

## Buford Academy

### Suggested Summer Reading for grades 2 – 5+, May 2009

The following is a suggested, but limited, list of authors, titles, and subjects that would be appropriate for Buford Academy students. The grade level is intended as a suggested starting point or range. The books may be read independently by your child or you may read to or with your child. If your child wants to read from a grade level that is higher than his/her grade level, it is suggested that an adult read to or with the child.

IDEA: Students going into 4<sup>th</sup> grade could consider reading from the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade titles.

| Title or Series                             | Author               | Grade(s) |
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| Caldecott Medal and Honor titles            | Various              | 2+       |
| GA Picture Storybook winners and nominees   | Various              | 2+       |
| folktales, tall tales, legends, fairy tales | Various              | 2+       |
| Cam Jansen and Young Cam Jansen             | Adler, David         | 2+       |
| Cul-De-Sac Kids series                      | Lewis, Beverly       | 2+       |
| Polk Street School series                   | Giff, Patricia Riley | 2+       |
| Junie B. Jones series                       | Park, Barbara        | 2+       |
| Horrible Harry series                       | Kline, Suzy          | 2+       |
| Henry and Mudge series                      | Rylant, Cynthia      | 2+       |
| Nate the Great series                       | Sharmat, Marjorie    | 2+       |
| Magic Tree House series                     | Osborne, Mary Pope   | 2+       |
| Bailey School Kids                          | Dadey, Debbie        | 2+       |
| Boxcar Children series                      | Warner, Gertrude     | 2+       |
| Aesop's fables, various titles              | Aesop                | 2+       |
| Magic School Bus series                     | Cole                 | 2+       |
| Arthur, D.W. titles                         | Brown, Marc          | 2+       |
| Berenstain Bears titles                     | Berenstain           | 2+       |
| Eyewitness Readers – nonfiction             | DK Publishers        | 2+       |
| Fly Guy series                              | Arnold, Tedd         | 2+       |
| Pee Wee Scouts                              | Delton, Judy         | 2+       |
| Tomie DePaola titles                        | DePaola, Tomie       | 2+       |
| Douglas Florian poetry                      | Florian, Doublas     | 2+       |
| Gail Gibbons nonfiction                     | Gibbons, Gail        | 2+       |
| nonfiction by Aliki                         | Aliki                | 2+       |
| Nic Bishop nature titles                    | Bishop, Nic          | 2+       |
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| Animal Ark series                           | Baglio, Ben          | 3+       |
| Jenny Archer series                         | Conford, Ellen       | 3+       |
| Encyclopedia Brown series                   | Sobol, Donald        | 3+       |
| Paddington titles                           | Bond, Michael        | 3+       |
| Beverly Cleary titles                       | Cleary, Beverly      | 3+       |

