

6th (Read 2 of the following) & 7th Grade (Read 3 of the following)

Graff, Nancy Price. *Taking Wing*. With his father in the Army Air Corps and his mother diagnosed with tuberculosis, thirteen-year-old Gus sets out to incubate a nest of orphaned duck eggs on his grandparents' farm in Vermont.

Hale, Shannon. *Princess Academy*. While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with the other girls from her mountain village, fourteen-year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.

Hautman, Pete. *Invisible*. Doug and Andy are unlikely best friends - one a loner obsessed by his model trains, the other a popular student involved in football and theater - who grew up together and share a bond that nothing can sever.

Hiaasen, Carl. *Flush*. With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.

Lester, Julius. *Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue*. Based on the largest slave auction in history, this tells the story in monologues and dialogues and through shifting time periods, of several of the families whose lives were ripped apart and changed forever on that day.

Lubar, David. *Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie*. While navigating his first year of high school and awaiting the birth of his new baby brother, Scott loses old friends and gains some unlikely new ones as he hones his skills as a writer.

Millman, Isaac. *Hidden Child*. The author details his difficult experiences as a young Jewish child living in Nazi-occupied France during the 1940s.

6th grade Latin

The Trojan War by Bernard Evslin

Out of print – Ms. Brewer has copies available in the classroom

8TH GRADE

Incoming 8th graders will choose one of the following biographies and complete a study packet:

George Washington and the Founding of a Nation, by Albert Marrin (Dutton Children's Books). (3 copies available for checkout from SRS library)

Thomas Jefferson - Architect of Democracy, by John B. Severance (Clarion Books)

Lincoln, a Photobiography, by Russell Freedman (Clarion Books)

In addition, they will choose one of the following pieces of historic fiction

Pocahontas, by Joseph Bruchac (Harcourt Inc.)

Hear the Wind Blow, by Mary Downing Hahn (Clarion Books)

Mississippi Trial, 1955, by Chris Crowe (Penguin Group)