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PRESS RELEASE

BUY A BUC A BOOK

As your Superintendent, I would like to introduce an initiative involving third through eighth grades at EC that we ask you to consider. We are making a concerted effort at EC to get students to read more on their own – just for the pleasure and joy of reading. A side effect of reading more is that students become more successful in all of their academic pursuits. This initiative is a way for the good citizens of our community to directly impact the education of our children. We are providing a list of books that are considered standards for children's literature or that have been approved by at least one family-centered organization, according to the Texas Education Agency which provides the list to parents on their child's STAAR Student Report. I am providing the list here for you.

The initiative calls for interested members of our community or organizations within our community to purchase one or more books from the lists. When you do, we suggest that you autograph and write something inside the cover of the book(s) that might serve as an inspiration to the child who receives it. It might be a book that you enjoyed as a child, or you might just want to give a book in memory of someone in your family who inspired your own love for reading. We are looking for a connection so that children come to understand the importance of becoming a lifelong reader. Additionally, if you provide a self-addressed envelope with your gift, we will be sure you receive an acknowledgment from the child who receives your book(s). The book(s) will be the child's to keep. You may deliver your books at any time to the central office or any campus office, and we will identify those students who would most benefit from your gift of reading. We also are going to ask students to write a book review of the books they read and will offer these reviews for the public to enjoy.

The initiative has begun. We hope to see you delivering your book(s) throughout the year.

Thanking you in advance on behalf of all of the children of Winnie/Stowell,

Scott Campbell, Superintendent of Schools

3rd Grade

- The Sun Girl and Moon Boy - Choi
- Carry On, Mr. Bowditch - Latham
- The Boxcar Children - Warner
- Armadillo Rodeo - Brett
- I Have A Dream: The Story of Martin Luther King - Davidson
- Susanna of the Alamo: A True Story - Jakes
- The Legend of the Bluebonnet - Depaola
- The Tale of Desperaux - DiCamillo
- Hank the Cow Dog - Erikson
- Prince Caspian (Chronicles of Narnia) - Lewis

4th Grade

- The Curse of the Cheese Pyramid - Stilton
- Judy Moody Saves The World - McDonald
- Claude Monet - Connolly
- A Year Down Yonder - Peck
- Slim's Good-Bye - Fleischman
- Sarah, Plain and Tall - Maclachlan
- Charlotte's Web - White
- On the Banks of Plum Creek - Wilder
- A Girl of the Limberlost - Straton-Porter
- The Little Prince - Saint-Exupery

5th Grade

- Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes - Coerr
- Holes - Sachar
- Little House Farm Days - Wilder
- The Case of the Coyote Invasion - Erickson
- Don't Forget Winona - Peterson
- Walk Two Moons - Creech
- Maniac Magee - Spinelli
- Anne of Green Gables - Montgomery
- The Secret Garden - Burnett
- Mary Poppins - Travers
- Charlie and The Chocolate Factory - Dahl

6th Grade

- White Fang - London
- The Black Stallion - Farley
- Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure at the Copper Beeches - Doyle
- Stay: The True Story of Ten Dogs - Muntean
- Where the Mountain Meets the Moon - Lin
- Animals Nobody Loves - Seymour
- City of Fire - Yep
- Talking with Artists - Cummings
- Jim Thorpe, Original All-American - Bruchac
- Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice - Hoose

7th Grade

- Heidi - Spyrl

- The Great Gilly Hopkins - Paterson
- Baseball in April and Other Stories - Soto
- The Phantom Tollbooth - Juster
- Treasure Island - Stevenson
- The Case of the Midnight Rustler - Erickson
- The Trumpet of The Swan - White
- Wheel on the School - DeJong
- City of Fire - Yep
- Geeks: How Two Lost Boys Rode the Internet Out of Idaho - Katz

8th Grade

- Treasure Island - Stevenson
- Quest For The Tree Kangaroo - Montgomery
- Heat - Lupica
- Dovey Coe - Dowell
- The Hundred Dresses - Estes
- Phineas Gage - Fleischman
- The Door In the Wall - Deangeli
- The Diary of Anne Frank - Frank
- Ben Franklin's Almanac - Fleming
- Anne of Avonlea - Montgomery