very lonely.

When a new boy arrives in Stella's class, she really wants to be his friend, but sometimes Stella accidentally speaks Spanish instead of English and pronounces words wrong, which makes her turn *roja*. Plus, she has to speak in front of her whole class for a big presentation at school! But she better get over her fears soon, because Stella Díaz has something to say!



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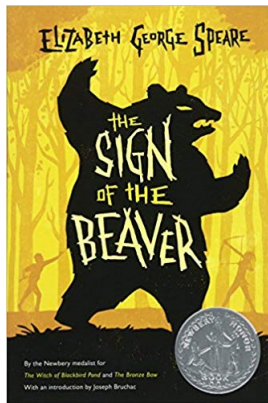
4th & 5th Grade Reading – Mrs. Hempstead

Students can choose from the following:

The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare

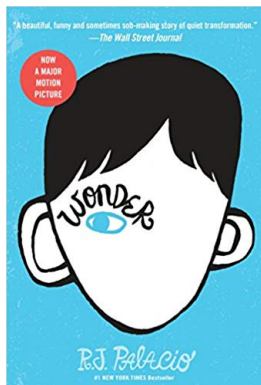
Although he faces responsibility bravely, thirteen-year-old Matt is more than a little apprehensive when his father leaves him alone to guard their new cabin in the wilderness. When a renegade white stranger

steals his gun, Matt realizes he has no way to shoot game or to protect himself. When Matt meets Attean, a boy in the Beaver clan, he begins to better understand their way of life and their growing problem in adapting to the white man and the changing frontier.



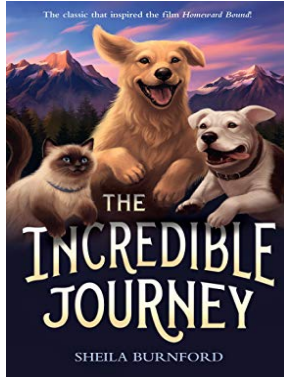
Wonder by RJ Palacio

August Pullman is a 10-year-old boy who likes Star Wars and Xbox, ordinary except for his jarring facial anomalies. Homeschooled all his life, August heads to public school for fifth grade and he is not the only one changed by the experience--something we learn about first-hand through the narratives of those who orbit his world. August's internal dialogue and interactions with students and family ring true, and though remarkably courageous he comes across as a sweet, funny boy who wants the same things others want: friendship, understanding, and the freedom to be himself.



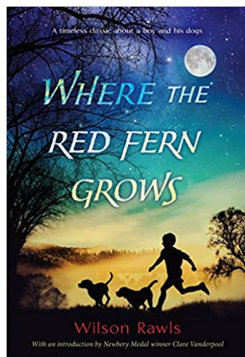
Incredible Journey by Sheila Burnford

An inquisitive Labrador retriever, friendly bull terrier, and courageous Siamese cat set out through the Canadian wilderness to find their owner in this truly “incredible” adventure. Instinct tells them that the way home lies to the west and together the three house pets face hunger, the natural elements, and wild forest animals as they make their way home to the family they love. This beloved classic that inspired the movie *Homeward Bound* has captured the hearts of generations of readers. The lengths to which these three animals will go for each other and for their owner make for a thrilling and thoroughly unforgettable tale.



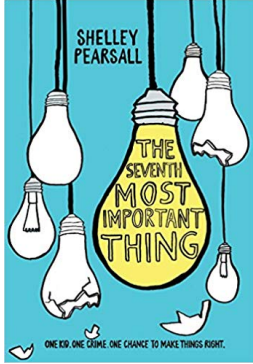
Where the Red Fern Grow by Wilson Rowls

Billy has long dreamt of owning not one, but two, dogs. So when he's finally able to save up enough money for two pups to call his own—Old Dan and Little Ann—he's ecstatic. It doesn't matter that times are tough; together they'll roam the hills of the Ozarks.



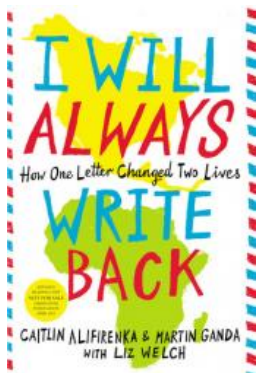
The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall

Arthur is given a rickety shopping cart and a list of the Seven Most Important Things: glass bottles, foil, cardboard, pieces of wood, lightbulbs, coffee cans, and mirrors. He can't believe it—is he really supposed to rummage through people's trash? But it isn't long before Arthur realizes there's more to the Junk Man than meets the eye, and the "trash" he's collecting is being transformed into something more precious than anyone could imagine.



6th -7th Grade Reading – Ms. Gammage

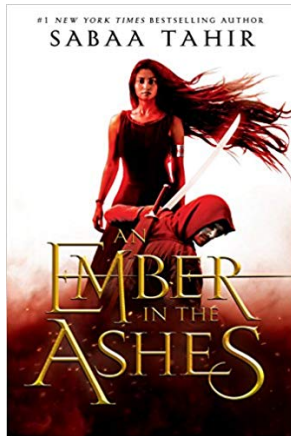
Caitlin, a typical American teenager, and Martin, is a poor but incredibly bright and hard-working boy in the African country of Zimbabwe who's struggling to get enough money to stay in school. Caitlin has no concept of Martin's poverty and sends him photographs and small gifts. She asks for similar items in return, not knowing that Martin's family barely has enough money to eat or pay his school fee. As Martin's financial situation grows dire, Caitlin and her family increase their support, eventually changing both Martin's and Caitlin's lives forever.



ISBN: 9780316241335

8th – 12th Grade Reading – Ms. Gammage

This dual-narrative fantasy follows two characters in an alternate universe with a strict caste system: Laia is a Scholar (the oppressed class), and Elias is an elite military student for the Empire. After Laia's brother is arrested, she joins a resistance movement that places her as a slave at the military academy where Elias is a rising star. Despite their differences, the slave and the soldier have more in common than they care to admit, and together they could start a revolution.



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Chapter Summary Graphic Organizer

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| <p>Title:</p> <p>Chapter Number:</p> <p>Pages:</p> |
| <p>Brainstorm: What are some events that happened in the chapter?</p> |
| <p>A very important moment in the chapter was when</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>It was important because</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
| <p>Was there a problem? If so, explain it.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>Was the problem in this chapter solved? Why or Why not?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
| <p>Write about your favorite moment in this chapter and tell why.</p> |

