The Homework Machine by Dan Gutman
Fifth-grader Brenton is a computer genius, but the other three members of his work group think he's a nerd. So, when he tells them that he has invented a machine that does homework, they taunt him until he agrees to demonstrate. The machine actually works, and Kelsey, Sam, and Judy convince him to let them use it. At first, they are delighted with their freedom, but things quickly get out of hand.

Jackie & Me by Dan Gutman (any book in this 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.
*Other books in this series you might enjoy include Mickey & Me, Shoeless Joe & Me, Babe & Me

Boy by Roald Dahl
Where did Roald Dahl get all of his wonderful ideas for stories? From his own life, of course! As full of excitement and the unexpected as his world-famous, bestselling books, Roald Dahl's tales of his own childhood are completely fascinating and fiendishly funny.

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!

Diary of a Fairy Godmother by Esme Raji Codell
Hunky Dory's mother always told her, "You'll be the wickedest witch wherever the four winds blow." And why not? She's at the top of her class in charm school. She can make flowers wilt like wet spaghetti. She can also turn any prince into a frog - but she always changes him back. That's when she knows she has a problem. Hunky Dory's interest in "wishcraft" over witchcraft gets her kicked out of charm school. Now she's determined to follow her heart and become a fairy godmother. But how to go about doing it?

The Boys Start the War by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (any book in this 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.
Double Fudge by Judy Blume (any book in this series)
Fans of Superfudge and Fudge-a-Mania will welcome the return of seventh-grader Peter Hatcher and his five-year-old brother, Fudge, who in this comical caper meet distant cousins from Hawaii.

The Lemonade Crime by Jacqueline Davies
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.

Free Baseball by Sue Corbett
Felix knows his dad was a famous baseball player in Cuba—and that his father risked everything to send Felix to America. But his mom won’t reveal anything else. When a team with Cuban players comes into town, Felix wonders if they knew his dad, and sneaks into their locker room to ask. That’s when the players mistake him for their new batboy. To uncover his father’s story, Felix runs away from home to become the team’s batboy. His bittersweet adventure glows with the friendship of a miraculous dog, the warmth of a mother’s love, and the magic of baseball.

George Washington’s Socks by Elvira Woodruff
Time travel and historical fiction combine in this novel of the American Revolution. During a camp out, ten-year-old Matthew, his younger sister Katie, and three friends board an old rowboat and are transported to the Delaware River in 1776.

The Great Brain by John D. Fitzgerald (any book in this 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.

I got a “D” in Salami by Henry Winkler, Lin Oliver (any book in this 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?
The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick (any book in this series)
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.

The Kid Who Only Hit Homers by Matt Christopher (any book in this series)
When a mysterious man promises to make him a great player, Sylvester accepts and begins a phenomenal home-run streak.

The Million Dollar Goal by Dan Gutman (any book in this series)
When Dawn and Dusk's dad gets the family tickets to the next Canadians’ game, they can't believe their luck. They're even more psyched when they hear about the million-dollar goal contest. A randomly chosen fan will get the chance to shoot a goal to win one million dollars. One shot for a million bucks! Could this be the beginning of a dream come true for Dawn and Dusk—or the biggest humiliation of their lives?

Nothing’s Fair in 5th Grade by Barthe DeClements
When Elsie Edwards becomes the new girl in the fifth grade, nothing seems fair—but sometimes things get better!

Sideways Arithmetic From Wayside School by Louis Sachar (any book in this series)
"Everyone take out your spelling books," said Mrs. Jewls. "It's time for arithmetic." Sue is so excited about her first day at Wayside School. But things at Wayside are far from normal, and Sue's teacher, Mrs. Jewls, is completely wacky. She expects the students to add and subtract words! She knows adding apples plus oranges is impossible...or is it? Anything can happen at Wayside School.

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.
*Lives of Extraordinary Women* by Kathleen Krull

As with other titles in this nicely thought-out series, Krull whets readers' appetites with brief biographies of some amazing individuals. Most of these women will be familiar to students, but a few obscure figures are introduced.

*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 (any book in this 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.

*The Willoughbys* by Lois Lowry

Tim, Jane, and the twins, Barnaby A and Barnaby B, are four rather ordinary children. They just happen to have extraordinarily horrible parents. And that requires some extraordinary scheming including trying to rid themselves of their terrible parents. This is a humorous book.

World of Adventure Series – by Gary Paulsen (any book in this series)

*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.