

STARSHIP ADVENTURE

SUMMER READING LIST

FOR GRADES 1 THROUGH 5



The Danvers Public Schools are dedicated to ensuring that literacy is a lifelong passion and commitment. To that end, we strongly encourage your family's participation in our Summer Reading Program and *Starship Adventure at Your Library* at the Peabody Institute Library. Your parental support in fostering summer reading will reap huge dividends in overall student achievement, vocabulary development, and reading comprehension.

For each book, kindly fill out a bookmark. Completed bookmarks should be returned during the first week of school. Participants in the Summer Reading Program will receive a Certificate of Recognition at a school-wide assembly.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Some books on this year's list are out of print, but can be found at local libraries in the NOBLE network (or for sale used online from Amazon or other used book sellers). If you do not find a book on the shelf at the library, see the librarian to place your order, or make your request online at <http://innopac.noblenet.org/> for delivery to the Peabody Institute Library. You will need a PIN to request books online. A PIN can be obtained from the library. Start your reading early so you'll be sure to get the books you want to read!

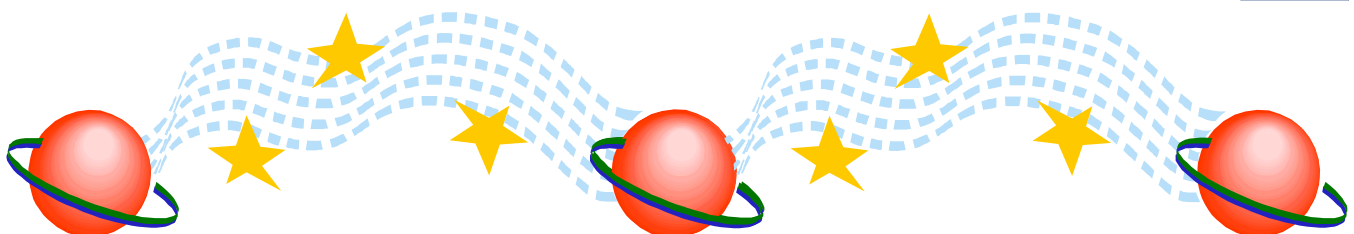
4th and 5th graders are also encouraged to try one of these 2009/2010 Massachusetts Children's Book Award nominees*:



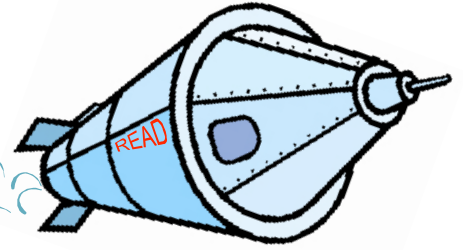
- *The Castle Corona*
- *The Lemonade War*
- *The Big Field*
- *Paint the Wind*
- *Elijah of Buxton*
- *Billy the Fish*
- *Weedflower*
- *Out of Patience*
- *Horns and Wrinkles*
- *Simon Bloom, The Gravity Keeper*
- *The London Eye Mystery*
- *Bread and Roses, Too*
- *Spy Mice: Goldwhiskers*
- *Found (The Missing, Book I)*
- *Rules*
- *Swindle*
- *Listen!*
- *Feathers*

- *The Green Glass Sea*
- *Abby Takes A Stand*
- *How to Steal A Dog*
- *Barack Obama: Our 44th President*
- *Araminta Spookie I: My Haunted House*
- *Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat*
- *Pizza, Pigs, and Poetry: How to Write a Poem*

* Please note that we have not had the opportunity to read all of the above-mentioned titles. Parents are responsible for reviewing books to determine the appropriateness of the content for their children.

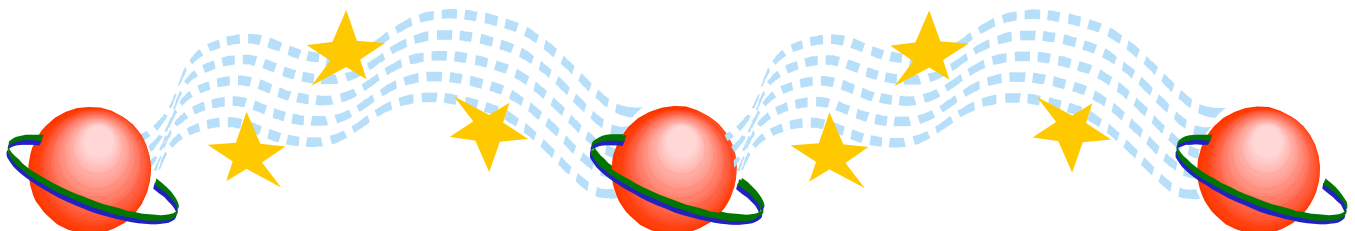


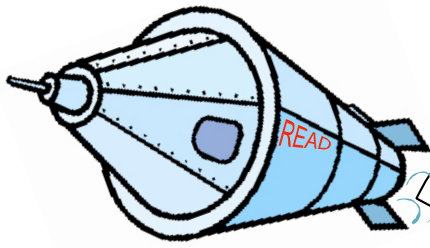
Grades 1 and 2



Please read at least 5 books including, but not limited to, books by the following authors:

