Suggested Summer Reading List
Gifted and Talented Students

Rising 5/6th Grade Students

**From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler** by E.L. Konigsburg
Bored with her life, twelve-year-old Claudia Kincaid is ready for a big change. In fact, she wants to run away from home. Instead of running from somewhere, she decides to run to somewhere — some place comfortable, and preferably beautiful. Where else, but the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City? But she and Jamie's vacation from their "real" life turns into an adventure when Angel, a sculpture rumored to have been carved by Michelangelo, arrives. Will they solve a mystery that even the experts can't solve?

**Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson**
Billy Bones' old map shows a small island with a red cross marking a dead pirate's buried treasure. Young Jim Hawkins knows that a fortune in gold lies waiting for him. Aboard the Hispaniola with his friends Dr. Livesey and Squire Trelawney, Jim sails toward Treasure Island.

**The Call of the Wild by Jack London**
Buck, a dog that has been forced into the harsh life of a sled dog, befriends a man seeking his fortune in the Klondike gold fields, and must ultimately decide whether to stay with his master or obey his instinct to join the wolves.

**Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine**
National Book Award YPL winner 2010. 10-year-old Caitlin has Asperger’s Syndrome. She is struggling to understand and reach closure after a tragedy affects both her family and the whole community.

**Savvy by Ingrid Law**
Newbery Honor winner 2008. The adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose 13th birthday has revealed her - savvy - a magical power unique to each member of her family – just as her father is injured in a terrible accident. This would interest students who enjoy the Harry Potter or Charlie Bone series.

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**Rising 4th Grade Students**

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<td><strong>Millicent Min, Girl Genius by Lisa Yee</strong></td>
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<td>Using a journal format, 11-year-old child prodigy Millicent Min records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother’s departure and make friends over the course of a tumultuous summer.</td>
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<td><strong>One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia</strong></td>
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<td>Newbery Honor book 2010. Corretta Scott King Award 2010. National Book award finalist 2010. This book portrays life for African-Americans in the 1960s as three little girls must go to California to stay with the mother that left them to become a dedicated activist and poet. The girls learn about the Black Panthers and community involvement.</td>
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<td><strong>Skeleton Creek by Patrick Carman</strong></td>
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<td>The mystery unfolds by written journal notes and an online blog. Similar to the 39 Clues series, this series ties together print and online entertainment.</td>
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<td><strong>Treasure Hunters by James Patterson, Chris Grabenstein, Mark Shulman, and Juliana Neufeld</strong></td>
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<td>The Kidd siblings have grown up diving down to shipwrecks and traveling the world, helping their famous parents recover everything from swords to gold doubloons from the bottom of the ocean. But after their parents disappear on the job, the kids are suddenly thrust into the biggest treasure hunt of their lives. They’ll have to work together to defeat dangerous pirates and dodge the hot pursuit of an evil treasure hunting rival, all while following cryptic clues to unravel the mystery of what really happened to their parents—and find out if they’re still alive.</td>
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<td><strong>Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick</strong></td>
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<td>Twelve-year-old Ben, whose story is told in words, loses both his mother and his hearing, and leaves home to seek the father he never knew. While Rose, whose story is told in pictures, is also compelled to search for the something missing in her life.</td>
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**Rising 3rd Grade Students**

**11 Birthdays by Wendy Mass**
After celebrating their first nine same day birthdays together, Amanda and Leo, having fallen out on their tenth and not speaking to each other for the last year, prepare to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately, but peculiar things begin to happen as the day of their birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again. Think Groundhog Day for kids!

**Boom! by Mark Haddon**
When Jim and Charlie overhear two of their teachers talking in a secret language and the two friends set out to solve the mystery, they do not expect the dire consequences of their actions.

**Hero by Mike Lupica**
Zach learns he has special abilities after his beloved father is killed in an accident. He learns that his dad was actually a superhero and that he, too, possess unlikely talents.

**Science Fair by Dave Barry**
The president of Kprshtskan is plotting to infiltrate the science fair at Hubble Middle School in Maryland in order to take over the U.S. government, but when Toby Harbinger makes up his mind to win the fair, the terrorists’ plans go awry.

**The Triple Chocolate Brownie Genius by Deborah Sherman**
A lazy student eats brownies that accidentally contain a microchip. This leaves him a brilliant know-it-all, the kind of person he has always disliked.

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### Rising 2nd Grade Students

**Katie Kazoo series by Nancy Krulik**
A likable girl, Katie Kazoo has many exciting and enlightening adventures whereby she perseveres in the style of Junie B. Jones and Judy Moody. There are currently 35 books in this series.

**Olympians: Zeus, King of the Gods by George O’Connor**
Graphic novel about the Greek gods. Popular with kids who enjoy the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series.

**Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer Holm**
In 1935, Turtle is sent to live with her relatives in Key West as her mother is working as a housekeeper in a home where Turtle is not welcome. She discovers her extended family and the value of relationships as she learns to fit in, survive a hurricane, and look for lost pirate treasure.

**The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes**
When Billy Miller has a mishap at the statue of the Jolly Green Giant at the end of summer vacation, he ends up with a big lump on his head. What a way to start second grade, with a lump on your head! As the year goes by, though, Billy figures out how to navigate elementary school, how to appreciate his little sister, and how to be a more grown up and responsible member of the family and a help to his busy working mom and stay-at-home dad.

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Rising 1st Grade Students

**The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein**
Shel Silverstein’s popular tale of few words and simple line drawings, a tree starts out as a leafy playground, shade provider, and apple bearer for a rambunctious little boy. Making the boy happy makes the tree happy, but with time it becomes more challenging for the generous tree to meet his needs.

**Nate the Great series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat**
Join the world’s greatest detective, Nate the Great, as he solves the mystery of the lost picture! Perfect for beginning readers and the Common Core, this long-running chapter book series will encourage children to problem-solve with Nate, using logical thinking to solve mysteries!

**The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka**
In this hysterical and clever fracture fairy tale picture book that twists point of view and perspective, young readers will finally hear the other side of the story of “The Three Little Pigs.”

**Cam Jansen Adventures series by David A. Adler**
The Cam Jansen books are perfect for young readers who are making the transition to chapter books, and Cam is a spunky young heroine whom readers have loved for over two decades. Now the first ten books in the series have updated covers that bring new life to these perennial best-sellers. Old fans and new readers will love Cam’s cool, modern look!

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