

**Bunker Hill Elementary
Recommended Summer Reading List 2020
Incoming 4th Graders**



- Alexander, Lori. ***All in a Drop: How Antony van Leeuwenhoek Discovered an Invisible World.*** This chapter book biography shows how a self-taught scientist was the first to observe the microbial life in and around us. By building his own microscope, Antony van Leeuwenhoek advanced humanities understanding of the oft-invisible world around us.
- Applegate, Kathrine. ***The Last (Endling, book 1).*** Byx, the last of the dairnes, sets out to find others of her kind and along the way meets new allies. The group soon uncovers a secret that threatens the lives of every creature in their world. (Series)
- Applegate, Katherine. ***The One and Only Bob.*** Sequel to: The one and only Ivan. A scrappy dog named Bob and his best friends, Ivan the gorilla and Ruby the elephant, undertake a dangerous journey to seek Bob's long-lost sister, but a storm is approaching and time is running out.
- Barnett, Mac. ***Mac Undercover (Mac B. Kid Spy book).*** One day, Mac (smartest boy in his class in a small town in California) receives a telephone call from the Queen of England, recruiting him to find the crown jewels (well, actually just the Coronation Spoon) and so Mac embarks on his first adventure as a secret agent--with the assurance that the Queen will give him a note excusing him from school. (Series)
- Blake, Kevin. ***Deadly Spider Bite!*** The non-fiction spider guide weaves breathtaking photographs with hair-raising stories involving the most venomous spiders of the worlds. (Series)
- Craft, Jerry. ***New Kid.*** Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. (2020-2021 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)
- DeKeyser, Stacy. ***The Rhino in Right Field.*** In 1948, Nikko Spirakis, twelve, loves baseball but must get past his hard-working immigrant parents--and the rhino in the outfield--to become a batboy for the local minor league team. (2020-2021 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)
- Fulton, Lynn. ***She Made a Monster: How Mary Shelley Created Frankenstein.*** Looks at the night in which nineteenth-century British author Mary Shelley created "Frankenstein."
- Hackl, Jo. ***Smack Dab in the Middle of Maybe.*** When Cricket's Aunt Belinda accidentally forgets her in the grocery store, Cricket decides to run away once and for all. But Cricket has to stay close by because even though her mama hasn't been in touch since she disappeared, she'll surely come back and Cricket has to be there when she does because she needs answers.
- Hernandez, Carlos. ***Sal and Gabi Break the Universe.*** Best-selling author Rick Riordan presents a brilliant sci-fi romp with Cuban influence that poses this question: What would you do if you had the power to reach through time and space and retrieve anything you want, including your mother, who is no longer living (in this universe, anyway)? (Series)

- Ignatow, Amy. ***The Mighty Odds***. A bus crash suddenly gives four ordinary middle schoolers very odd super powers ... though they wouldn't normally be caught dead in the same group text, these reluctant heroes must pool their powers to figure out what happened to them, and more urgently, to their weirdo substitute teacher, who has suddenly traded an embarrassing enthusiasm for yo-yos for a dangerous habit of setting things on fire with his mind. (Series)
- Kane, Karen. ***Charlie & Frog: A Mystery***. While staying with his grandparents in Castle-on-the-Hudson, Charlie stumbles upon a mystery but must learn American Sign Language to keep up with Frog, a deaf girl who wants to help solve it. (Series)
- Lai, Remy. ***Pie in the Sky***. Knowing very little English, eleven-year-old Jingwen feels like an alien when his family immigrates to Australia, but copes with loneliness and the loss of his father by baking elaborate cakes.
- Lenz, Niki. ***Bernice Buttman, Model Citizen***. Bernice Buttman is tired of being labeled a 'bully,' so when her mom leaves her with her aunt, who is a nun, Bernice decides to mend her ways and become a model citizen. (2020-2021 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)
- Messner, Kate. ***Danger in Ancient Rome. (Ranger in Time book)*** The mysterious box that Ranger the golden retriever found in the garden transports him back to first century Rome, where he must rescue Marcus, a young servant boy, and Quintus, a volunteer gladiator, from the brutal world of the Colosseum. (Series)
- Nye, Bill. ***At the Bottom of the World (A Jack and the Geniuses book)***. Traveling to Antarctica for a prestigious science competition, twelve-year-old Jack and his genius foster siblings, Ava and Matt, become caught up in a mystery involving a missing scientist.
- Parry, Roseanne. ***A Wolf Called Wander***. A young wolf cub, separated from his pack, journeys 1000 miles across the Pacific Northwest, dealing with forest fires, hunters, highways, and hunger before finding a new home. Based on the true story of a wolf called OR-7. (2020-2021 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)
- Pierce, Lincoln. ***Max and the Midknights***. Max and a group of friends dubbed the Midknights go on a quest to rescue the Kingdom of Byjovia from the mean King Gastley! (Series)
- Poliquin, Rachel. ***Eels (The Superpower Field Guide)***. Olenka, an ordinary eel. Olenka may be slimy, wiggly, and the color of mud, but never, ever underestimate an eel. The fourth installment in the hilarious and highly illustrated full-color Superpower Field Guide series. (Series)
- Rosenstock, Barb. ***Yogi: The life, loves, and language of baseball legend Yogi Berra***. In an illustrated look, here is the life and famous words, such as "it ain't over till it's over," of Major League Baseball player and New York Yankee Lawrence "Yogi" Berra.
- Yolen, Jane. ***Fly with Me: A celebration of birds through pictures, poems, and stories***. Enchanting stories, lyrical poems, stunning photography, and fascinating science fill the pages of this treasury celebrating the amazing world of birds.