3rd and 4th grades

**The Strange Case of Origami Yoda** by Tom Angleberger

Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future.

**Mr. Popper's Penguins** by Richard Atwater

The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.

**Bad Kitty Gets a Bath** by Nick Bruel

Takes a humorous look at the normal way cats bathe, why it is inappropriate for humans to bathe that way, and the challenges of trying to give a cat a real bath with soap and water.

**Beezus and Ramona** by Beverly Cleary

Beezus' biggest problem was her 4-year-old sister Ramona. Even though Beezus knew sisters were supposed to love each other, with a sister like Ramona, it seemed impossible.

**How to Train Your Dragon** by Cressida Cowell

The adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon.

**Amber Brown is Not a Crayon** by Paula Danziger

Third grade is a sad time for Amber because her best friend Justin is getting ready to move to a distant state.

**The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread** by Kate DiCamillo

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

**Judy Moody** by Megan McDonald
Third grader Judy Moody is in a “first day of school” bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece, the Me Collage.

**Big Nate: In a Class by Himself** by Lincoln Peirce

Supremely confident middle school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement.

**The Cricket in Times Square** by George Selden

Tells the story of a country cricket with unique musical talents who lands in the middle of New York's Times Square where he and his newfound friends, Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat, put his unique musical skills to use and bring joy to the citizens of New York.