Hello readers! Please choose four (4) books from this list and follow the instructions provided by your teacher. You can choose ANY of the books on this list in whichever order you like! The list is broken down into sections for ease. Please explore and enjoy!

Ms. Geaghan

Classics

*Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson - *The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.*

*Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis - *Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes*
a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

Dicey’s Song by Cynthia Voigt- Now that the four abandoned Tillerman children are settled in with their grandmother, Dicey finds that their new beginnings require love, trust, humor, and courage.

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien- The adventures of the well-to-do hobbit, Bilbo Baggins, who lived happily in his comfortable home until a wandering wizard granted his wish.

The Last Unicorn by Peter S. Beagle- A lonely unicorn sets out to discover if she is the last of her kind. Along the way, she must avoid the malevolent Red Bull and enlists the help of Schmendrick the magician and the knight Prince Lir to aid her in her quest.
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster - Milo travels through a magical tollbooth and begins a journey to the Kingdom of Wisdom, where he and a "watch" dog named Tock try to end the feud between numbers and words.

The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke - Orphaned brothers Prosper and Bo, having run away from their cruel aunt and uncle, decide to hide out in Venice where they fall in with the Thief Lord, a thirteen-year-old boy who leads a crime ring of street children.

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt - The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing any older.
A View from Saturday by E.L. Konigsberg - Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls - A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.
New(er) and Noteworthy

Abby Spencer Goes to Bollywood by Varsha Bajaj - Abby Spencer yearns to meet her father, who lives in India, and is nervous when her wish comes true and her mom decides it is time for her to go and spend some time with him.

Absolutely, Almost by Lisa Graff - Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself.

Absolutely, Truly by Heather Vogel Frederick - Twelve-year-old Truly Lovejoy's family moves to a small town to take over a bookstore. Soon, she has to solve two mysteries involving a missing book and an undelivered letter.
The Boundless by Kenneth Oppel - Aboard "The Boundless," the greatest train ever built, on its maiden voyage across Canada, teenaged Will enlists the aid of a traveling circus to save the train from villains.

Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan - Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

Doll Bones by Holly Black - Zach, Alice, and Poppy, friends from a Pennsylvania middle school who have long enjoyed acting out imaginary adventures with dolls and action figures, embark on a real-life quest to Ohio to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl.
Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan - Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds himself entwined in a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica--and decades later three children, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny in the darkest days of the twentieth century, struggling to keep their families intact, and tied together by the music of the same harmonica.

Eight Keys by Suzanne LaFleur - When twelve-year-old Elise, orphaned since age three, becomes disheartened by middle school, with its bullies, changing relationships, and higher expectations, keys to long-locked rooms and messages from her late father help her cope.
**El Deafo by CeCe Bell**

**A 2015 Newbery Honor Book** Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful—and very awkward—hearing aid. The Phonic Ear gives Cece the ability to hear—sometimes things she shouldn’t—but also isolates her from her classmates. She really just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates her as she is. After some trouble, she is finally able to harness the power of the Phonic Ear and become “El Deafo, Listener for All.” And more importantly, declare a place for herself in the world and find the friend she’s longed for.

**Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt** - Ally’s greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read.
The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer Holm - Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager--which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman - The orphan Bod, short for Nobody, is taken in by the inhabitants of a graveyard as a child of eighteen months and raised lovingly and carefully to the age of eighteen years by the community of ghosts and otherworldly creatures.

The Island of Dr. Libris by Chris Grabenstein - Twelve-year-old Billy Gillfoyle discovers that an island in the middle of the lake where he is spending the summer is the testing grounds of the mysterious Dr. Libris, who may have invented a way to make the characters in books come alive.
Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine - Twelve-year-old Marlee develops a strong friendship with Liz, the new girl in school, but when Liz suddenly stops attending school and Marlee hears a rumor that her friend is actually an African American girl passing herself off as white, the two young girls must decide whether their friendship is worth taking on integration and the dangers it could bring to their families.

Listen, Slowly by Thanhha Lai - Twelve-year-old Mai is sick of being perfect and her straight A's and extracurricular activities have gotten her a much unwanted trip to Vietnam with her family so she can learn more about her roots. But as time goes on, Mai grows closer to her family and she begins to understand her culture.

Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy by Karen Foxlee - Ophelia, a timid eleven-year-old girl grieving her mother, suspends her disbelief in things non-scientific when a boy locked in the museum where her father is working asks her to help him complete an age-old mission.
Mockingbird (mok’ing-burd) by Kathryn Erskine - Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school, while at home she seeks closure by working on a project with her father.

Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin - Struggling with Asperger's syndrome, Rose shares a bond with her beloved dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels, even if it means leaving her routines in order to search for her pet.

