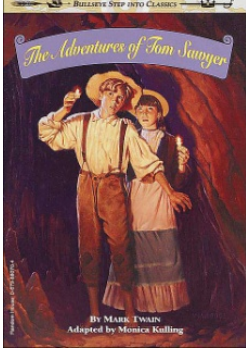
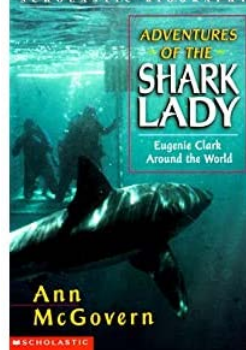
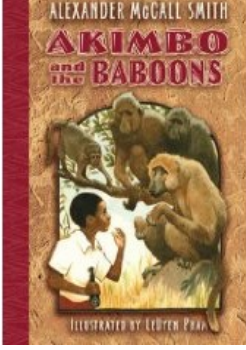
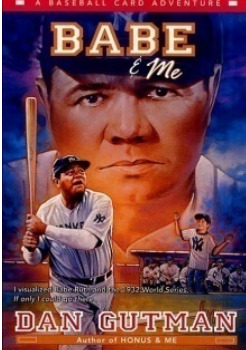
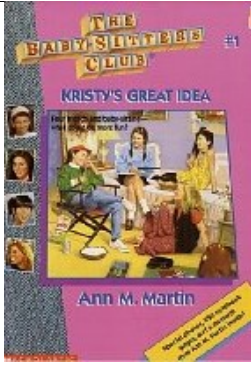


Ms. Sewell's 5th Grade Summer Reading List 2020

	<p><u>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</u> by Monica Kulling</p> <p>Join Tom Sawyer's wild adventures along the banks of the Mississippi River in this exciting addition to the Step into Classics line. Tom and his best friend, Huck Finn, share exciting make-believe escapades as treasure hunters, swashbuckling pirates, and soldiers in battle. They also unwittingly become real-life witnesses to a terrible crime!</p>
	<p><u>Adventures of the Shark Lady: Eugenie Clark Around the World</u> by Ann McGovern</p> <p>This amazing marine biologist has many adventures while diving with the great White Shark, being attacked by a giant crab, riding a giant whale shark, meeting monsters of the deep and being trapped 2,000 feet below the sea in a tiny submersible craft on the ocean floor.</p>
	<p><u>Akimbo and the Baboons</u> by Alexander McCall Smith (*series)</p> <p>Akimbo is excited to have his cousin, Kosi, visit him on the game reserve where he lives. When a visiting scientist invites the boys to join her when she studies a pack of baboons, they can't wait to assist her in the bush. The baboons they find are fun to observe, but when a black leopard threatens the pack—and the scientist—Akimbo and Kosi are reminded that danger is ever present in the African bush.</p> <p>*This book is part of a series. Any other book from this series would be a great choice as well.</p>
	<p><u>Babe & Me</u> by Dan Gutman (*Series)</p> <p>13-year-old Joe Stoshack time travels and meets baseball greats of the past. In this book, he takes his father along, as they attempt to discover whether Babe Ruth really "called his shot" in the 1932 World Series.</p> <p>*This book is part of a series. Any other book from this series would be a great choice as well (ex. <u>Jackie & Me</u>, <u>Shoeless Joe & Me</u>).</p>



Baby-Sitter's Club Series: Kristy's Great Idea by Ann M. Martin (*series)

Kristy Thomas organizes her friends into a baby-sitters club. All of the areas of concern to pre-teen girls (wearing the "in" clothes, keeping friendships stable, coping with family stresses, and trying to grow up) are here, tied to the experience of baby-sitting.

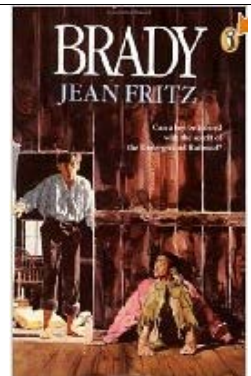
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The Boys Start the War by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (*series)

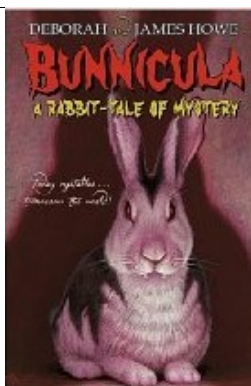
It's not the Hatfields vs. the McCoys, but a feud nonetheless when the four Harfield brothers square off against their new neighbors, the Malloy sisters.

