

Bunker Hill Elementary
Suggested Summer Reading List 2018
Incoming 5th Graders



Acampora, Paul. ***How to Avoid Extinction***. Leo's grandfather died a year ago, and ever since Leo has been tasked with tracking his grandmother down whenever she wanders away from their home in Allentown, Pennsylvania--but when she abruptly decides to take the trip to Utah that her husband was planning, Leo finds himself on the way to visit dinosaurs, in an old Buick with his grandmother, his seventeen-year-old cousin Abby, and Abby's old, smelly Golden retriever, Kermit, without telling his mother. (2018-2019 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)

Alexander, Kwame. ***Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot and Score in This Game Called Life***. Alexander intersperses inspirational quotes with motivational stories, all revolving around sports, in a unique layout sure to draw in sports fans.

Arnold, Elana K. ***A Boy Called Bat***. When his veterinarian mom brings home a stray baby skunk that needs rehabilitation before it can be placed in a wild animal shelter, Bat, who has autism, resolves to prove that he is up to the challenge of caring for the skunk permanently.

Buyea, Rob. ***The Perfect Score***. Told from different viewpoints, five sixth-graders, facing various challenges and under pressure to do well on statewide assessment tests, agree to a plan for acing the tests.

Burt, Jake. ***Greetings from Witness Protection!*** Thirteen-year-old Nikki Demere is an orphan and a kleptomaniac, making her the perfect girl to portray the Trevors' daughter in witness protection, but she soon learns that the biggest threat to her new family's security comes from her own past.

Clements, Andrew. ***The Losers Club***. Alec, a sixth grade bookworm always in trouble for reading instead of listening and participating in class, starts a book club solely to have a place to read and discovers that real life, although messy, can be as exciting as the stories in his favorite books.

Chin, Jason. ***Grand Canyon***. Following a father and daughter from the North Rim to the South Rim, *Grand Canyon* is a virtual hiking tour, which features actual locations and views, takes readers from the oldest, deepest area of the Grand Canyon (the Inner Gorge) to the youngest (Ponderosa Pine Forest). (2018-2019 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)

Creech, Sharon. ***Moo***. Twelve-year-old Reena, who has recently moved to rural Maine, adjusts to a new environment and unexpectedly bonds with an ornery cow.

Grabenstein, Chris. ***Home Sweet Motel: Welcome to Wonderland***. P.T. and his friend Gloria must solve a mystery at the world's wackiest motel: The Wonderland. *Series*.

Graff, Lisa. ***The Thing About Georgie***: Georgie's dwarfism causes problems, but he could always rely on his parents, his best friend, and classmate Jeanie the Meanie's teasing, until a surprising announcement, a new boy in school, and a class project shake things up.

Grimes, Nikki. ***Garvey's Choice***. Garvey's father has always wanted Garvey to be athletic, but Garvey is interested in astronomy, science fiction, reading--anything but sports. Feeling like a failure, he comforts himself with food. Garvey is kind, funny, smart, a loyal friend, and he is also overweight, teased by bullies, and lonely. When his only friend encourages him to join the school chorus, Garvey's life changes. A novel in verse. (2018-2019 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)

- Hale, Shannon. *The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl: Squirrel Meets World*. Doreen Green moved from sunny California to the suburbs of New Jersey. She must start at a new school, make new friends, and continue to hide her tail. Yep, Doreen has the powers of . . . a squirrel! This graphic novel is the first in a series about a new superhero! *Series*.
- Kelly, Erin Estrada. *You Go First*. Twelve-year-old Charlotte Lockard and eleven-year-old Ben Boxer are separated by more than a thousand miles. On the surface, their lives seem vastly different. However the two have more in common than they think. They are both highly gifted. They are both experiencing family turmoil. And they both sit alone at lunch. Over the course of a week, Charlotte and Ben--online friends connected only by a Scrabble game--will intersect in unexpected ways.
- Khan, Hena. *Amina's Voice*. Amina has never been comfortable in the spotlight. She is happy just hanging out with her best friend, Soojin. Except now that she's in middle school everything feels different. Soojin is suddenly hanging out with Emily, one of the "cool" girls in the class, and even talking about changing her name to something more "American." Does Amina need to start changing too? (2018-2019 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)
- King, Amy Sarig. *Me and Marvin Gardens*. With new housing developments taking over the farmland which had once belonged to Obe's family, Obe worries about pollution, especially in the creek that runs through what's left of his family's property. The appearance of mysterious Marvin Gardens, an animal of unknown species, inspires Obe to protect not just the creek, but the animal as well. Will Obe, his best friend, and an insightful teacher be able to save not only the environment from pollution, but the unidentifiable Marvin Gardens? (2018-2019 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)
- Langston-George, Rebecca. *Fearless Spies and Daring Deeds of World War II*. An introduction to the missions of six spies who risked everything to end World War II. *Series*.
- Lloyd, Natalie. *A Snicker of Magic*. The Pickles are new to Midnight Gulch, Tennessee, a town which legend says was once magic – but Felicity is convinced the magic is still there, and with the help of her new friend Jonah the Beedle, she hopes to bring the magic back.
- Oh, Ellen (Editor). *Flying Lessons & Other Stories*. A collection of short stories from award-winning authors focusing on everything from basketball dreams and family fiascos to first crushes and new neighborhoods, this anthology celebrates the uniqueness and universality in all of us.
- Oh, Ellen. *Spirit Hunters*. Seventh grader Harper Raine and her family move to a house in Washington D.C. that people say is haunted. Harper is trying to recall traumatizing events from her past while also trying to save her brother from his new imaginary friend who is quickly turning him into a terrifying and violent 4-year-old. With the help of her estranged Korean grandmother and her new Jamaican best friend, they discover deeply creepy and haunting issues within the walls of their house. (2018-2019 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)
- Paquette, Ammi-Joan. *Two Truths and a Lie: It's Alive!* This collection of strange and amazing stories challenges readers to question their veracity. There are 3 stories in each chapter. Two are true and one is false. Can you figure out which story is fake? Research tips provided in the back of the book guide readers through the process of reaching their conclusions.
- Tarpley, Natasha. *The Harlem Charade*. After Elvin's grandfather is attacked, Elvin joins forces with Alexandra and Jinn to find the guilty party. A nefarious politician wants to open a historically inaccurate theme park called Harlem World. Using art, mystery, and the Harlem landscape, the trio try to find the culprit and stop the construction. Will they succeed?