Remarkable by Lizzie K. Foley - Ten-year-old Jane Doe, the only student average enough to be excluded from the town of Remarkable's School for the Remarkably Gifted, is joined at her public school by the trouble-making Grimlet twins, who lead her on a series of adventures involving an out-of-control science fair project, a pirate captain on the run from a mutinous crew, a lonely dentist, and a newly constructed bell tower that endangers Remarkable's most beloved inhabitant--a skittish lake monster named Lucky.
Small as an Elephant by Jennifer Jacobson - Abandoned by his mother in an Acadia National Park campground, Jack tries to make his way back to Boston before anyone figures out what is going on, with only a small toy elephant for company.

Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper - When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.

Under the Egg by Laura Marx Fitzgerald - Her grandfather's dying words lead thirteen-year-old Theodora Tenpenny to a valuable, hidden painting she fears may be stolen, but it is her search for answers in her Greenwich Village neighborhood that brings a real treasure.
Ungifted by Gordon Korman - Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.

Winter Horses by Philip Kerr - Kalinka, a Ukrainian Jewish girl on the run from the Nazis, finds unlikely help from two rare Przewalski horses.
Anne of Green Gables by Diedre Kessler - Ann, an eleven year old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm, and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her.

The Apothecary and The Apprentice by Maile Meloy - The Apothecary - Fourteen-year-old Janie Scott, newly arrived in London from Los Angeles in 1952, becomes friends with a mysterious apothecary and his son, Benjamin Burrows, and is drawn into a dangerous adventure with Benjamin when his father is kidnapped and Russian spies try to steal his book of secrets./ The Apprentice - Two years after parting from Benjamin, Janie reunites via magical communication to prevent a global catastrophe.

The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis - The magician's nephew -- The lion, the witch and the wardrobe -- The horse and his boy -- Prince Caspian -- The voyage of the dawn treader -- The silver chair -- The last
battle. Presents C.S. Lewis's seven-book series set in the mythical land of Narnia, where humans and beasts work together to free the land from evil.

Everything on a Waffle

One Year in Coal Harbor by Polly Horvath - Eleven-year-old Primrose, who lives in a small fishing village in British Columbia, recounts her experiences and all that she learns about human nature and the unpredictability of life in the months after her parents are lost at sea. In a small fishing village in British Columbia, twelve-year-old Primrose tries to be a matchmaker for her Uncle Jack, befriends Ked, a new foster child, tries to decide if she is willing to go to jail for her convictions, and together with Ked, publishes a cookbook to raise money for the Fisherman's Aid.

Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

Gregor the overlander -- Gregor and the Prophecy of Bane -- Gregor and the curse of the warmbloods -- Gregor and the marks of secret -- Gregor and the Code of the Claw. When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving humans, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.
Heroes of Olympus by Rick Riordan - Jason, Piper, and Leo, three students from a school for "bad kids," find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself.

Hoot, Flush, Scat, and Chomp by Carl Hiaasen - Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

The Lightning Thief series by Rick Riordan - Includes: The lightning thief -- The sea of monsters -- The Titan's curse -- The battle of the labyrinth -- The last Olympian. After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, young Percy is sent to Camp Half-Blood for demigods like himself, where he gets into adventures, battles evil, and proceeds toward the prophecy that awaits him on his sixteenth birthday.
A Long Way from Chicago, A Year down Yonder, and A Season of Gifts by Richard Peck - A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.

The Missing by Margaret Peterson Haddix - Found -- Sent -- Sabotaged -- Torn -- Caught. When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and as they travel through time trying to fix what went wrong they discover that there are two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time.

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart - he mysterious Benedict Society -- The mysterious Benedict Society and the perilous journey -- The mysterious Benedict Society and the prisoner's dilemma -- The mysterious Benedict Society : Mr. Benedict's book of perplexing puzzles,
elusive enigmas, and curious conundrums -- The extraordinary education of Nicholas Benedict. Contains the complete collection of novels by Trenton Lee Stewart in his The Mysterious Benedict Society series, which follows the adventures of Reynie, Kate, Sticky, and Constance, after they are accepted into the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, become members of the Benedict Society, embark on scavenger hunts, investigate an unexplained blackout, and more.

One Crazy Summer and PS Be Eleven by Rita Williams-Garcia - In the summer of 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.

The Penderwicks Series by Jeanne Birdsall - The beloved Penderwick sisters share stories filled with irresistible laughs, pathos, and family fun!
The Secrets of the Immortal Life of Nicolas Flamel by Michael Scott - The alchemyst -- The magician -- The sorceress -- The Necromancer -- The Warlock. Fifteen-year-old twins Josh and Sophie Newman become caught up in the struggle between seven-hundred-year-old alchemyst Nicholas Flamel and Dr. John Dee, an evil man who wants the secret of eternal life hidden within the book of Abraham the Mage in order to bring the Dark Elders into power and destroy the human race.

