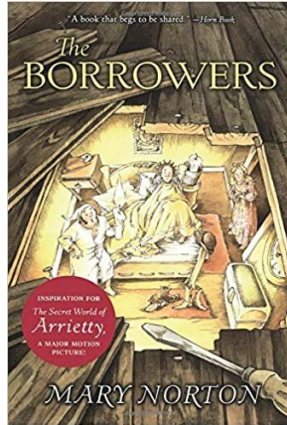


## Ms. Soskel's Summer Reading List



### ***The Borrowers*** by Mary Norton

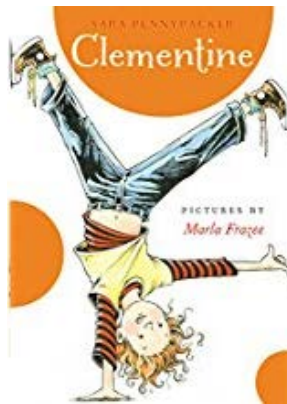
The Borrowers—the Clock family: Homily, Pod, and their fourteen-year-old daughter, Arrietty, to be precise—are tiny people who live underneath the kitchen floor of an old English country manor. All their minuscule home furnishings, from postage stamp paintings to champagne cork chairs, are “borrowed” from the “human beans” who tromp around loudly above them. All is well until Pod is spotted upstairs by a human boy! Can the Clocks stay nested safely in their beloved hidden home, or will they be forced to flee?



### ***The Boxcar Children: The Ice Cream Mystery*** by Gertrude Chandler Walker (\*Series)

The owner of the Greenfield Ice Cream Barn has two new partners: her granddaughter Brianna and the horse Butterscotch. Benny frequents the Ice Cream Wagon, run by Brianna with Butterscotch's help. But who is trying to shut down the Ice Cream Barn?

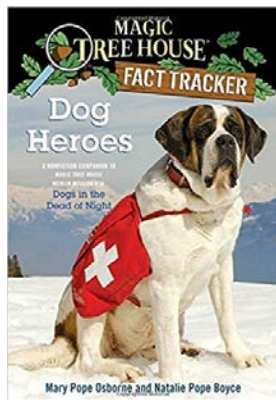
\*Any book in *The Boxcar Children Mysteries* series is a good choice. However, please do not read books #2, #3, and #74, which are part of our reading curriculum.



### ***Clementine*** by Sara Pennypacker (\*Series)

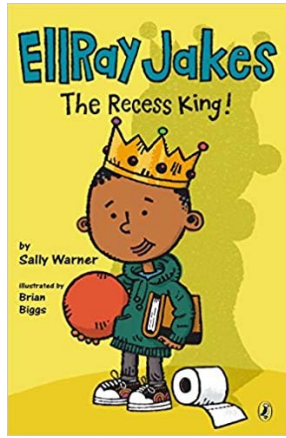
Clementine is having not so good of a week. On Monday she's sent to the principal's office for cutting off Margaret's hair. Tuesday, Margaret's mother is mad at her. Wednesday, she's sent to the principal again. Thursday, Margaret stops speaking to her. Friday starts with yucky eggs and gets worse. And by Saturday, even her mother is mad at her. Okay, fine. Clementine is having a DISASTROUS week.

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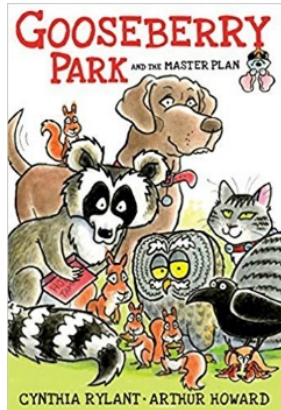
### ***Dog Heroes*** by Mary Pope Osborne

How do St. Bernards help find avalanche survivors? Who are some of the most famous war dog heroes? What breeds make good service dogs? Find out the answers to these questions and more as Jack and Annie track the facts.



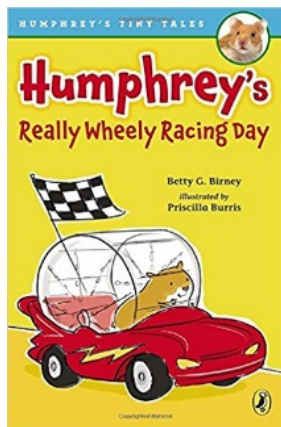
***EllRay Jakes: The Recess King!*** by Sally Warner

EllRay is down to one-and-a-half best friends, and his little sister points out the obvious: he needs more! So EllRay decides to audition other boys for the part, the way his sister is auditioning for the lead role in her day care's spring play. Now, EllRay has to come up with fun things to do at recess, because when he's the Recess King, everyone will want to be his friend!



