

## LUNCHTIME READERS 2015

### 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Book List

KIRA-KIRA by: Cynthia Kadohata

Lexile: 740 Pages 272

Kira-Kira is a story surrounding Katie Takeshima, a feisty Japanese girl who moves to southern Georgia in 1951. Not quite old enough to start school yet, Katie learns everything she knows from her big sister Lynn – from dealing with racism to finding the glitter and shine (AKA kira-kira) in the most unusual places.

I, EMMA FREKE: by Elizabeth Atkinson

Lexile: 750 Pages 234

I, Emma Freke is a charming story about Emma the only “normal” member of her quirky family. Her mom seems to barely have time for a daughter, and her only friends are the local librarian and a precocious 10 year old. Smart, shy, and nearly six feet tall, Emma struggles to fit in a school. The real crisis comes when she gets an invitation to the Freke Family Reunion, and her fellow Frekes aren’t at all what she expects. Emma discovers that perhaps it’s better to be her own “freak” than someone else’s “Freke”.

GAME CHANGERS by: MIKE LUPICA

Lexile: 920 Pages: 224

Ben McBain is every football team’s dream player. But Ben wants to be the starting quarterback and the one thing standing in his way is the coach’s son. Shawn O’Brien has been groomed by his father, a former professional quarterback. But despite his size and arm strength, Shawn is struggling. Ben is torn between being a good teammate and going after his own dream. As Ben finds out, Shawn isn’t the easiest person to help. When Ben gets an unexpected opportunity, the entire game will change for the both of them.

THE SPINDLERS by: Lauren Oliver

Lexile: 840 Pages: 257

One morning, twelve-year-old Liza feels dread wash over her. Although her younger brother, Patrick, appears the same, Lisa knows that he is actually quite different. She is certain that the spindlers—evil, spiderlike beings—came during the night and stole his soul. Liza is certain that she is the only one who can rescue him. She must brave many challenges in the spindler’s lair, where more than just Patrick’s soul is at stake.

ESCAPE FROM MR. LEMONCELLO’S LIBRARY by: Chris Grabenstein

Lexile: 720

Pages: 320

Kyle Keeley is the class clown and a huge fan of all games—board games, word games, and particularly video games. His hero, Luigi Lemoncello, the most notorious and creative gamemaker in the world, just so happens to be the genius behind the construction of the new town library. Lucky Kyle wins a coveted spot as one of twelve kids invited for an overnight sleepover in the library, hosted by Mr. Lemoncello and riddled with lots and lots of games. But when morning comes, the doors stay locked. Kyle and the other kids must solve every clue and figure out every secret puzzle to find the hidden escape route!

SUMMER BALL by: Mike Lupica

Lexile: 910 Pages: 272

When you are the smallest kid playing a big man’s game, the challenges never stop. For Danny Walker, leading your travel team to the national championship may seem like a dream come true, but being at the top just means the competition tries that much harder to knock him off. Now Danny is

heading to Right Way basketball camp for the summer with some of the best kids in the country. Will Danny have what it takes to match up? Old rivals and new battles leave Danny wondering if he really does have what it takes to stand tall.

**WHERE THE MOUNTAIN MEETS THE MOON** by: Grace Lin Lexile: 810 Pages: 278

A young girl, Minli, sets off on an extraordinary journey. She wants to find the Old Man on the Moon and ask him how she can change her family fortune. She encounters many different characters and magical creatures along the way, including a dragon.

**MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH** by: ROBERT C. O'BRIEN Lexile: 790

Pages: 233

Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with four small children, is faced with a terrible problem. She must move her family to their summer quarters immediately, or face almost certain death. But her youngest son, Timothy, lies ill with pneumonia and must not be moved. Fortunately, she encounters the rats of NIMH, an extraordinary breed of highly intelligent creatures, who come up with a brilliant solution to her dilemma. And Mrs. Frisby in turn renders them a great service.

**GREGOR THE OVERLANDER** by: Suzanne Collins Lexile: 630 Page: 308

When eleven-year-old Gregor follows his little sister through a grate in the laundry room of their New York apartment, he hurtles into the dark Underland beneath the city. There, humans live uneasily beside giant spiders, bats, cockroaches, and rats--but the fragile peace is about to fall apart. Gregor wants no part of a conflict between these creepy creatures. He just wants to find his way home. But when he discovers that a strange prophecy foretells a role for him in the Underland's uncertain future, he realizes it might be the only way to solve the biggest mystery of his life.