The Sixties Trilogy by Deborah Wiles

The story of a formative year in 12-year-old Franny Chapman's life, and the life of a nation facing the threat of nuclear war.

It's 1962, and it seems everyone is living in fear. Twelve-year-old Franny Chapman lives with her family in Washington, DC, during the days surrounding the Cuban Missile Crisis. Amidst the pervasive threat of nuclear war, Franny must face the tension between herself and her younger brother, figure out where she fits in with her family, and look beyond outward appearances. For Franny, as for all Americans, it's going to be a formative year.
Three Times Lucky and The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing by Sheila Turnpage - Map on inside covers. Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a cafe and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder.

Wildwood, Under Wildwood, and Wildwood Imperium by Colin Maldi - Map on endpapers. Prue's life shifts from ordinary to extraordinary when her baby brother is kidnapped by a murder of crows and she must embark into the Impassable Wilderness, a dense forest in the center of Portland, Oregon, with her friend Curtis in tow, where the pair will encounter warring creatures, peaceful mystics, and other dark-minded, powerful figures. Prue and Curtis are thrown together again to save themselves and the lives of their friends, and to bring unity to the divided country of Wildwood. A young girl's midnight seance awakens a long-slumbering malevolent spirit... A band of runaway orphans allies with an underground collective of saboteurs and plans a daring rescue of their friends, imprisoned in the belly of an industrial wasteland... Two old friends draw closer to their goal of bringing together a pair of exiled toy makers in order to reanimate a mechanical boy prince... As the fate of Wildwood hangs in the balance.
Willow Falls Series by Wendy Mass: 11 Birthdays to Graceful
- After celebrating their first nine same-day birthdays together, Amanda and Leo, having fallen out on their tenth and not speaking to each other for the last year, prepare to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately but peculiar things begin to happen as the day of their birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again.

Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle - A wrinkle in time -- A wind in the door -- A swiftly tilting planet -- Many waters -- An acceptable time. After Meg and Charles Wallace Murry and Calvin O'Keefe defeated evil and saved the universe in the Newbery Medal-winning classic A Wrinkle in Time, their adventures didn't end. The other books in the Wrinkle in Time Quintet take readers to the deep past and distant future, to the far reaches of the galaxy and the inner workings of the human heart. A beautiful hardcover gift edition, complete with blue gilded pages and a slipcase, brings together the stories of A Wrinkle in Time, A Wind in the Door, A Swiftly Tilting Planet, Many Waters, and An Acceptable Time for true fans of this iconic series.
Graphic Novels

Amulet by Kazu Kibushi - After the tragic death of their father, Emily and Navin move with their mother to the home of her deceased great-grandfather, but the strange house proves to be dangerous. Before long, a sinister creature lures the kids' mom through a door in the basement. Em and Navin, desperate not to lose her, follow her into an underground world inhabited by demons, robots, and talking animals. Eventually, they enlist the help of a small mechanical rabbit named Miskit. Together with Miskit, they face the most terrifying monster of all, and Em finally has the chance to save someone she loves.

Cardboard by Doug TenNapel - Cam gets a cardboard box for a birthday present that he makes into a man which comes to life, but when his neighbor Marcus takes the cardboard box, he creates his own evil creations that threaten to destroy them all.
**Sisters by Raina Telgemeier** - Companion to: Smile. In graphic novel format, Raina Telgemeier shares the story of her relationship with her younger sister.

**To Dance by Sienna Cherson Siegel** - Follows the life and career of a ballerina, detailing her dance school experiences, performances, and personal life.

**Book Friends**

**Ninth Ward by Jewel Parker Rhodes** in New Orleans' Ninth Ward, twelve-year-old Lanesha, who can see spirits, and her adopted grandmother have no choice but to stay and weather the storm as Hurricane Katrina bears down upon them. and
Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere by Julie T. Lamana - At the end of August 2005, ten-year-old Armani is looking forward to her birthday party in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans, where she and her extended family live, but Hurricane Katrina is on the way, bringing destruction and tragedy in its wake.

Red Berries, White Clouds, Blue Sky by Sandra Dallas - After Pearl Harbor is bombed by the Japanese, twelve-year-old Tomi and her Japanese-American family are split up and forced to leave their California home to live in internment camps in New Mexico and Colorado and

Dust of Eden by Mariko Nagai - Thirteen-year-old Mina Tagawa and her Japanese-American family are forced to evacuate their Seattle home and are relocated to an internment camp in Idaho, where they live for three years.
Poetry and Novels in Verse

- *A Maze Me: Poems for Girls* by Naomi Shihab Nye
- *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup* by Sharon Creech
- *Heartbeat* by Sharon Creech
- *May B: A Novel* by Caroline Starr Rose
- *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse
Planet Middle School by Nikki Grimes

The Red Pencil by Andrea Davis Pinkney