

Bass River Elementary

Summer Reading incoming 6th Grade Reading List

Please choose a story to read and complete the attached Book Report due the first day of school.

The Midwife's Apprentice by Karen Cushman- From the author of Catherine, Called Birdy comes another spellbinding novel set in medieval England. The girl known only as Brat has no family, no home, and no future until she meets Jane the Midwife and becomes her apprentice. As she helps the sharp-tempered Jane deliver babies, Brat — who renames herself Alyce — gains knowledge, confidence, and the courage to want something from life.

The View from Saturday by E. L. Konigsburg - Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse - A poem cycle that reads as a novel, Out of the Dust tells the story of a girl named Billie Jo, who struggles to help her family survive the dust-bowl years of the Depression.

Holes by Louis Sachar - Stanley Yelnats has had awful luck his whole life: He's overweight, kids tease him, his family is poor, and now he's accused of a crime he didn't commit! Stanley blames his great-great grandfather, Elya Yelnats, who stole a pig from a gypsy.

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis - It's 1936, in Flint, Michigan. Ten-year-old Bud may be a motherless boy on the run, but he's on a mission. His momma never told him who his father was, but she left a clue: posters of Herman E. Calloway and his famous band, the Dusky Devastators of the Depression.

A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck- The worst part of the "Roosevelt Recession" in 1937 is that Mary Alice has to spend a year in a rural town with her feisty and conniving Grandma Dowdel. After enduring many outrageous schemes, Mary Alice eventually learns to appreciate her grandmother's wisdom and her ways.

A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park- Tree-ear, an orphan, lives under a bridge in Ch'ulp'o, a potters' village famed for delicate celadon ware. He has become fascinated with the potter's craft; he wants nothing more than to watch master potter Min at work, and he dreams of making a pot of his own someday.

Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi -In fourteenth-century England a nameless thirteen-year-old peasant boy, who thought he had little to lose, finds himself with even less. Accused of a crime he did not commit, he has been declared a "wolf's head," meaning that anyone can kill him on sight.

The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread by Kate DiCamillo - Welcome to the story of Despereaux Tilling, a mouse who is in love with music,

stories, and a princess named Pea. It is also the story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in the darkness and covets a world filled with light.

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman Illustrated by Dave McKean - Nobody Owens, known to his friends as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be "completely" normal if he didn't live in a sprawling graveyard, being raised and educated by ghosts, with a solitary guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living nor of the dead.

Moon over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool -Winner of the 2011 Newbery Medal - The movement of the train rocked me like a lullaby. I closed my eyes to the dusty countryside and imagined the sign I'd seen only in Gideon's stories: Manifest — A Town with a Rich Past and a Bright Future.

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead - Four mysterious letters change Miranda's world forever.

Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos - With surprises at every turn (and more than a few outright gasps!) this sly, edgy comedy follows one boy's attempt to survive the world's wackiest summer job. Jack's plans for summertime excitement are shot down when he is "grounded for life" by his feuding parents.

An Orange for Frankie

Number the Stars

Please bury me in the Library Class President

The Copycat Mystery

My Brother Made Me Do It

The Amazing Thinking Machine

Storm Warriors

The Woodshed Mystery

The Ghost of Cutler Creek

What Would Joey Do?

Paul Revere's Midnight Ride