- **Frank Asch** (*Moonbear* series, *The Earth and I*, *Journal of a Cardboard Genius* series, *Like A Windy Day*, *Water*, *Mr. Maxwell's Mouse*)
- **Franklyn Branley** (*Floating in Space*, *The Moon Seems to Change*, *Mission to Mars*, *Is there Life in Outer Space?*, *The Sky Is Full of Stars*, *The Sun: Our Nearest Star*)
- **Eric Carle** (*Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me*; *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*; *The Mixed-Up Chameleon*)
- **Claire Freedman** (*Aliens Love Underpants*)
- **Tony Johnston** (*Alien and Possum* series)
- **G. Brian Karas** (*On Earth*)
- **Mark Karlins** (*Starring Lorenzo and Einstein Too*)
- **David Kirk** (*Nova's Ark*)
- **Bill Martin, Jr.** (*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*)
- **Mercer Mayer** (*Little Critter* series)
- **David McPhail** (*Lost!*, *Henry Bear's Park*, *Big Brown Bear*)
- **Charise Mericle Harper** (*There Was A Bold Lady Who Wanted A Star*)
- **Anne Rockwell** (*Our Earth, Our Stars*)
- **Cynthia Rylant** (*The Stars Will Still Shine*, *Henry and Mudge* series, *Mr. Putter and Tabby* series)
- **Maurice Sendak** (*Where the Wild Things Are*)
- **Dr. Seuss** (*Cat in the Hat*)
- **Martin Waddell** (*Owl Babies*)
- **Jane Yolen** (*Commander Toad* series, *Owl Moon*)
- **Selina Young** (*Big Dog and Little Dog Visit the Moon*)
- *Step Into Reading* series – especially non-fiction
- *Rookie Readers* and other non-fiction

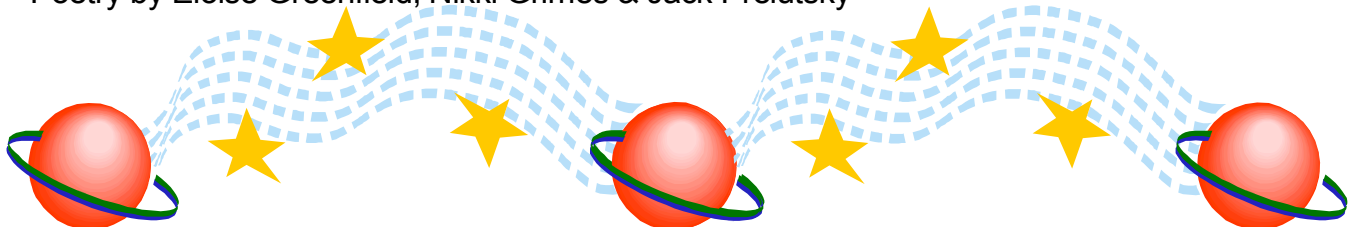




Grades 3 and 4

Please **read at least 3 books** including, but not limited to, books by the following authors:

- **Buzz Aldrin** (*Reaching for the Moon*)
- **Graeme Base** (*The Worst Band in the Universe*)
- **Lee Bennett Hopkins** (*Blast Off! Poems About Space*)
- **Andrew Clements** (*Jake Drake* series)
- **Bruce Coville** (*Space Brat, I Left My Sneakers in Dimension X, Aliens* series, *My Teacher* series)
- **Douglas Florian** (*Comets, Stars, the Moon and Mars: Space Poems and Paintings*)
- **David Getz** (*Floating Home, Life on Mars*)
- **Gail Gibbons** (*The Moon Book; Stargazers; Galaxies, Galaxies!, Planet Earth/Inside Out*)
- **Dan Gutman** (*Weird School* series)
- **Deborah Hopkinson** (*Maria's Comet*)
- **Jessica Kerrin** (*Martin Bridge* series)
- **Kathleen Krull** (*What Really Happened in Roswell?, The Night the Martians Landed*)
- **Lois Lowry** (*Sam* series, *Gooney Bird Greene* series)
- **Ann Martin** (*The Doll People* series)
- **Faith McNulty** (*If You Decide to Go to the Moon*)
- **Kevin O'Malley** (*Captain Raptor and the Moon Mystery*)
- **Daniel Pinkwater** (*Mush, A Dog From Space; Wallpaper from Space*)
- **Cynthia Rylant** (*The Cobble Street Cousins* series, *Gooseberry Park* series, *Lighthouse Family* series)
- **Jon Scieszka** (*The Time Warp Trio* series, *Baloney*)
- **Chris Van Allsburg** (*Zathura, The Wretched Stone*)
- **David Weisner** (*June 29, 1999*)
- **Susan Wojciechowski** (*Beany* series)
- Poetry by Eloise Greenfield, Nikki Grimes & Jack Prelutsky