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| Blossom series                                 | Byars, Betsy          | 3+ |
| Nancy Drew Notebook series                     | Keene, Carolyn        | 3+ |
| Gooney Bird series                             | Lowry, Lois           | 3+ |
| Owen Foote series                              | Greene, Stephanie     | 3+ |
| Judy Moody series                              | McDonald, Megan       | 3+ |
| E. B. White titles                             | White, E. B.          | 3+ |
| Fudge titles                                   | Blume, Judy           | 3+ |
| David Adler nonfiction, biographies            | Adler, David          | 3+ |
| Pat McKissack historical fiction               | McKissack, pat        | 3+ |
| A to Z Mysteries series                        | Roy, Ron              | 3+ |
| Chet Gecko Mysteries series                    | Hale, Bruce           | 3+ |
| Rotten School series                           | Stine, R.L.           | 3+ |
| Time Warp Trio series                          | Scieszka, Jon         | 3+ |
| Wayside School series                          | Sachar, Louis         | 3+ |
| math titles by Greg Tang                       | Tang, Greg            | 3+ |
| 26 Fairmont Avenue series                      | DePaola, Tomie        | 3+ |
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| Newbery Medal and Honor titles                 | Various               | 4+ |
| Hardy Boys series                              | Dixon, Franklin       | 4+ |
| Nancy Drew series                              | Keene, Carolyn        | 4+ |
| Shiloh series                                  | Naylor, Phyllis       | 4+ |
| Indian in the Cupboard series                  | Banks, Lynne Reid     | 4+ |
| Sarah, Plain and Tall series                   | MacLachlan, P.        | 4+ |
| Hank the Cowdog series                         | Erickson, John        | 4+ |
| Marguerite Henry titles                        | Henry, Marguerite     | 4+ |
| Jean Fritz nonfiction titles                   | Fritz, Jean           | 4+ |
| My Side of the Mountain series                 | George, Jean C.       | 4+ |
| My Teacher... titles                           | Coville, Bruce        | 4+ |
| historical fiction titles by Avi               | Avi                   | 4+ |
| Wimpy Kid titles                               | Kenney, Jeff          | 4+ |
| Captain Underpants titles                      | Pikley, Dav           | 4+ |
| Carole Marsh Mysteries: Real Kids, Real Places | Marsh, Carole         | 4+ |
| Hank Zipzer titles                             | Winkler, Henry        | 4+ |
| Little House on the Prairie series             | Wilder, Laura Ingalls | 4+ |
| Continuation of Little House series            | MacBride, Roger       | 4+ |
| Matt Christopher sports fiction                | Christopher, matt     | 4+ |
| Great Illustrated Classics, various authors    | ABDO Publishing       | 4+ |
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| ... Red titles                                 | Kjelgaard, Jim        | 5+ |
| Merlin series                                  | Barron, T. A.         | 5+ |
| Boggart series                                 | Cooper, Susan         | 5+ |
| Redwall series                                 | Jacques, Brian        | 5+ |
| nonfiction American/world history titles       | Stein R. Conrad       | 5+ |
| science series and scientist biographies       | Parker, Steve         | 5+ |
| Hatchet series                                 | Paulsen, Gary         | 5+ |

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| Chronicles of Narnia series                          | Lewis, C. S.        | 5+ |
| Scott O'Dell titles                                  | O'Dell, Scott       | 5+ |
| Black Stallion series                                | Farley, Walter      | 5+ |
| Series of Unfortunate Events                         | Snicket, Lemony     | 5+ |
| Harry Potter titles                                  | Rowling, J. K.      | 5+ |
| Baseball Card Adventures series                      | Gutman, Dan         | 5+ |
| Dark Is Rising series                                | Cooper, Susan       | 5+ |
| Dear America series, fiction, various authors        | Scholastic Pub.     | 5+ |
| Montmorency series                                   | Updale, Eleanor     | 5+ |
| My Name Is America – fiction series, various authors | Scholastic Pub.     | 5+ |
| Penguin Young Readers Classics, various authors      | Penguin Books       | 5+ |
| Puffin Classics and Modern Classics, various authors | Puffin              | 5+ |
| Biography of:  | Various             | 5+ |
| All Things.... All Creatures....                     | Herriott, James     | 5+ |
| Borrowers series                                     | Norton, Mary        | 5+ |
| fiction by Zilpha Keatley Snyder                     | Snyder, Zilpha      | 5+ |
| Castle series  | Winthrop, Elizabeth | 5+ |
| Frances Tucker series                                | Paulsen, Gary       | 5+ |
| Merlin series  | Barron, T. A.       | 5+ |
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## Questions parents could ask when the child is reading:

Is the book fiction or nonfiction?  
 How do you know?  
 What is the difference?

### FICTION BOOKS:

Who are the characters?  
 Who is your favorite character? Why?

What is the setting?

What was the author's purpose for writing the story?

What type of writing (or genre) is the story? (fantasy, mystery, realistic, historical fiction)

What was the problem or conflict in the story?  
 How was the conflict resolved or problem solved?

Does the story remind you of another book or story you have read?

Does the story remind you of something that happened to you or someone you know?

CHAPTER BY CHAPTER: What is the main idea? What are some details that support the main idea?

### NONFICTION BOOKS:

What is the title?

Who is the author?

What did you already know about the subject before you read the book?

What did you learn about the subject from the book?

Tell three facts from the book.