

## **GOOD HOPE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL 2022-2023**

### **Fourth Grade**

Students should read at least 3 books ***either independently or as a read-aloud with a family member.*** This list is only a suggestion, so feel free to choose books that are not listed. The most important part is that students try their best to sustain at least **20 minutes of daily reading** throughout the ENTIRE summer. On the first day of school, please have your child bring in the book he/she enjoyed the most!

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### **REALISTIC FICTION**

***Because of Winn-Dixie***, Kate DiCamillo

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big, ugly dog Winn-Dixie.



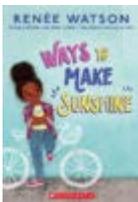
***Save Me a Seat*** by Gita Varadarajan

Unlikely school friends combat bullying in this fast-paced story about kids learning to stand up for themselves—and their pals too!



***A Boy Called Bat*** by Elana K. Arnold (SERIES)

A young boy on the autism spectrum, Bixby Alexander Tam (aka Bat) is rolling with the challenges of life—adopting a baby skunk, managing sibling issues, and learning to say goodbye.



***Ways to Make Sunshine*** by Renee Watson

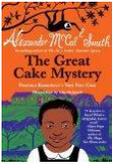
From an award-winning author comes the first book in a series about a girl who always finds a way forward with grace and wit. And plenty of sunshine.



***Crenshaw***, Katherine Applegate

This is an unforgettable and magical story about family, friendship, and resilience. Jackson and his family have fallen on hard times. There's no more money for rent. And not much for food, either. His parents, his little sister, and their dog may have to live in their minivan. Again. Crenshaw is a cat. He's large, he's outspoken, and he's imaginary. He has come back into Jackson's life to help him. But is an imaginary friend enough to save this family from losing everything?

## MYSTERY



### ***The Great Cake Mystery***, Alexander McCall Smith

Have you ever said to yourself, *Wouldn't it be nice to be a detective?*

This is the story of an African girl who says just that. Her name is Precious.

When a piece of cake goes missing from her classroom, a traditionally built young boy is tagged as the culprit. Precious, however, is not convinced. She sets out to find the real thief. Along the way she learns that your first guess isn't always right. She also learns how to be a detective.



### ***Serafina and the Black Cloak***, Robert Beatty (SERIES)

A brave and unusual girl named Serafina lives secretly in the basement of the grand Biltmore Estate amidst the splendor of the Gilded Age. Serafina's pa, the estate's maintenance man, has warned her to keep herself hidden from the fancy folk who live on the floors above, but when children at the estate start disappearing, Serafina and her friend Braeden Vanderbilt must work together to solve a dark and dangerous mystery.

## 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.



### ***Wild Rescuers: Guardians of the Taiga*** by Stacy Plays (SERIES) by Stacy Plays

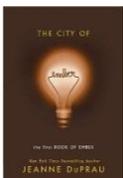
Stacy is a girl who was raised by a pack of powerful and resourceful wolves. Can she help them survive the perils they must face when forced from their forest home?

## 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

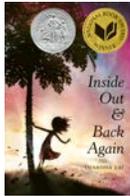
The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to flicker. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. She and her friend Doon must decipher the message before the lights go out on Ember forever! BL 5.0

## HISTORICAL FICTION



***Indian No More***, Charlene Willing McManis & Tracy Sorell

An informative and factual middle-grade book, reflecting on the repercussions of the 1957 Indian Relocation Act. Regina and her family are told that their tribe no longer exists and they are forced to move to Los Angeles. Away from the reservation that she's always known, Regina has to begin a new life.



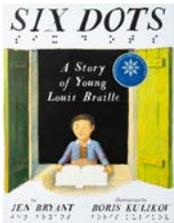
***Inside Out and Back Again***, Thanhha Lai

Inspired by the author's childhood experience as a refugee—fleeing Vietnam after the Fall of Saigon and immigrating to Alabama—this coming-of-age debut novel told in verse has been celebrated for its touching child's-eye view of family and immigration.



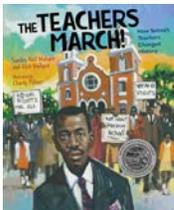
Any book in the ***I Survived*** series

## NON FICTION



***Six Dots, A Story of Young Louis Braille***, Jen Bryant

An inspiring picture-book biography of Louis Braille—a blind boy so determined to read that he invented his own alphabet.



***The Teachers March! How Selma's Teachers Changed History***, Sandra & Rich Wallace

Demonstrating the power of protest and standing up for a just cause, here is an exciting tribute to the educators who participated in the 1965 Selma Teachers' March.

Any book in the series: **Who Was....  
My Name Is...**