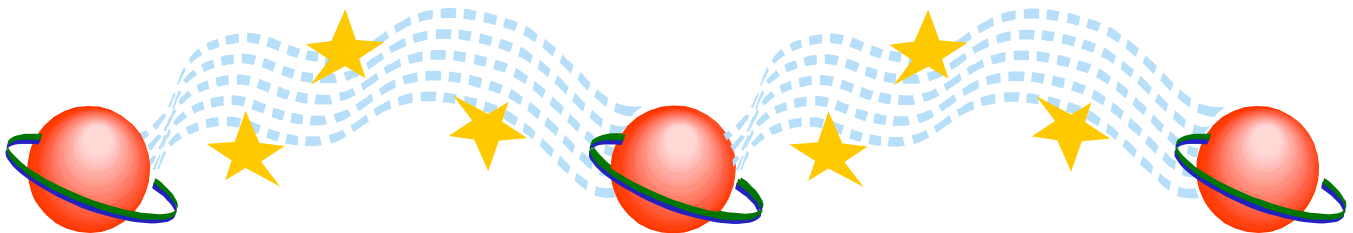


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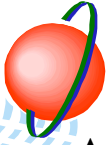


Please **read at least 3 books** including, but not limited to, books by the following authors:

- **Avi** (*The Mayor of Central Park, The Good Dog, Poppy* series)
- **Blue Balliett** (*The Calder Game, The Wright 3, Chasing Vermeer*)
- **Betsy Byars** (*The 18th Emergency, The Computer Nut*)
- **Kate DiCamillo** (*The Tiger Rising, The Tale of Despereaux, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, Because of Winn-Dixie*)
- **Leonard Everett Fisher** (*Galileo*)
- **Dan Gutman** (*Honus and Me, Qwerty Stevens Adventure* series)
- **Lucy and Stephen Hawking** (*George's Secret Key to the Universe, George's Cosmic Treasure Hunt*)
- **Dianna Hutts Aston** (*The Moon Over Star*)
- **Madeleine L'Engle** (*A Swiftly Tilting Planet, A Wrinkle in Time*)
- **Lois Lowry** (*Messenger, The Giver, Gathering Blue*)
- **David Macauley** (*The New Way Things Work*)
- **Ann Martin** (*A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray*)
- **Jacqueline Mitton** (*Once Upon A Starry Night: A Book of Constellations, Zoo in the Sky: A Book of Animal Constellations*)
- **Jill Paton Walsh** (*The Green Book*)
- **Gary Paulsen** (*Dogsong, Brian* series)
- **Pam Ryan Muñoz** (*Becoming Naomi León, Riding Freedom, Esperanza Rising*)
- **Seymour Simon** (*Our Solar System; Stars; The Sun; Earth: Our Planet in Space; The Moon; Destination: Space; Galaxies; Comets, Meteors, and Asteroids*)
- **Jerry Spinelli** (*Stargirl, Maniac Magee, Crash, The Library Card, Fourth Grade Rats, Loser*)
- **Chris Van Allsburg** (*Zathura, The Wretched Stone*)
- Plus any titles from the Massachusetts Children's Book Award nominees



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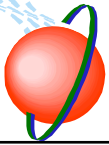
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Title of Book: _____

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Challenge #1: If you had to choose one character from this book to be your best friend, which character would it be, and why?



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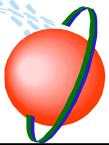
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Challenge #2: Describe an event in this book that was similar to something that happened to you in your own life.



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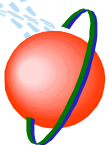
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Challenge #3: Draw a picture of what you think the setting of this book looks like.



GRADES 4 & 5



Name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

Title of Book: _____

Author's Name: _____



Challenge #1: How would you change the ending in this book, and why would your ending be better?



GRADES 4 & 5



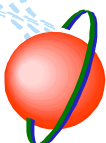
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Challenge #2: If you had to buy a birthday present for a character in this book, what would it be, and why would you choose it?



GRADES 4 & 5



Name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

Title of Book: _____

Author's Name: _____



Challenge #3: Choose 4 key events/ideas from this book. Draw 4 boxes on the back of this bookmark, and draw one event/idea in each box. Write a caption underneath each picture describing the event/idea.