***Gooseberry Park and the Master Plan*** by Cynthia Rylant and Arthur Howard

There's a drought in Gooseberry Park, and it's up to Kona the dog, Murray the bat, and Gwendolyn the hermit crab to get water to the elderly and baby animals that live there. Together, they hatch an ingenious Master Plan which requires the cooperation of Murray's cousin Morton, Herman the crow, a possum, a cat, three young squirrels, and 200 owls. Working with split-second precision, the team manages to secure and store enough water to keep the animals going until a much-needed rain brings the park residents permanent relief.



***Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day*** by Betty G. Birney (\*Series)

Humphrey is one happy hamster. He lives in Room 26 at Longfellow School. He has a big comfy cage with a wheel perfect for spinning and a room *full* of friends. But when Humphrey goes to Mandy's house one weekend, he learns that her hamster has something Humphrey has never seen before - a hamster car!

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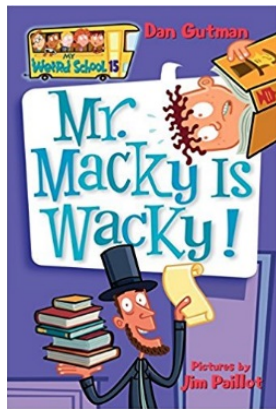


***More Perfect than the Moon*** by Patricia MacLachlan (\*Series)

Cassie spends her days watching Grandfather and Caleb in the barn, looking out at Papa working the fields, spying on her mother, Sarah, feeding the goslings. She's an observer, a writer, a storyteller. Everything is as it should be.

But change is inevitable, even on the prairie. Something new is expected, and Sarah says it will be the perfect gift. Cassie isn't so sure. But just as life changes, people change too. And Cassie learns that unexpected surprises can bring great joy.

\*After reading *More Perfect than the Moon*, *Grandfather's Dance* (the next book in the series) would be a good choice.

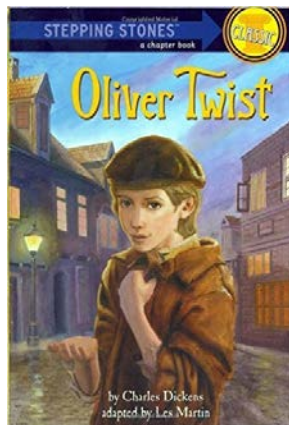


***Mr. Macky is Wacky*** by Dan Gutman

Something weird is going on!

It's Presidents' Day! And Mr. Macky, the reading specialist, actually expects A.J. and his friends to read stuff about the presidents! Not only that, but he lives in a log cabin and thinks he's Abraham Lincoln! Is he for real?

\*Any book in the *My Weird School* series is a good choice.

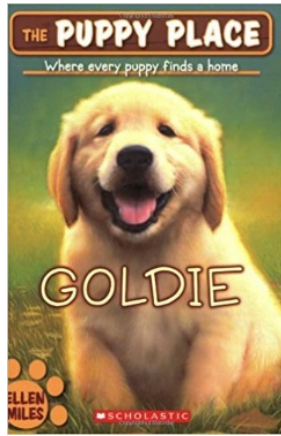


***Oliver Twist – Stepping Stones Adapted Classics*** by Charles Dickens, adapted by Les Martin

Oliver Twist is a desperate orphan. A gang of thieves takes him in and teaches him to steal, but then he is caught. What will become of poor Oliver Twist? Kids can find out in this easy-to-read chapter book adaptation of the Dickens classic.

\*Any book in the *Stepping Stones Adapted Classics* collection is a good choice. However, please do not read *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*, *Dracula*, *The Knights of the Round Table*, *Sherlock Holmes*, *Tom Sawyer*, or *The Wizard of Oz*, which are part of our reading curriculum.