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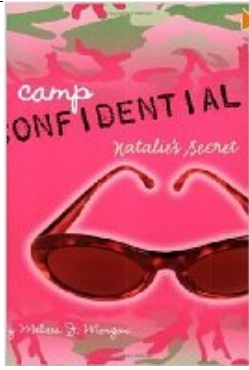
Brady by Jean Fritz

Brady has never been trusted with secrets, until now. When he discovers an Underground Railroad station near his family's farm, he is forced to make his own decision about the slavery controversy. Whatever his decision may be, he knows that this is one secret that must be kept.



Bunnacula by James Howe

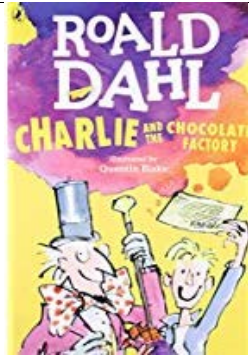
This immensely popular children's story is told from the point of view of a dog named Harold. It all starts when Harold's human family, the Monroes, goes to see the movie Dracula, and young Toby accidentally sits on a baby rabbit wrapped in a bundle on his seat. How could the family help but take the rabbit home and name it Bunnacula? There is something weird about this rabbit. Pointy fangs, the appearance of a cape, black-and-white coloring, nocturnal habits ... it sure seemed like he was a vampire bunny.



Camp Confidential: Natalie's Secret by Melissa J. Morgan (*series)

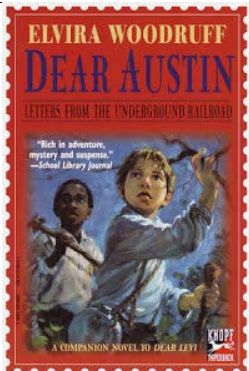
Natalie Goode is a city girl-way more interested in fresh sushi than fresh air. So she's bummed when her mother ships her off to "Camp Lake-puke" to broaden her horizons. But before long, Natalie notices there are some pretty cool girls at camp (and even some cute boys, too). If she can loosen up, she might even enjoy herself-unless the secret she's been keeping gets in her way...

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Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Willy Wonka's famous chocolate factory is opening at last! But only five lucky children will be allowed inside. And the winners are: Augustus Gloop, an enormously fat boy whose hobby is eating; Veruca Salt, a spoiled-rotten brat whose parents are wrapped around her little finger; Violet Beauregarde, a dim-witted gum-chewer with the fastest jaws around; Mike Teavee, a toy pistol-toting gangster-in-training who is obsessed with television; and Charlie Bucket, Our Hero, a boy who is honest and kind, brave and true, and good and ready for the wildest time of his life!

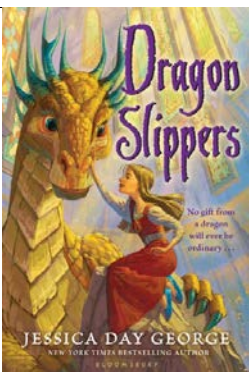


Dear Austin by Elvira Woodruff

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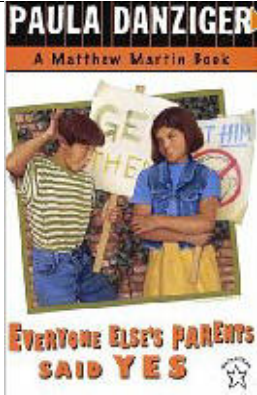
This historical novel tells the story of a young boy's friendship with African-American peers in the mid-1800s through his reflective letters to his older brother. In 1853, Levi Ives begins to write a series of letters to his older brother Austin who has moved to Oregon to settle the family's claim. Levi, who lives in the family's home in Pennsylvania, develops a friendship with Jupiter, the son of a former slave. Levi, Jupiter, and Possum, another friend, are adventurous boys who explore the wilderness until slave traders capture Darcy, Jupiter's younger sister.

Levi joins Jupiter on a trip south through the woods to find Darcy. His letters chronicle the people and places he finds along the way including Harriet Tubman and slaves who are escape north via the Underground Railroad. He also tells his brother about the work of the abolitionists, the horror of a slave auction, and his own painful realization of racial prejudice.



