

Cumberland County Schools

Protected Reading List for grades 3-8

This reading list is intended to protect class novel study literature by grade in order to offer as many opportunities as possible for rich literature to be utilized and not repeat novel studies in subsequent grades. In no way does this mean a child may not check out or read a book listed in another grade level but it would not be “taught” in a grade level for which it is not intended.

This list is not meant to limit your selection for your classroom. It is only meant to protect the ones on the list from being taught repetitively.

* denotes Successful Reading Series

3rd grade

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Lexile Level</u> |
|--|---------------------|
| <i>Charlotte’s Web</i> | 760 |
| <i>Sarah Plain and Tall</i> | 550 |
| <i>Flat Stanley</i> | 550 |
| <i>*Stone Fox</i> | 550 |
| <i>Fantastic Mr. Fox</i> | 600 |
| <i>Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</i> | 700 |
| <i>How to Eat Fried Worms</i> | 650 |

4th grade

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Lexile Level</u> |
|---|---------------------|
| <i>Best Christmas Pageant Ever</i> | 760 |
| <i>Stuart Little</i> | 920 |
| <i>Whipping Boy</i> (content) | 570 |
| <i>Because of Winn Dixie</i> | 610 |
| <i>*Tales of 4th Grade Nothing</i> | 470 |
| <i>Trumpet of the Swan</i> | 750 |
| <i>Ralph S Mouse</i> | 860 |
| <i>*War with Grandpa</i> | 640 |
| <i>*Kick Off</i> | 640 |
| <i>*Top Secret</i> (science) | 600 |
| <i>Tale of Despereaux</i> | 670 |
| <i>Mr. Popper's Penguins</i> | 910 |

5th grade

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Lexile Level</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>*Lost on a Mountain in Maine</i> | 910 |
| <i>*Shiloh</i> | 890 |
| <i>*Bud, Not Buddy</i> | 950 |
| <i>*Number the Stars (content/SS)</i> | 670 |
| <i>Frindle</i> | 830 |
| <i>Tuck Everlasting</i> | 770 |
| <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i> | 700 |
| <i>*Balto and the Great Race</i> | 870 |
| <i>*Holes</i> | 600 |
| <i>*Sign of the Beaver</i> | 810 |
| <i>Bridge to Terabithia</i> | 810 |
| <i>*Summer of the Swans</i> | 830 |

6th grade

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Lexile Level</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>*Hatchet</i> | 1020 |
| <i>*On My Honor</i> | 750 |
| <i>*Dogsong</i> | 930 |
| <i>*My Side of the Mountain</i> | 810 |
| <i>*The Cay</i> | 860 |
| <i>Elijah of Buxton</i> | 1070 |
| <i>Maniac Magee</i> | 820 |
| <i>*Island of the Blue Dolphins</i> | 1000 |
| <i>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</i> | 980 |
| <i>*Queenie Peavy</i> | 850 |
| <i>*Call it Courage</i> | 830 |
| <i>Among the Hidden</i> | 800 |
| <i>*The Boy Who Saved Baseball</i> | 660 |
| <i>Sunder</i> | 900 |

7th grade

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Lexile Level</u> |
|--|---------------------|
| <i>*The Giver</i> | 760 |
| <i>Devil's Arithmetic</i> | 730 |
| <i>*Rascal</i> | 1140 |
| <i>Old Yeller</i> | 910 |
| <i>Dark is Rising</i> | 920 |
| <i>Milkweed (content)</i> | 510 |
| <i>Dragonwings</i> | 870 |
| <i>Pompeii: Lost and Found</i> | 980 |
| <i>True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</i> | 740 |
| <i>Westing Game</i> | 750 |
| <i>Wrinkle in Time</i> | 740 |

8th grade

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Lexile Level</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Freak the Mighty</i> | 1000 |
| <i>Outsiders</i> | 750 |
| <i>Amos Fortune</i> | 1090 |
| <i>Watson's Go to Birmingham</i> | 1000 |
| <i>Across Five Aprils</i> | 850 |
| <i>Witch of Blackbird Pond</i> | 850 |
| <i>Boy in the Stripped Pajamas</i> | 1080 |
| <i>Code Talker</i> | 910 |
| <i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i> | 920 |
| <i>Johnny Tremain</i> | 840 |
| <i>Great Fire</i> | 1130 |
| <i>Old Man and the Sea</i> | 940 |

Protected Reading List: Grades 9-12

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9th Grade:

Animal Farm
Speak
Romeo and Juliet
Great Expectations
Of Mice and Men
The Odyssey
The Coffin Quilt
Define Normal

10th Grade:

To Kill A Mockingbird
Lord of the Flies
The Chocolate War
A Midsummer Night's Dream
Julius Caesar
The Book Thief
Anthem
Dope Sick
Smack
And Then There Were None
Ender's Game
Night

11th Grade:

Macbeth
The Crucible
The Great Gatsby
The Scarlet Letter
The Taming of the Shrew
Fahrenheit 451
1984
Charles and Emma
A Raisin in the Sun
A Walk Across America
The Things They Carried
West Side Story
As I Lay Dying

12th Grade:

Hamlet
The Kite Runner
Night
How Starbucks Saved My Life
Atlas Shrugged
Frankenstein
The Picture of Dorian Gray
Their Eyes Were Watching God
The Dollmaker
The Catcher in the Rye
A Christmas Carol
Beowulf
The Life of Pi

Other Recommended Texts

Dracula
Tuesday's With Morrie
Gone With The Wind
Othello
Grapes of Wrath
Fast Food Nation
The Jungle
The Wave
The Red Badge of Courage
Hole in My Life
The Summer We Got Saved
Into The Wild
My Most Excellent Year
Swallowing Stones
The Wolf Whistle
Jane Eyre