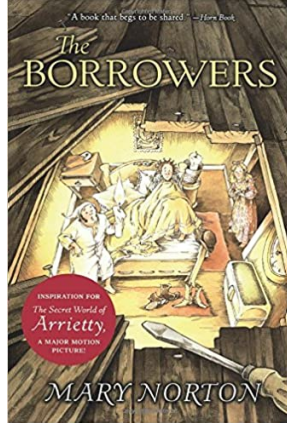
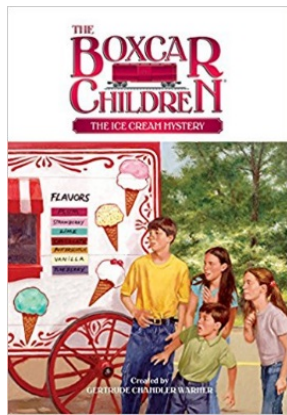


Mrs. Kempin's Summer Reading List



The Borrowers by Mary Norton

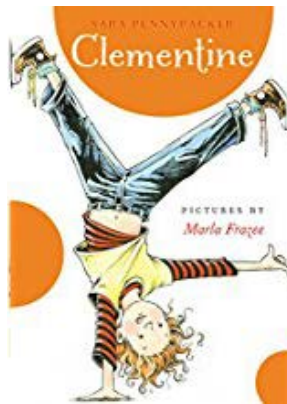
The Borrowers—the Clock family: Homily, Pod, and their fourteen-year-old daughter, Arrietty, to be precise—are tiny people who live underneath the kitchen floor of an old English country manor. All their minuscule home furnishings, from postage stamp paintings to champagne cork chairs, are “borrowed” 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)

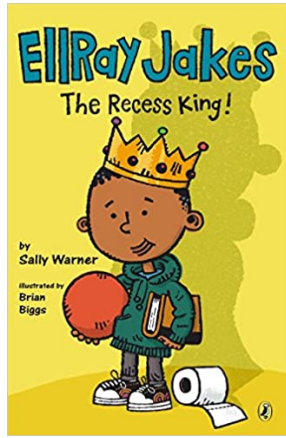
Clementine is having not so good of a week. On Monday she's sent to the principal's office for cutting off Margaret's hair. Tuesday, Margaret's mother is mad at her. Wednesday, she's sent to the principal again. Thursday, Margaret stops speaking to her. Friday starts with yucky eggs and gets worse. And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

*Any book in *Clementine* series is a good choice.



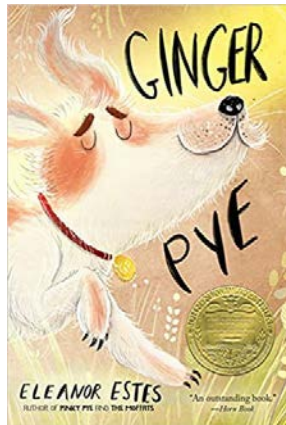
Dog Heroes by Mary Pope Osborne

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

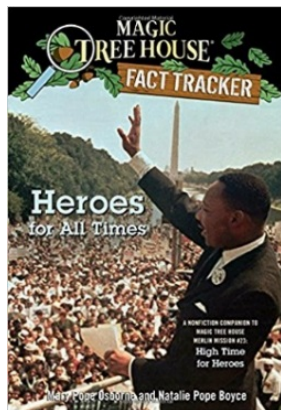
EllRay is down to one-and-a-half best friends, and his little sister points out the obvious: he needs more! So EllRay decides to audition other boys for the part, the way his sister is auditioning for the lead role in her day care's spring play. Now, EllRay has to come up with fun things to do at recess,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



Ginger Pye by Eleanor Estes

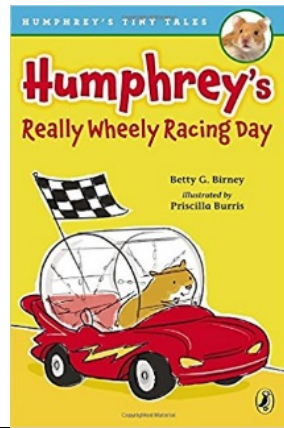
Meet the marvelous Pyes— There is Mrs. Pye, the youngest mother in town; Mr. Pye, a famous bird man, who handles *all* the nation's important bird problems; Rachel Pye, who is so reasonable she can make *unreasonable* ideas sound like good ones; Jerry Pye, who knows about rocks of all sorts and plans to grow up to be a rock man; Uncle Bennie, who is Jerry and Rachel's uncle—even though he's only three years old.