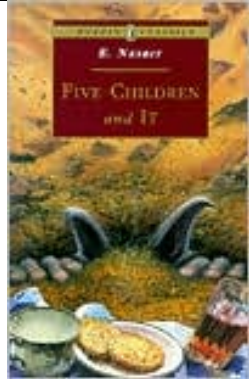
Dragon Slippers by Jessica Day George

After Creel's aunt totes her out to the local dragon in desperation, with the hope that the local prince will rescue her and marry her, Creel refuses the prince and finds friendship with the dragons, who set her on a journey to the center of the kingdom with a pretty pair of what only seem to be ordinary slippers But soon enough those mysterious slippers begin to wreak havoc, and it's up to Creel to save the kingdom from disaster and defend the dragons from certain doom.



Everyone Else's Parents Said Yes by Paula Danziger

The girls who Matthew constantly pranks threaten to ruin the party he has been anticipating for weeks, until Matthew finally swallows his pride. He and the girls reach an agreement, and Matthew's 11th birthday celebration turns out to be even better than he expected.



Five Children and It by Edith Nesbit

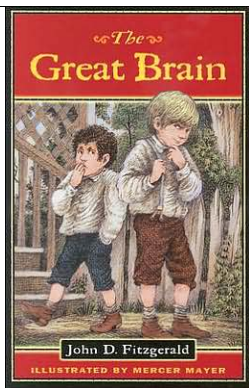
The last thing Cyril, Anthea, Robert, Jane, and their baby brother expect to find while digging in the sand is a Psammead—an ancient Sand-fairy! Having a Sand-fairy for a pet means having one wish granted each day. But the five-some doesn't realize all of the trouble that wishes can cause.



Float by Laura Martin

Emerson can float...he just can't do it very well.

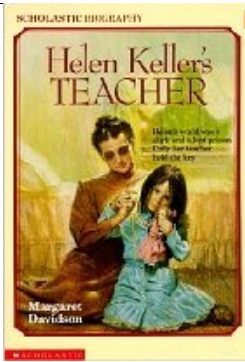
His uncontrollable floating is his RISK factor, which means that he deals with Reoccurring Incidents of the Strange Kind. The last place Emerson wants to be is at a government-mandated summer camp for RISK kids like him, so he's shocked when he actually starts having fun at camp—and he even makes some new friends.



The Great Brain by John D. Fitzgerald (*series)

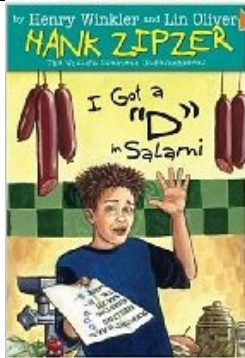
The best con man in the Midwest is only ten years old. Tom, a.k.a., the Great Brain, is a silver-tongued genius with a knack for turning a profit. When the Jenkins boys get lost in Skeleton Cave, the Great Brain saves the day. Whether it's saving the kids at school, or helping out Peg-leg Andy, or Basil, the new kid at school, the Great Brain always manages to come out on top—and line his pockets in the process.

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Helen Keller's Teacher by Margaret Davidson

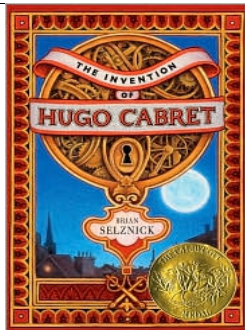
The true story of the dedicated woman, Anne Sullivan Macy, who became Helen Keller's teacher and lifelong friend.



I got a "D" in Salami by Henry Winkler, Lin Oliver (*series)

After getting three Ds on his report card, a panicked Hank and his friends go to his mom's deli. His report card winds up in the meat grinder and Hank watches as his Ds are ground into a big salami--and this particular salami is being made for a very important client. How will Hank get out of this one?

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The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick

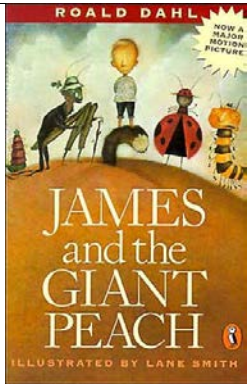
Orphan, clock keeper, and thief, Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. But when his world suddenly interlocks with an eccentric, bookish girl and a bitter old man who runs a toy booth in the station, Hugo's undercover life and his most precious secret are put in jeopardy.



