

Incoming Fifth Graders

Choose one of the following books as your first selection

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

(realistic fiction/adventure) A thirteen year old boy named Brian Robeson must learn to survive in the wilderness after his plane crashes. Brian finds himself alone in the Canadian wilderness with only his hatchet to help him survive. Lexile 1020 - Grade Level Equivalent 6.3

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

(realistic fiction) Abandoned by her mother ten years ago, Opal, a ten year old girl, moves with her father to a small town in Florida. Lonely and missing her old friends Opal finds companionship with a stray dog she names Winn-Dixie. They both make friends with many colorful townspeople. Lexile 610

Swindle by Gordon Korman

(adventure/ mystery) After a mean collector named Swindle cons him out of his most valuable baseball card, Griffin Bing must put together a band of misfits to break into Swindle's compound and recapture the card. Lexile 710L - Grade Level Equivalent 4.4

Anything but Typical by Nora Raleigh Baskin

(realistic fiction) Jason Blake is an autistic 12-year-old living in a challenging world. Most days it's just a matter of time before something goes wrong. Jason finds a glimmer of understanding when he comes across a possible friend who posts stories on the same online site as he does. Lexile 640L - Grade Level Equivalent. 4.7

Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart

(adventure/high jinx) "ARE YOU A GIFTED CHILD looking for special opportunities?" When this peculiar ad appears in the newspaper, dozens of children enroll to take a series of mysterious, mind-bending tests. In the end just four very special children- two boys and two girls- will succeed. Lexile 840L - Grade Level Equivalent 6.3