

5th Grade Reading Suggestions
Skokie Middle School
2010-2011

Call #	Author	Title/Summary	Genre
FIC AVI	Avi	<u>Murder at Midnight</u> Both Fabrizio and his master are wrongly accused of conspiring to overthrow the king of Pergamontio. Can they find the real culprits before it is too late?	Historic Fiction, Mystery
FIC BRA	Bradford, Chris	<u>Young Samurai: The Way of the Warrior</u> 12-year-old orphan Jack Fletcher is near death when he is found on a Japanese beach. As he experiences rejection and bullying from the people who he encounters, Jack resolves to prove himself to his rescuer, a great samurai sword master.	Historic Fiction, Adventure
FIC CLE	Clements, Andrew	<u>Extra Credit</u> Initially, when an Illinois girl corresponds with a boy in Afghanistan, it is a simple exchange of information about their nations and lifestyles. However, this relationship exposes a wide cultural divide. When their correspondence becomes a problem for their communities, things are no longer simple.	Realistic Fiction
FIC COD	Cody, Matthew	<u>Powerless</u> New kid, Daniel Corrigan, learns that some of his schoolmates have supernatural powers. Unfortunately, the powers disappear at age thirteen along with their childhood memories. Daniel decides to use his detecting skills to learn about this mysterious process. He discovers an evil force that is bent on stealing the powers.	Supernatural Fiction
FIC COL	Collard, Sneed B.	<u>Double Eagle</u> 13-year-old Mike is sent to spend the summer with his dad, a marine biologist. At first, he feels neglected and bored in an isolated Florida location. Then he and a new friend begin to investigate a Civil War mystery. An impending hurricane and ruthless thieves endanger their efforts.	Mystery
FIC DEE	Dee, Barbara	<u>Solving Zoe</u> Seventh grade is filled with problems for Zoe. She seems to be losing her best friend, and a strange boy seems to be pursuing her. Zoe also has academic woes and might face expulsion. Worst of all, she doesn't seem to fit in at all. Zoe needs to solve these problems as quickly as possible.	Realistic Fiction
FIC DEV	DeVillers, Julia and Jennifer Roy	<u>Trading Faces</u> 7 th grade twins switch places, and learn a lot about the social situation at their new middle school.	Realistic Fiction

FIC GIF	Giff, Patricia Reilly	<u>Wild Girl</u> Twelve-year-old Lidie loves horses and riding. However, when she leaves her native Brazil to join her dad and brother at a stable in New York, she finds it very difficult to adjust. Her situation is mirrored by that of a traumatized foal that has recently been brought to her stable.	Realistic Fiction
FIC HAU	Hautman, Pete and Mary Logue	<u>Snatched</u> It's been a bad week for Alicia Camden. First, she's assaulted, and then she vanishes. A reporter from her school newspaper and a science geek from her high school team up to find her before it's too late.	Mystery
FIC HOL	Hollyer, Belinda	<u>Secrets, Lies and My Sister Kate</u> When Mini's older sister, Kate, starts behaving strangely, Mini knows something is wrong. Then Kate disappears, and Mini struggles to find her.	Mystery
FIC JUK	Jukes, Mavis	<u>Smoke</u> When 12-year-old Colton and his mother move to a farm in California, he misses his old life in Wyoming. He does settle in at school and make some new friends. However, when his cat goes missing, he longs for his former home.	Animals, Realistic Fiction
FIC KER	Kerz, Anna	<u>The Mealworm Diaries</u> After a terrible tragedy, Jeremy and his mother leave their rural home and move to Toronto. Can Jeremy deal with a hidden trauma and learn to enjoy life again?	Realistic Fiction
FIC KLI	Klise, Kate	<u>43 Cemetery Road: Dying to Meet You</u> A horror writer rents an isolated house to complete his thirteenth book. However, he soon discovers the presence of an unusual boy and a ghost in his home.	Humor
FIC LAW	Lawrence, Iain	<u>The Giant-Slayer</u> It is 1955. When Laurie's friend contracts polio, she visits him in the hospital. To entertain him and the other children in the iron lung ward, Laurie tells a tale of a tiny boy who was born to slay a rampaging giant. This powerful story works to change the lives of all the children.	Fantasy and Realistic Fiction
FIC MAS	Mass, Wendy	<u>Every Soul a Star</u> When Jack, Bree and Ally meet at an isolated campground, they are coming together to witness a total eclipse of the sun. They each take on a great responsibility and learn about their unknown strengths. Most importantly, they develop a unique relationship.	Realistic Fiction
FIC MCE	McEwan, Ian	<u>The Daydreamer</u> Young Peter has a wonderful ability. Using his power of imagination, he embarks on many adventures.	Fantasy