Jackie & Me by Dan Gutman (*series)

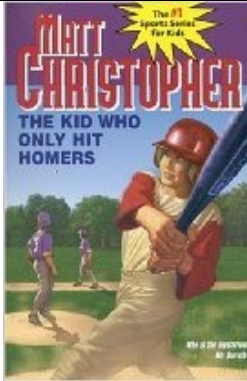
Joe Stoshack can travel through time with the help of his baseball cards. To write a report he goes back to meet one of the greatest baseball players ever, Jackie Robinson. This trip for a short time changes the color of his skin - and forever changes his view of history and his definition of courage.

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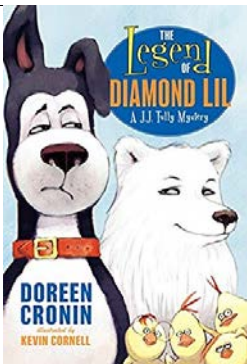
James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

Have you ever had a dream? Did you ever have the chance to go somewhere you always wanted but the plans got destroyed? Well James's dream to go to NYC seems so close, but his only way getting there is traveling in a giant peach!



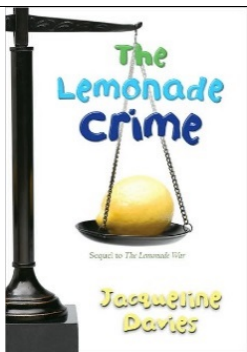
The Kid Who Only Hit Homers by Matt Christopher

When a mysterious man promises to make him a great player, Sylvester accepts and begins a phenomenal home-run streak.



The Legend of Diamond Lil: A J.J. Tully Mystery by Doreen Cronin

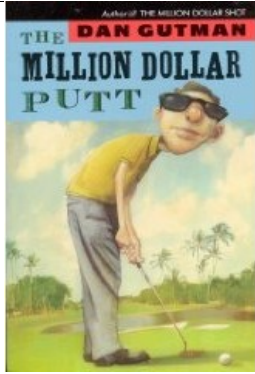
In this sequel to the chapter book, *The Trouble with Chickens*, search-and-rescue dog J.J. Tully wants to enjoy his retirement. However, mama chick Moosh and chicks Dirt and Sugar are acting strange. A possum keeps finding its way into the chicken coop. And J.J. has questions about Diamond Lil, the fancy new dog next door. He'll have to track down the clues and sniff out the evidence to save the day.



The Lemonade Crime by Jacqueline Davies (*series)

Following the laws of our legal system, Evan and Jessie's fourth grade class concocts a courtroom on the playground, putting Scott Spencer, alleged thief, on trial. They create a legitimate courtroom with a judge, witnesses, a jury of their peers, and surprising consequences.

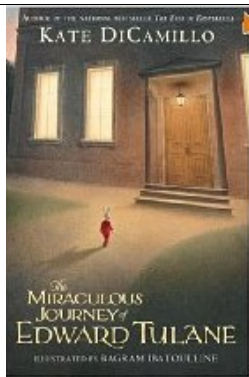
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The Million Dollar Putt by Dan Gutman (*series)

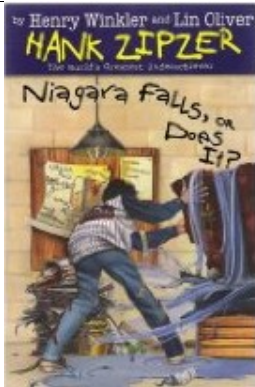
Edward Bogie Bogard may be blind, but he can learn just about anything he sets his mind to riding a bike, parasailing, or playing guitar. His dad encourages all of his interests except one: golf. So when a few of his classmates invite him to a driving range, no one is more surprised than Bogie when he turns out to have the swing of a natural player. Now what he needs is a coach to win the golfing tournament with a million-dollar prize.

*This book is part of a series. Any other book from this series would be a great choice as well (ex. hockey: The Million Dollar Goal or basketball: The Million Dollar Shot). However, please do not read The Million Dollar Kick as it is part of our reading curriculum.



The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

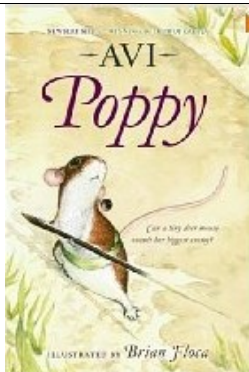
This adventure story is about a magnificent china rabbit who did not know how to love. He only cared about his looks and only half listens to the young girl he belongs to. This all changes when Edward is tossed overboard on the way to England and begins a journey from the depths of the ocean through many new homes and adventures.