Lastly is Ginger Pye, the “intellectual dog,” who Jerry bought for a hard-earned dollar. The most famous pup in all of Cranbury, Ginger knows tons of tricks, is as loyal as he is smart, and steals the hearts of everyone he meets . . . until someone steals *him*!



Heroes for All Times by Mary Pope Osborne

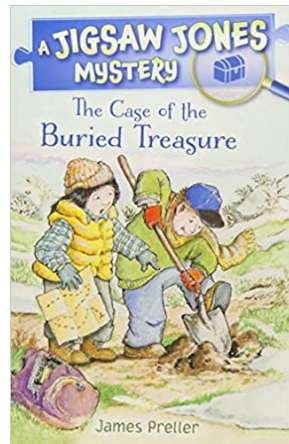
How did Florence Nightingale change nursing? Who helped women get the vote? What was Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream? How did Gandhi change the world? Find out the answers to these questions and more as Jack and Annie track the facts behind six amazing people who have changed history.



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!

*Any book in the *Humphrey* series is a good choice.



A Jigsaw Jones Mystery: The Case of the Buried Treasure by James Preller

Got a mystery to solve? Jigsaw Jones is on the case. When Bigs Maloney finds a cryptic note in room 201 that supposedly leads to buried treasure, only Jigsaw can crack the riddle. Soon, the whole class is counting on him and Mila to strike gold. But one clue leads to another and when Jigsaw finally finds the treasure, it's not exactly what anybody expected.

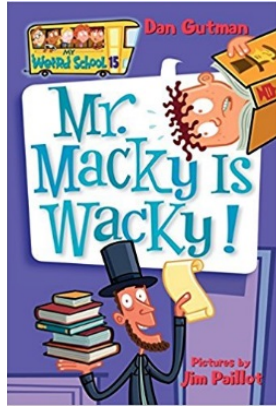


More Perfect than the Moon by Patricia MacLachlan (*Series)

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.

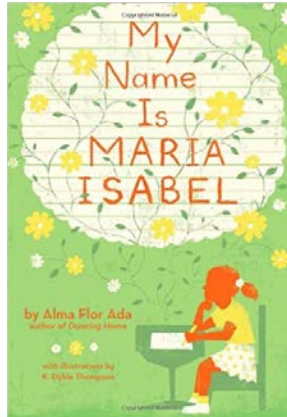


Mr. Macky is Wacky by Dan Gutman

Something weird is going on!

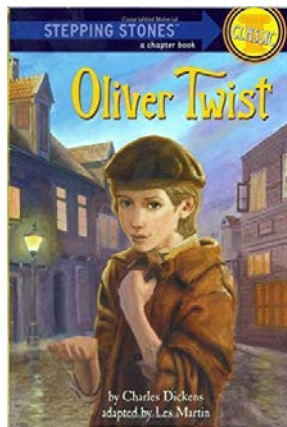
It's Presidents' Day! And Mr. Macky, the reading specialist, actually expects A.J. and his friends to read stuff about the presidents! Not only that, but he lives in a log cabin and thinks he's Abraham Lincoln! Is he for real?

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



My Name is Maria Isabel by Alma Flor Ada

For Maria Isabel Salazar López, the hardest thing about being the new girl in school is that the teacher doesn't call her by her real name. "We already have two Mariás in this class," says her teacher. "Why don't we call you Mary instead?" But María Isabel has been named for her Papá's mother and for Chabela, her beloved Puerto Rican grandmother. Can she find a way to make her teacher see that if she loses her name, she's lost the most important part of herself?



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

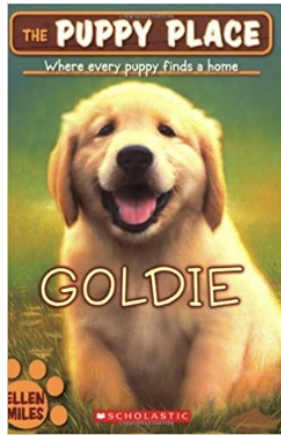
Oliver Twist is a desperate orphan. A gang of thieves takes him in and teaches him to steal, but then he is caught. What will become of poor Oliver Twist? Kids can find out in this easy-to-read chapter book adaptation of the Dickens classic.

*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.



