

Books Mrs. Torres Recommends To 6th Graders

Alchemyst (series) FIC SCO

Fifteen-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh struggle with alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient book that holds secret formulas. Historical Fiction AR 6.4

Alex Rider (series) FIC KOR

After the death his uncle, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider continues his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6. Adventure AR 4.8-9.1

Blackwater FIC BUN

When a boy and girl are drowned in the Blackwater River, thirteen-year-old Brodie must decide whether to confess that he may have caused the accident. Realistic Fiction AR 3.6

Breathe: A Ghost Story FIC MCN

When he and his mother move into an old farmhouse in the English countryside, twelve-year-old Jack discovers that he can communicate with the ghosts. Ghost Story AR 4.8

Dead End in Norvelt FIC GAN

In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore involving the newly dead. Historical Fiction AR 5.7

Don't You Dare Read This Mrs. Dunphrey

FIC HAD

In the journal she is keeping for English class, sixteen-year-old Tish writes about her mother and abusive father who abandons her and her brother. Realistic Fiction AR 4.9

Flawed Dogs FIC BRE

After being framed by a jealous poodle, a dachshund is left for dead, but disrupts the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club dog show and gets revenge. General Fiction AR 5.6

Gatekeepers (series) FIC HOR

Sent to live in a foster home in a remote Yorkshire village, Matt, a troubled fourteen-year-old English boy, uncovers an evil plot involving witchcraft and the site of an ancient stone circle. General Fiction AR 4.7-5.4

HIVE (series) FIC WAL

Thirteen-year-old orphan Otto Malpense is kidnapped and taken to the remote Higher Institute of Villainous Education, or H.I.V.E. Science Fiction AR 7.5-7.7

House of Scorpion FIC FAR

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the one hundred forty-two-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States. Science Fiction AR 5.1

Inheritance (series) FIC PAO

Fifteen-year-old Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life with dragons, elves, and monsters. Fantasy AR 5.6-7.8

Inkheart (series) FIC FUN

Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father Mo, a bookbinder, can "read" fictional characters to life when an evil ruler named Capricorn tries to force Mo to release an immortal monster from the story. General Fiction AR 5.4

Last Dragon Chronicles (series) FIC DLA

College student David Rain rents a room in an unusual boardinghouse full of clay dragons, not realizing that they will help his writing career. General Fiction AR 4.1-5.2

Lord of the Rings (series) FIC TOL

Frodo the hobbit and a band of warriors from the different kingdoms set out to destroy the Ring of Power before evil Sauron grasps control. Fantasy AR 6.1-6.3

Mick harte Was Here FIC PAR

Thirteen-year-old Phoebe recalls the death of her younger brother Mick in a bicycle accident. Realistic Fiction AR 4.5

Mudshark FIC PAU

Principal Wagner enlists the help of the school's best problem solver twelve-year-old Lyle Williams, also known as Mudshark. Realistic Fiction AR 6.3

Number the Stars FIC LOW

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from Nazis. Historical Fiction AR 4.5

Once Upon a Marigold FIC FER

A young man with a mysterious past leaves the troll who raised him, meets an unhappy princess he has loved from afar, and discovers a plot against her and her father. Humor AR 5.7

Peter & the Starcatchers FIC BAR

Peter, an orphan boy, and his friend Molly fight off thieves and pirates in order to keep the secret safe away from Black Stache and his evil associate Mister Grin.
Humor AR 5.2

Reckless FIC FUN

When Jacob discovers a magical mirror that transports him to a world populated by witches, giants, and ogres, he keeps it to himself until his brother follows him one day with dire consequences. Fantasy AR 5.4

Robe of Skulls FIC FRE

The sorceress Lady Lamorna has her heart set on a very expensive new robe, and she will stop at nothing--to get the money to pay for it. Fairy Tales AR 4.7

Savvy FIC LAW

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family.
General Fiction AR 6.0

Septimus Heap (series) FIC SAG

Jenna learns that she is a princess found as a baby by the man she believed was her father and the two are being threatened by the evil wizard, DomDaniel.
Fantasy AR 6.0-6.3

Silver Sequence (series) FIC MCN

Drawn to a wasteland of garbage dumps called Coldharbour, six children undergo mysterious transformations and band together.
Fantasy AR 4.4-5.0

The Divide FIC KAY

While hiking on the Continental Divide of Costa Rica, a young boy with a heart condition falls into a magical otherworld full of fantastical creatures.
Adventure AR 5.3

The Graveyard Book FIC GAI

An orphan child is raised lovingly by the community of ghosts and other worldly creatures that live in a graveyard. General Fiction AR 5.1

The Sister's Grimm (series) FIC BUC

Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother that they have always believed to be dead. General Fiction AR 4.8-6.5

The Underneath FIC APP

An old hound that has been chained up by his hateful owner's, and two kittens born underneath the house, endure separation and danger in their quest to be reunited and free. General Fiction AR 5.2

Touching Spirit Bear FIC MIK

Fifteen-year-old Cole is sentenced to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life. General Fiction AR 5.3

Unwanted's FIC MCM

In a society that gets rid of thirteen-year-olds who are creative, identical twins Aaron and Alex are separated, one to attend University while the other, supposedly eliminated, finds himself in a wondrous place.
Fantasy AR 5.7

Wereworld (series) FIC JOB

Sixteen-year-old Drew flees his father's farm after he suddenly transforms into a werewolf, and is captured by Lord Bergan's men and forced to battle with other creatures. Fantasy AR 6.0-6.9

When You Reach Me FIC STE

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on a game show, a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes that defy the laws of time and space. General Fiction AR 4.5

Wildwood FIC MEL

Prue's baby brother is kidnapped by a murder of crows and she must embark into the Impassable Wilderness with her friend Curtis. Fantasy AR 5.3

Young Samurai (series) FIC BRA

Orphaned by a ninja pirate attack off the coast of Japan in 1611, twelve-year-old English lad Jack Fletcher is determined to prove himself as a samurai warrior.
Historical Fiction AR 6.4-6.7