Niagara Falls, or Does It? By Henry Winkler, Lin Oliver (*series)

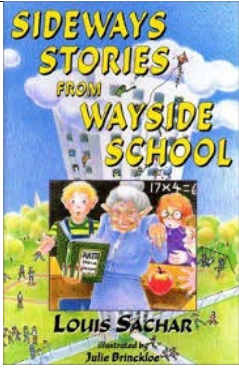
For Hank, fourth grade does not start out on the right foot. First of all, he gets called to the principal's office on the very first day of school. Then the first assignment his teacher gives him is to write five paragraphs on "What You Did This Summer." Hank is terrified-writing one good sentence is hard for him, so how in the world is he going to write five whole paragraphs? Hank comes up with a plan: instead of writing what he did on vacation, he'll show what he did. But when Hank's "living essay" becomes a living disaster, he finds himself in detention. Strangely enough, however, detention ends up becoming a turning point in his life.

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Poppy by Avi

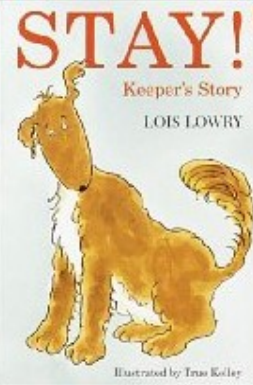
Poppy, a mouse, is determined to lead her family to a better life. Mr. Ocax, the bully and a great horned owl, is equally determined to keep them just where they are.



Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar (*series)

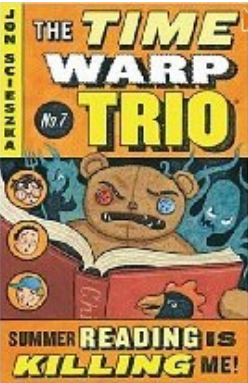
The WaysideSchool was supposed to be one story high, with 30 classrooms side by side; instead, it was built sideways, with 30 one-classroom stories. As befits such a strange school, these tales are a bit strange too.

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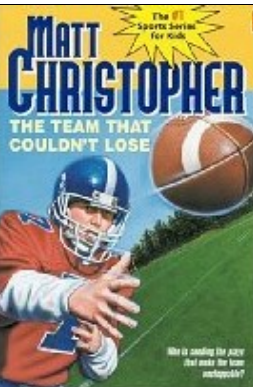
Stay! Keeper's Story by Lois Lowry

This is the story of a dog who tells his own tale. As a pup he is separated from his mother and siblings. Through it all, Keeper can't forget his long lost little sister. If only they could be together again, life would be perfect. But an old enemy is watching and waiting to make his move.



Summer Reading Is Killing Me by Jon Scieszka

Joe, Fred, and Sam have no idea why they've been transported to a playground. All they know is that there's a 250-pound chicken and it's headed straight for them. While Joe's racking his brains for the magic words to stop a charging chicken, he suddenly has a flash of what's going to happen next. It's exactly like the book he just read. Turns out Fred put their summer reading list inside The Book (the magic one, that is)-and now they're destined to spend their summer living stories that were only meant to be read.



The Team that Couldn't Lose by Matt Christopher

A young, inexperienced football team discovers its beginner's luck is due to a series of mysterious but successful plays anonymously sent to the coach.



Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce

Tom is furious. His brother, Peter, has measles, so now Tom is being shipped off to stay with Aunt Gwen and Uncle Alan in their boring old apartment. There'll be nothing to do there and no one to play with. Tom just counts the days till he can return home to Peter. Then one night the landlady's antique grandfather clock strikes thirteen times leading Tom to a wonderful, magical discovery and marking the beginning of a secret that's almost too amazing to be true.



Who Was Ben Franklin by Dennis Fradin (*series)

This is an often funny, always engaging introduction to one of America's most fascinating founding fathers. Franklin is affectionately and respectfully depicted as a man of insatiable intellectual curiosity with a tireless creative and inventive mind who played indispensable roles in the War for Independence and the establishment of the U.S. government.

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The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is--but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realizes that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants.



World of Adventure Series – by Gary Paulsen

(*same series as Escape From Fire Mountain)