

## EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPT: INCOMING 6TH GRADE READING LIST 2010

### **Bird Lake Moon** *By Kevin Henkes*

The whole time Spencer and Mitch hang out together at Bird Lake, there are secrets keeping them apart--and maybe a secret knowledge keeping them together. This latest novel by Newbery Honor author Henkes tells a story about that pivotal growing-up moment when one stops telling everything and starts holding some things in.

### **Book of a Thousand Days** *by Shannon Hale*

Set in a medieval Asian land, a classic Brothers Grimm tale is reimagined by a Newbery Honor author. In this completely unique retelling, filled with adventure and romance, drama and disguise, a young maid sacrifices her freedom to accompany her mistress into exile.

### **Catherine, Called Birdy** *By Karen Cushman*

Set against a backdrop of life in a medieval manor, a 14-year-old girl feels trapped because her father is determined to marry her off to a rich man. She manages to send several would-be husbands packing, but then comes a man from the north--the oldest, the ugliest, and the richest.

### **Counting on Grace** *by Elizabeth Winthrop*

Set in 1910 Vermont, this novel tells the story of 12-year-old Grace, who leaves school to work on the looms in the mill. Grace's life changes when famous reformer Lewis Hines arrives to photograph evidence of underage children working in the mills.

### **Dave at Night** *by Gail Carson Levine*

When orphaned Dave is sent to New York's Hebrew Home for Boys in 1926 where he is treated cruelly, he sneaks out at night and is welcomed into the music and culture-filled world of the Harlem Renaissance.

### **Elijah of Buxton** *by Christopher Paul Curtis*

Its 1860, and 11-year-old Elijah is a first-generation freeborn child. His Canadian town of Buxton serves as a haven for runaway slaves. When the towns corrupt preacher steals money from a citizen whos been saving to buy his familys freedom, Elijah sets off for America in pursuit, in this powerful new novel by a Newbery Medalist.

### **Firegirl** *by Tony Abbot*

From the moment Jessica arrives, life is never quite the same for Tom and his seventh-grade classmates. They learn that Jessica was in a fire and was badly burned, and will be attending St. Catherines while getting medical treatments.

### **Goose Chase** *by Patrice Kindl*

Her name is Alexandria Aurora Fortunato, and she is as lovely as the dawn. But that is only one of her problems. There's also the matter of those three magical gifts of treasure bestowed on her by a mysterious old woman.

### **Heartbeat** *by Sharon Creech*

Newbery Medalist Creech ("Walk Two Moons") masterfully weaves this story, told in free verse, about a young girl finding her identity and learning how it fits within the many rhythms of life.

### **Here Lies Arthur** *by Philip Reeve*

In this new telling of the legend of King Arthur, Reeve presents the story of a girl named Gwynna, who is saved by Myrddin the bard, after her village is destroyed. In the course of their travels, Myrddin, who serves the young, rough Arthur, transforms Gwynna into the mysterious Lady of the Lake, a boy warrior, and a spy.

### **Masterpiece** *by Elise Broach*

In this follow-up to "Shakespeare's Secret," Broach delivers a fast-paced mystery in which a young boy and a beetle attempt to pull off a staged art heist at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Illustrations.

**Letter from Wolfie** by *Patti Sherlock*

Markas dog Wolfie is part malamute, part German shepherd, and all heart. Mark can hardly imagine life without his big, loving canine companion. But in 1969, the Vietnam War is still raging, and when Mark learns that the army needs scout dogs, he decides to send Wolfie. As his dad says, a smart dog like Wolfie could save a lot of soldiers like Markas brother, Danny. Besides, it seems like the patriotic thing to do. Inspired by real events, this is a heartbreaking story about sacrifice, loyalty, and the complex meanings of patriotism.

**Pictures of Hollis Woods** by *Patricia Reilly Giff*

Hollis Woods has been in so many foster homes she can hardly remember them all. She even runs away from the Regans, the one family who offers her a home. When Hollis is sent to Josie, an elderly artist who is quirky and affectionate, she wants to stay. But Josie is growing more forgetful every day. If Social Services finds out, they'll take Hollis away and move Josie into a home. Well, Hollis Woods won't let anyone separate them. She's escaped the system before; this time, she plans to take Josie with her. Yet behind all her plans, Hollis longs for her life with the Regans, fixing each moment of her time with them in pictures she'll never forget.

**Rapunzel's Revenge** by *Shannon Hale and Dean Hale*

In this swashbuckling and hilarious twist on the classic fairy tale, Rapunzel uses her amazing hair as a lasso and teams up with a mysterious outlaw to gallop around the Wild West, battling villains and righting wrongs.

**Savvy** by *Ingrid Law*

For generations, the Beaumont family has harbored a magical secret. They each possess a savvy--a supernatural power they acquire at 13. On the eve of Mibs's big day, she finds herself on an unforgettable odyssey that will force her to make sense of growing up.

**Six Innings: A Game in the Life** by *James Prelier*

A game in the life of a Little League team playing their championship game - and two best friends whose bond is put to the test.

**The Letter Writer** by *Ann Rinaldi*

Eleven-year-old Harriet Whitehead, who serves as the "letter writer" for her blind stepmother, is haunted by her unwitting role in Nat Turner's Rebellion, one of the bloodiest and most effective slave uprisings in the history of America.

**The Underneath** by *Kathi Appelt*

Abandoned and about to have kittens, a calico cat is befriended by a hound dog who urges her to raise her kittens underneath the porch of his owner's house, where they will be safe--as long as they stay in the Underneath. This harrowing yet sweet story is a tale about the power of love and hate. Illustrations.

**Things Not Seen** by *Andrew Clements*

Now in paperback--the ALA Best Book for Young Adults from the bestselling author of "Frindle." Fifteen-year-old Bobby is used to feeling like he's invisible. Then one morning he wakes up and he "is" invisible. Now he wonders if he'll ever reappear.

**Waiting for Normal** by *Leslie Connor*

Addie is waiting for normal, but Addie's mom has an all-or-nothing approach to life: a food fiesta or an empty pantry, jubilation or gloom, her way or no way. In spite of life's twists and turns, Addie remains optimistic that someday, she'll find normal.

**Come Back Kids Series**

by *Mike Lupica*

**The Birchbark House Series**

By *Louise Erdich*

**Dive Series**

By *Gordon Korman*

**Island Series**

By *Gordon Korman*