

Blossom & Root Year 5 Language Arts Literature List

Tackling Important Questions Through Literature | Narrative Voice and Characterization | Exploring Fiction and Non-Fiction

Required Selections (Please note that the order in which the books are covered in the curriculum is subject to change at this point.)

- *Frindle* by Andrew Clements
- *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan
- *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang
- *Fatty Legs* by Christy Jordan-Fenton and Margaret-Olemaun Pokiak-Fenton
- *A Wolf Called Wander* by Rosanne Parry
- *Take Back the Block* by Chrystal D. Giles
- *When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller
- *All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team* by Christina Soontornvat
- *The Night Diary* by Veera Hiranandani
- *When Stars Are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed (or another graphic novel of your choosing, though we highly recommend this selection in particular)
- *Show Me a Sign* by Ann Clare LeZotte
- *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander
- *From the Desk of Zoe Washington* by Janae Marks

Optional Additional Selections

These books are optional, and are accounted for in the curriculum guide if you choose to add them, with recommended sections or poems to read each week:

- *Once Upon a Word: A Word-Origin Dictionary for Kids—Building Vocabulary Through Etymology, Definitions & Stories* by Jess Zafarris (this book is used for the Super Secret Notebook all year--a regular dictionary would also suffice)
- *Poetry for Young People: Maya Angelou* edited by Edwin Graves Wilson, PhD
- *Poetry for Kids: Robert Frost* edited by Jay Parini
- *Everything Comes Next: Collected and New Poems* by Naomi Shihab Nye