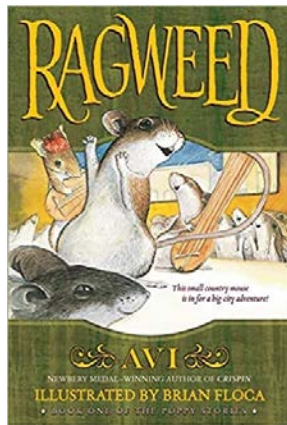


***The Puppy Place: Goldie* by Annie Barrows**

Charles and Lizzie Peterson love puppies. They want a puppy of their own more than just about anything. They know dogs are a lot of work. But their mom still doesn't think their family is ready for a puppy.

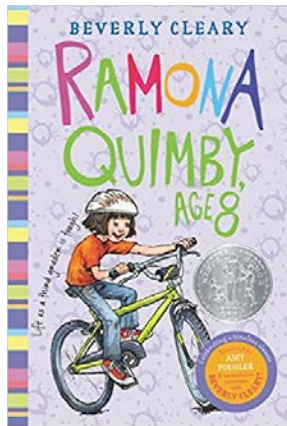
Then, Goldie arrives. She is a sweet golden retriever that needs a home. Goldie is very young. She doesn't know how to be a good puppy yet. Will Charles and Lizzie be able to help her?

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***Ragweed* by Avi**

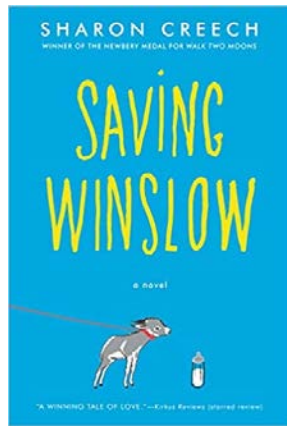
*A mouse has to do what a mouse has to do.* Ragweed is determined to see the world. He leaves his family and cozy country home and sets off by train for the big city. What wonders await him: music, excitement, new friends...and cunning, carnivorous cats!



***Ramona Quimby, Age 8* by Beverly Cleary (\*Series)**

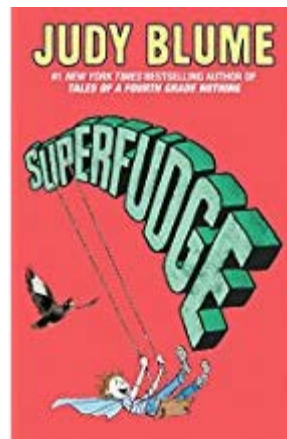
Ramona likes that she's old enough to be counted on, but must everything depend on her? Mrs. Quimby has gone back to work so that Mr. Quimby can return to school, and Ramona is expected to be good for Mrs. Kemp while her parents are away, to be brave enough to ride the school bus by herself, and to put up with being teased by Danny the Yard Ape. In Ramona's world, being eight isn't easy, but it's never dull!

\*Any book in the *Ramona* series is a good choice.



***Saving Winslow*** by Sharon Creech

***Saving Winslow*** is an uplifting modern classic about a young boy who befriends an ailing newborn donkey and nurses him back to health.

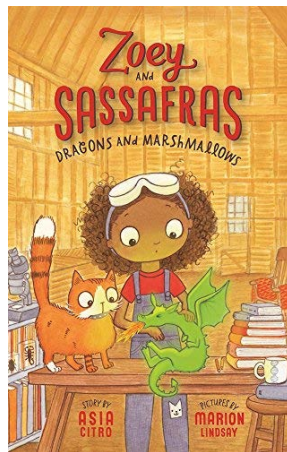


***Super Fudge*** by Judy Blume (\*Series)

**Part of the classic Fudge series from Judy Blume, bestselling author of *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing!***

Farley Drexel Hatcher—otherwise known as Fudge—thinks he’s a superhero, but his older brother, Peter, knows Fudge is nothing but a big pain! Dealing with Fudge is hard enough, but now Peter’s parents have decided to move to New Jersey for an entire year! Even worse, Peter’s mom is going to have a new baby. And if this baby is anything like Fudge—help! How will Peter ever survive?

\*Any book in *Fudge* series is a good choice. However, please do not read *Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great*, which is part of our reading curriculum.



***Zoey and Sassafras: Dragons and Marshmallows*** by Asia Citro

Zoey discovers a glowing photo and learns an amazing secret. Injured magical animals come to their backyard barn for help! When a sick baby dragon appears, it’s up to Zoey and Sassafras to figure out what’s wrong. Will they be able to help little Marshmallow before it’s too late?