

## GOOD HOPE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL 2018-2019

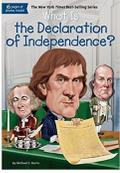
### Fourth Grade

Students should read at least **3 suggested** books, either independently or as a family. We will discuss these books during the first week of school. It might be helpful to take a few notes to help you remember the book and the characters. **One** additional book is **required** for a total of four books. Please note below.

### **REQUIRED**

***What is the Declaration of Independence***, Michael C. Harris

***Please bring this book the first day of school. We will use it as a reference book throughout the year.***



On a hot summer day near Philadelphia in 1776, Thomas Jefferson sat at his desk and wrote furiously until early the next morning. He was drafting the Declaration of Independence, a document that would sever this country's ties with Britain and announce a new nation—The United States of America. Colonists were willing to risk their lives for freedom, and the Declaration of Independence made that official. Discover the true story of one of the most radical and uplifting documents in history and follow the action that fueled the Revolutionary War.

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### **SUGGESTED**

#### **REALISTIC FICTION**



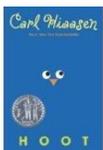
***Pax*** by Sarah Pennypacker and John Klassen

Pax and Peter had been inseparable since Peter rescued him as a kit, until Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild. An enchanting wartime story of trust, loyalty, and betrayal.



***A Boy Called Bat***, Elana K. Arnold

The first book in a funny, heartfelt, and irresistible young middle grade series starring an unforgettable young boy on the autism spectrum For Bixby Alexander Tam (nicknamed Bat), life tends to be full of surprises—some of them good, some not so good. Today, though, is a good-surprise day. Bat's mom, a veterinarian, has brought home a baby skunk, which she needs to take care of until she can hand him over to a wild-animal shelter. But the minute Bat meets the kit, he knows they belong together. And he's got one month to show his mom that a baby skunk might just make a pretty terrific pet.



#### **MYSTERY**

***Hoot***, Carl Hiaasen

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site (B&N)

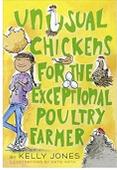
## FANTASY

### ***The Wish Giver*, Bill Brittain**



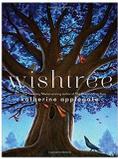
Various people take cards from Thaddeus Blinn, who says he can give them whatever they desire. Polly, who has a sharp tongue, asks to be well-liked. Rowena wants Henry to stay in town long enough to put down roots. Sam, sick of hauling water, wishes for water on his folks farm. They all get their wishes, with some truly horrible side effects, in Brittain's Newbery Honor Book.

### ***Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer*, Kelly Jones**



Twelve-year-old Sophie Brown feels like a fish out of water when she and her parents move from Los Angeles to the farm they've inherited from a great-uncle. But farm life gets more interesting when a cranky chicken appears and Sophie discovers the hen can move objects with the power of her little chicken brain: jam jars, the latch to her henhouse, the *entire* henhouse....

### ***Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate**



Red is an oak tree who is many rings old. Red is the neighborhood "wishtree"—people write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red's branches. Along with her crow friend Bongo and other animals who seek refuge in Red's hollows, this "wishtree" watches over the neighborhood. You might say Red has seen it all. Until a new family moves in. Not everyone is welcoming, and Red's experiences as a wishtree are more important than ever.

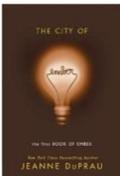
## SCIENCE FICTION

### ***The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown**



When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is—but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realizes that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants.

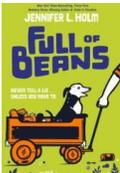
### ***City of Ember*, Jeanne DuPrau**



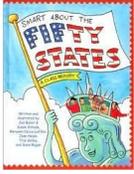
The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to flicker. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. She and her friend Doon must decipher the message before the lights go out on Ember forever!

## HISTORICAL FICTION

### ***Full of Beans* by Jennifer Holm**



Grown-ups lie. That's one truth Beans knows for sure. He and his gang know how to spot a whopper a mile away, because they are the savviest bunch of barefoot conchs (that means "locals") in all of Key West. Not that Beans really minds; it's 1934, the middle of the Great Depression. With no jobs on the island, and no money anywhere, who can really blame the grown-ups for telling a few tales? Besides, Beans isn't anyone's fool. In fact, he has plans. Big plans. And the consequences might surprise even Beans himself. (Readers might need an explanation of the Great Depression).



## NONFICTION

***Smart About the Fifty States***, Saunders, Susan et.al.

The kids in Ms. Brandt's class create a special report on the United States of America. This book features a double-spread map of the whole U.S. and a page for every state jam-packed with trivia, interesting facts, and jokes.