FIC MCK	McKissack, Pat	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>A Friendship for Today</u></p> <p>It is 1954, and schools are desegregating. 10-year old Rosemary has to make a lot of adjustments. She must attend a white school and deal with problems at home.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2011 Caudill Nominee</p>	Historic Fiction
FIC PEA	Pearsall, Shelley	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>All Shook Up</u></p> <p>13-year-old Josh is used to visiting his dad in Chicago during holidays. However, he is angry when his mother suddenly sends him to stay for months with his dad. Josh does not want to deal with the challenges posed by attending a new school. The situation gets even worse when Josh discovers that his dad is now an Elvis impersonator.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2011 Caudill Nominee</p>	Realistic Fiction
FIC PET	Petersen, P.J.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wild River</u></p> <p>Ryan, a 12-year-old slacker, is forced to join his older brother on a kayaking trip. When things go wrong, Ryan has to try to save his brother.</p>	Survival
FIC ROL	Rollins, James	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Jake Ransom and the Skull King's Shadow</u></p> <p>When a mysterious letter arrives, Jake Ransom and his sister embark on a wild quest. Then they are transported to a bizarre world inhabited by an assortment of ancient civilizations and creatures. They hope that they will eventually find their long-lost archeologist parents there.</p>	Action, Adventure
FIC STE	Stead, Rebecca	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>When You Reach Me</u></p> <p>6th grader Miranda tries to help her mom prepare for a game show appearance. Then she begins to receive messages that seem to come from another time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2010 Newbery Medal Winner</p>	Time Travel
FIC WEA	Weatherly, Lee	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Kat Got Your Tongue</u></p> <p>When Kat wakes up after being hit by a car, she has amnesia. She tries to regain her memory as she faces hostility from her classmates and her family.</p>	Realistic Fiction, Mystery
FIC WOL	Wolf- Morgenländer , Karl	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ragtag</u></p> <p>As people move out from the city to the Berkshires, they take over the habitats of the animals that lived there. The raptors of the Berkshires decide to relocate to Boston. Unfortunately, that puts them in conflict with the city's birds, and that leads to war. Can Ragtag, a young swallow, defend his city and become a hero?</p>	Fantasy, Adventure
032.02 LAW	Law, Stephen	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Really, Really Big Questions: About Life, The Universe, And Everything</u></p> <p>This book presents some interesting questions. Why do we exist? Do animals think? What is happiness? Readers will think and be entertained.</p>	Non-Fiction

304.6 SMI	Smith, David J.	<u>If America Were a Village: A Book About the People of the United States</u> This snapshot of our country tells about what America would look like if only 100 people lived here.	Non-Fiction
641.5 GER	Gerasole, Isabella and Olivia Gerasole	<u>The Spatulata Cookbook</u> Learn cooking terms and discover basic cooking skills. Then make and enjoy these easy recipes. The recipes are from the James Beard award-winning website of two school-aged sisters.	Non-Fiction
796.98 MAC	Macy, Sue	<u>Freeze Frame: A Photographic History of the Winter Olympics</u> Read about the history of the modern Winter Olympics. Weather challenges, drama and feats of skill are detailed. Fantastic pictures enhance the great information presented in this book.	Non-Fiction
970.01 MAN	Mann, Charles C.	<u>Before Columbus: The Americas of 1491</u> What do you know about the civilizations that existed before Columbus came? Learn about the sophisticated societies that developed in the Americas before contact with European explorers.	Non-Fiction
929.9 JAC	Jackson, Donna M.	<u>The Name Game</u> What's in a name? Would your life have turned out differently if you had a different name? Learn about naming traditions, celebrity names and names from around the world.	Non-Fiction
973.7 WAR	Warren, Andrea	<u>Undersiege! Three Children at the Civil War Battle for Vicksburg</u> Follow the lives of three children who lived through the 47-day siege of an important Mississippi city. This book details the lives of 10 year old Lucy McRae and Willie Lord who lived in Vicksburg. It also relates the story of Fred Grant, son of Union General Grant who witnessed this siege with the Union forces.	Non-Fiction
B BOO	Swanson, James L.	<u>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</u> Lincoln's life is profiled, and the impact of his death is examined. The plot to kill Lincoln and key members of his administration and the 12-day search for the conspirators is thrillingly told.	Biography
B BST	Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody	<u>Boy on the Lion Throne</u> In 1937, two-and-a half-year-old Lhamo Thondup was identified as the 14 th reincarnation of the Dalai Lama, Tibet's spiritual and political leader. He traveled from a humble village to Tibet's holy city, Lhasa. This book relates his amazing childhood, and it also talks about some of the major challenges he has faced.	Biography
B SCI	Scieszka, Jon	<u>Knucklehead</u> Find out how growing up with five brothers in Flint, Michigan affected author Jon Scieszka.	Biography