**Advanced (Middle School)**

Giver by Lois Lowry

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

#Ender’s Game by Orson Scott Card

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Watership Down by Richard Adams

Tangerine by Edward Bloor

The Devil’s Arithmetic by Jane Yolen

\*Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

Animal Farm by George Orwell

A Mango-Shaped Space by Wendy Mass

#Alanna the First Adventurer by Tamora Pierce (series)

#Little Brother by Cory Doctorow

#Invitation to the Game by Monica Hughes (recently renamed, “The Game”)

\*The Geography Club

\*The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

Westmark by Llyod Alexander

Redwall by Brian Jacques

The Second Mrs. Giaconda

\*#The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer

**On Level (5th Grade)**

#Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert O’Brien

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare

Catherine Called Birdy by Karen Cushman

#The Ear the Eye and the Arm by Nancy Farmer

#House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko

#Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson

When the Tripods Came by John Christopher

#Beyond the Burning Lands by John Christopher

The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis

The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks

#Harry Potter Series by J.K. Rowling

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

#Just Ella by Margaret Peterson Haddix

#Animorphs Series by K.A. Applegate

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

Maniac McGee by Jerry Spinelli

**Good Fit Books**

#Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh

Cricket in Times Square by George Seldon

#Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar

Holes by Louis Schar

There’s a Boy in the Girl’s Bathroom by Louis Sachar

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson

#The Best Worst School Year Ever by Barbara Robinson

The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell

Geronimo Stilton Books

“I Survive” Series

Charlotte’s Web by E.B. White

#Matilda by Roald Dahl

Bunnicula by James Howe

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

#The Witches by Roald Dahl

# Mrs. Kurtzman’s Favorites

\* Books with mature themes