Peter Pan – Stepping Stones Adapted Classics by J.M. Barrie

While it is a wonderful fantasy for the young, Peter Pan, says something important to all of us. Here “the boy who wouldn’t grow up” and his adventures with Wendy and the lost boys in the Neverland evoke a deep emotional response as they give form to our feelings about parents, boys and girls, the unknown, freedom, and responsibility. Humorous, satiric, filled with suspenseful cliff-hangers and bittersweet truths, Peter Pan works an indisputable magic on readers of all ages, making it a true classic of imaginative literature.

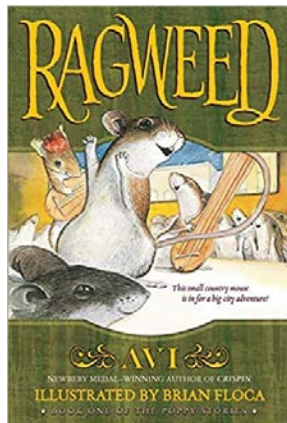


***The Puppy Place: Goldie* by Annie Barrows**

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.

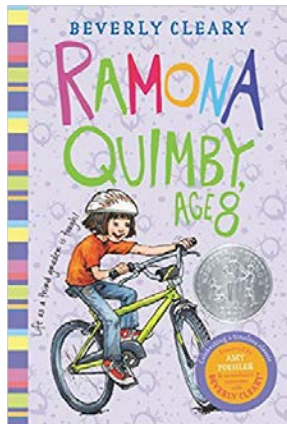
Then, Goldie arrives. She is a sweet golden retriever that needs a home. Goldie is very young. She doesn't know how to be a good puppy yet. Will Charles and Lizzie be able to help her?

*Any book in the *Puppy Place* collection is a good choice. However, please do not read #16 - Lucky as it is part of our reading curriculum.



***Ragweed* by Avi**

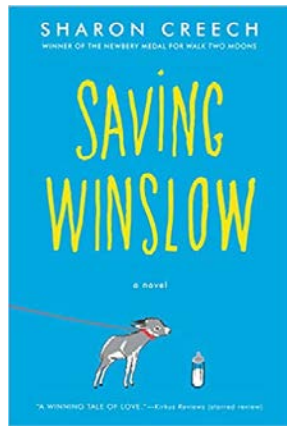
A mouse has to do what a mouse has to do. Ragweed is determined to see the world. He leaves his family and cozy country home and sets off by train for the big city. What wonders await him: music, excitement, new friends...and cunning, carnivorous cats!



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

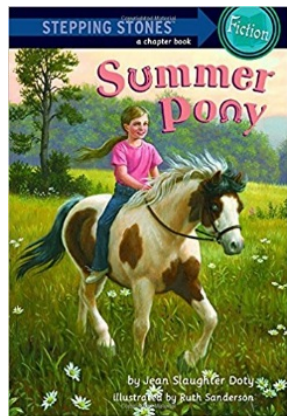
Ramona likes that she's old enough to be counted on, but must everything depend on her? Mrs. Quimby has gone back to work so that Mr. Quimby can return to school, and Ramona is expected to be good for Mrs. Kemp while her parents are away, to be brave enough to ride the school bus by herself, and to put 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

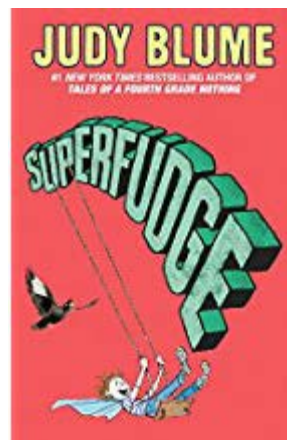
Saving Winslow is an uplifting modern classic about a young boy who befriends an ailing newborn donkey and nurses him back to health.



Summer Pony by Jean Slaughter Doty

Ginny has always dreamed of having her very own pony, so when her parents agree to rent her a pony for the summer, Ginny is thrilled! But when Mokey arrives, she is shaggy, dirty, and half-starved—not at all what Ginny had in mind. Can Ginny still have the summer of her dreams?

*Many books in the *Stepping Stones Chapter Book* collection are good. However, please keep in mind that the decoding level in this collection of books varies.

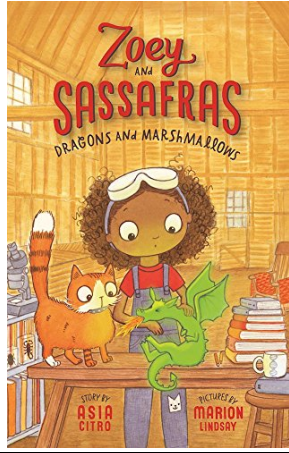


Super Fudge by Judy Blume (*Series)

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?