

Our Lower School Book List has changed this year, so please take some time to familiarize yourself with the updated format. As we all know, reading is fluid and does not encompass one grade level. We want to foster a deep love of reading for each of our students at BWL and hope that the provided list will give them an entry point into books based on their interests. The list below is divided into sections for students entering Kindergarten and 1st Grade, 2nd and 3rd Grade, and 4th and 5th Grade. Please use this list as a guide, and feel free to always look at other grades for further suggestions and inspiration. Happy Reading!

### Entering Kindergarten and 1st Grade

#### **New Picture Books:**

*How to Read a Book* by Kwame Alexander; art by Melissa Sweet

"Bright collage illustrations and poetic imagery depict many of the ways to savor a book" (CIP).

*We Are Water Protectors* by Carole Linstrom; illustrated by Michaela Goade

"..When a black snake threatens to destroy the earth and poison her people's waters,

one young water protector takes stand to defend earth's most sacred resource" (OCLC)

*iVamos! Let's Go to Market* by Raul Gonzalez and Elaine Bay

"Little Lobo and his dog Bernabe deliver supplies to the Mercado, a bordertown market" (Publisher).

*Anonymouse* by Viki VanSickle; pictures by Anna Pirolli

"An anonymous artist transforms the city through graffiti, inspiring other urban critters to get creative" (Publisher).

*Outside In* by Deborah Underwood; illustrated by Cindy Derby

"The way nature affects our lives" (Publisher).

*Danbi Leads the School Parade* by Anna Kim

"Danbi is a bit nervous about beginning her new school in America, but she makes up a new game and leads her classmates on a parade to remember" (Publisher).

*The Couch Potato* by John Jory; illustrated by Pete Oswald

"The Couch Potato has everything he needs within arm's reach. But when the electricity goes out, Couch Potato must get up and experience fresh air" (Ingram).

*Milo Imagines the World* by Matt de la Peña; Christian Robinson (Illustrator)  
“Milo is on a long subway ride with his older sister. To pass the time, he studies the faces around him and makes pictures of their lives. There's the whiskered man with the crossword puzzle; Milo imagines him playing solitaire in a cluttered apartment full of pets. There's the wedding-dressed woman with a little dog peeking out of her handbag; Milo imagines her in a grand cathedral ceremony. And then there's the boy in the suit with the bright white sneakers; Milo imagines him arriving home to a castle with a drawbridge and a butler. But when the boy in the suit gets off on the same stop as Milo--walking the same path, going to the exact same place--Milo realizes that you can't really know anyone just by looking at them” (Publisher).

### **Chapter Books and Series:**

*Libby Loves Science: Mix and Measure* by Kimberly Derting; Joelle Murray (Illustrator); Shelli R. Johannes

*See the Cat: Three Stories about a Dog* by David LaRochelle; Mike Wohnoutka (Illustrator)

*Willa the Wisp* (the Fabled Stables Book #1) by Jonathan Auxier; Olga Demidova (Illustrator)

*Diary of a Worm* series by Doreen Cronin

*Fly Guy* series by Ted Arnold

*Frog and Toad* series by Arnold Lobel

*Henry and Mudge* series by Cynthia Rylant

*Ivy and Bean* series by Annie Barrows

*Princess in Black* serie by Shannon Hale & Dean Hale

*Mercy Watson* series by Kate DiCamillo

*Magic Treehouse* series by Mary Pope Osborne

*Sports Stories* series by Jake Maddox

*Nate the Great* series by Marjorie Weinman *Oliver* series by Syd Hoff

*Pinky and Rex* series by James Howe

*Poppleton* series by Cynthia Rylant

*Young Cam Jansen* series by David Adler

**Authors We Love:**

David Adler  
Ted Arnold  
Annie Barrows  
Doreen Cronin  
Kate DiCamillo  
Elissa Haden Guest  
Syd Hoff  
James Howe  
Suzy Kline  
Arnold Lobel  
James Marshall  
Stacy McAnulty  
Cynthia Rylant  
Nick Seluk  
Dr. Suess  
Marjorie Weinman  
Mo Willems

## Entering 2nd and 3rd Grades

### **Chapter Books and Series:**

*The Amazing Stardust Friends* series by Heather Alexander

*Amber Brown* series by Paula Danziger

*Amelia Bedelia* by Peggy and Herman Parish

*Zoey and Sassafras* series by Asia Citro

*The Bailey School Kids* series by Debbie Dadey and Marcia Thornton Jones

*The Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Chandler Warner

*Cam Jansen* by David A. Adler

*Encyclopedia Brown* series by Donald Sobol

*Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown

*Geronimo Stilton* series by Geronimo Stilton

*The Haunted Library* series by Dori Hillestad

*Butler Jigsaw Jones Mystery* series by Jame Preller

*Judy Moody* series by Megan McDonald

*The Magic School Bus* series by Joanna Cole

*Magic Tree House* series by Mary Pope Osborne

*Missy's Super Duper Royal Deluxe* series by Susan Nees

*My Weird School* by Dan Gutman

*Nate the Great* series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

*Rainbow Magic Fairies* by Daisy Meadows

*Sister, Smile, Guts* series by Raina Telgemeier (graphic novels)

*Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet* by Zanib Mian

*Mac B., Kid Spy* series by Mac Barnett

*Who was...?* (nonfiction) series

*I Survived* (nonfiction) series

**Authors We Love:**

Katherine Applegate

Judy Blume

Matt Christopher

Roald Dahl

Dan Gutman

Mike Lupica

Louis Sachar

## Entering 4th and 5th Grades

### **Chapter Books and Series:**

*The Lemonade War* series by Jacqueline Davies

*Chomp* by Carl Hiaasen

*Unplugged* by Gordon Korman

*The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander

*Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly

*Mango Shaped Space* by Wendy Mass

*Restart* by Gordon Korman

*When Stars Are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson

*The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown

*The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo

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

*The Chronicles of Narnia* series by C.S. Lewis

*Spy School* series by Stuart Gibbs

*Pacy Lin* series by Grace Lin

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Phyllis Regnolds Naylor

George Selden

Rebecca Stead

E.B. White