

Bunker Hill Elementary
Suggested Summer Reading List 2020
Incoming 5th Graders



- Auxier, Jonathan. ***Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster***. In nineteenth-century England, after her father's disappearance Nan Sparrow, ten, works as a "climbing boy," aiding chimney sweeps, but when her most treasured possessions end up in a fireplace, she unwittingly creates a golem. (2020-2021 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)
- Bowling, Dusti. ***Insignificants in the Life of a Cactus***. Aven loves to tell people that she lost her arms in an alligator wrestling match, or a wildfire in Tanzania, but the truth is she was born without them. When her parents take a job running Stagecoach Pass, a rundown western theme park in Arizona, Aven knows she'll have to answer the question over and over again. Her new life takes an unexpected turn when she bonds with Connor, a classmate who feels isolated because of his own disability, and they discover a room at Stagecoach Pass that holds bigger secrets than Aven ever could have imagined.
- Calejo, Ryan. ***Charlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows***. Steeped in Hispanic folklore since childhood, middle-schooler Charlie Hernandez learns the stories are true when, shortly after his parents disappearance, he grows horns and feathers and finds himself at the heart of a battle to save the world. (Series) (2020-2021 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)
- DiCamillo, Kate. ***Beverly, Right Here***. Beverly Tapinski has run away from home plenty of times, but that was when she was just a kid. By now, she figures, it's not running away - it's leaving. Determined to make it on her own, Beverly finds a job and a place to live and tries to forget about what she left behind. Despite her best efforts, she can't help forming connections with the people around her.
- Ginns, Russell. ***Samantha Spinner and the Super Secret Plans***. Samantha's uncle mysteriously disappears, leaving behind extravagant gifts for her siblings and an old, rusty, red umbrella for Samantha that may contain clues to his whereabouts. (Series)
- Haddix, Margaret Petersen. ***The Strangers***. Told from separate viewpoints, Chess, Emma, and Finn Greystone, ages twelve, ten, and eight, investigate why their mother went missing and uncover their ties to an alternate world. (Series) (2020-2021 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)
- Hood, Susan. ***Lifeboat 12***. In 1940, a group of British children, their escorts, and some sailors struggle to survive in a lifeboat when the ship taking them to safety in Canada is torpedoed.
- Janowitz, Jessie. ***The Doughnut Fix***. When his family moves to tiny Petersville, eleven-year-old Tris stops focusing on his perfect sister, Jeanine, by using his cooking expertise to revive a town tradition of chocolate cream doughnuts. (Series)
- Jarrow, Gail. ***Spooked! How a Radio Broadcast and the War of the Worlds Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America***. Jarrow has mixed several personal stories with pictures of the time to recount the events leading up to, and following the infamous 1938 *The War of the Worlds* broadcast.

- Kadohata, Cynthia. ***Checked.*** To help his dog through cancer treatment, Conor gives up hockey and finds himself considering who he is without the sport that has defined him, and connecting more with his family and best friend.
- Makechnie, Amy. ***The Unforgettable Guinevere St. Clair.*** As ten-year-old Gwyn searches for a missing neighbor in her new town in Iowa, she learns much about her mother, who grew up there but has suffered from memory loss since Gwyn was four.
- McDunn, Gillian. ***Caterpillar Summer.*** Since her father's death, Cat has taken care of her brother, Chicken, for their hardworking mother but while spending time with grandparents they never knew, Cat has the chance to be a child again. (2020-2021 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)
- Sichol, Lowey Bundy. ***From an Idea to Disney: How imagination built a world of magic.*** A behind-the-movie-screen look into the history, business, and brand of the world's largest entertainment empire. With humorous black & white illustrations throughout, learn about the company behind the world's favorite mouse, Mickey! (Series) (2020-2021 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)
- Stokes, Jonathan. ***The Thrifty Guide to the American Revolution: a handbook for time travelers.*** To know what the American Revolution was really like, one needs to go back in time—just don't forget to grab this guidebook for time travelers first. A guidebook to the American Revolution, including appropriate period dress, how to fire a musket, how to survive a stint in the Continental Army, and more.
- Stone, Tanya Lee. ***Pass Go and Collect \$200: The Real Story of How Monopoly was Invented.*** Monopoly's success as a board game boils down to the ideas and innovations of two individuals: Elizabeth "Lizzie" Magie and Charles Darrow—but they weren't working together. A nonfiction picture book history of Monopoly, one of the world's most famous games. (2020-2021 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)
- Swartz, Elly. ***Smart Cookie.*** The Greene Family Bed-and-Breakfast gets lots of visitors, but Frankie never forgets that she's missing something: a mother. She sets up a profile for her widower dad on Connection.com, but soon she's distracted with bigger problems, such as friendship dramas and dwindling revenue at the B&B.
- Venkatraman, Padma. ***The Bridge Home.*** Four determined homeless children make a life for themselves in Chennai, India. (2020-2021 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)
- White, J. A. ***Nightbooks.*** A boy is imprisoned by a witch and must tell her a new scary story each night to stay alive. (2020-2021 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)
- Woods, Matilda. ***The Boy, the Bird, and the Coffin Maker.*** Alberto, the town's coffin maker, and Tito, a runaway boy, both lonely after suffering tragic losses, learn the power of friendship as they try to escape the shadows of their pasts.
- Yang, Kelly. ***Front Desk.*** Recent immigrants from China and desperate for money, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel in Southern California for skinflint Mr. Yao, whose son is the only other Chinese American in Mia's class.