

Elementary School and Middle School Pairings

Are you looking to extend your reading program by including both your elementary and middle schools but need book suggestions appropriate for both audiences? We have created a list of elementary and middle school book pairings that offer books by the same author or books with similar themes. You can also contact us by emailing programs@readtothem.org or calling 1-804-367-3195 to discuss your needs further. We are always happy to help you find just the right book – or books – for your students and families.

Author Pairings		
Author	Elementary School Book	Middle School Book
Dusti Bowling	<i>Aven Green Baking Machine</i>	<i>Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus</i>
Sharon Creech	<i>Saving Winslow</i> <i>Granny Torrelli Makes Soup</i>	<i>The Wanderer</i>
Kate DiCamillo	<i>Because of Winn-Dixie*</i> <i>Flora and Ulysses*</i>	<i>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*</i> <i>The Tale of Despereaux*</i>
Chris Grabenstein	<i>Mr. Lemoncello's Very First Game</i>	<i>Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library</i>
Emily Jenkins	<i>Toys Go Out</i>	<i>Upside Down Magic</i>
Grace Lin	<i>The Year of the Dog</i>	<i>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</i>
Cynthia Lord	<i>Because of the Rabbit</i>	<i>Rules</i>
Louis Sachar	<i>Sideways Stories of Wayside School</i>	<i>Holes</i>
Holly Goldberg Sloan	<i>Appleblossum the Possum</i>	<i>Counting by 7s*</i>
Renée Watson	<i>Ways to Make Sunshine</i>	<i>Some Places More Than Others</i>

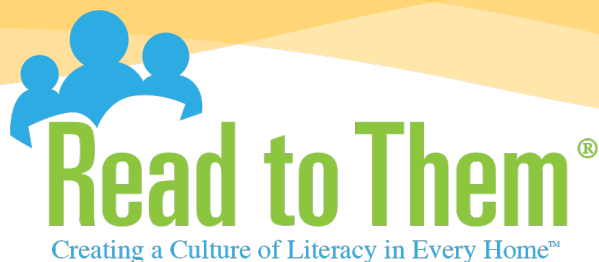
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Thematic Pairings		
Theme	Elementary School Book	Middle School Book
Autism, Learning Differences	<i>A Boy Called Bat*</i> <i>Bat and the Waiting Game</i> <i>Because of the Rabbit</i> <i>A Whole New Ballgame</i>	<i>Rules</i> <i>Counting by 7s*</i> <i>Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?</i>
	<i>Niagara Falls or Does It?</i> <i>Bookmarks Are People, Too</i>	<i>Fish in a Tree*</i>
Physical Differences	<i>Aven Green Baking Machine</i>	<i>Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus</i> <i>Out of My Mind</i> <i>Roll with It</i> <i>Wonder*</i>
Contemporary Black Life	<i>Ways to Make Sunshine</i> <i>Cleo Edison Oliver, Playground Millionaire</i>	<i>Some Places More Than Others</i> <i>From the Desk of Zoe Washington</i> <i>Harbor Me</i>
	<i>Simon B. Rhymin'</i>	<i>Ghost*</i> <i>Booked</i> <i>The Crossover*</i>
J.D. and the Great Barber Battle* Dog Days*	<i>J.D. and the Great Barber Battle*</i> <i>Dog Days*</i>	<i>Look Both Ways</i>
Hispanic Life, Contemporary and Historic	<i>Stella Díaz Has Something to Say</i> <i>Stella Díaz Never Gives Up</i>	<i>Merci Suárez Changes Gears*</i> <i>The First Rule of Punk*</i> <i>Stef Soto, Taco Queen*</i> <i>Esperanza Rising*</i> <i>Solimar</i> <i>Harbor Me</i>
Fantastical Creatures, Fairy Tales	<i>Dragons in a Bag</i> <i>Kenny and the Dragon</i> <i>Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher</i> <i>Three Good Deeds</i> <i>The Guardian Test</i> <i>Willodeen*</i>	<i>Malamander</i> <i>Rump</i>

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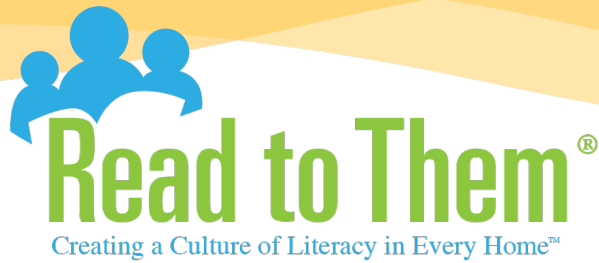
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Theme	Elementary School Book	Middle School Book
Science, Innovation, and Conservation	<i>Dragons and Marshmallows*</i>	<i>The Fourteenth Goldfish*</i> <i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*</i> <i>The Lion of Mars</i> <i>A Rover's Story</i>
	<i>Stella Díaz Never Gives Up</i> <i>Nuts to You</i> <i>Rescue at Lake Wild</i> <i>Willodeen*</i>	<i>The Islanders</i> <i>Hoot</i> <i>Solimar</i>
	<i>Toys! Amazing Stories</i>	<i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*</i>
History	<i>Rescue on the Oregon Trail</i>	<i>Esperanza Rising*</i>
	<i>Finding Langston</i>	<i>Some Places More Than Others</i> <i>Bud, Not Buddy</i> <i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>
Toys	<i>Toys Go Out</i>	<i>Toys! Amazing Stories behind Some Great Inventions</i> <i>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*</i>
Dogs	<i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i>	<i>Wish Alone</i>
Basketball	<i>A Whole New Ballgame</i>	<i>The Crossover*</i>
Journeys and Quests	<i>The Trumpet of the Swan</i> <i>The Adventures of a South Pole Pig</i>	<i>Rump</i>
	<i>Nim's Island</i>	<i>The Wanderer</i> <i>Solimar</i>
	<i>The Mouse and the Motorcycle*</i> <i>Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH</i> <i>Nuts to You</i> <i>Violet and Jobie in the Wild</i>	<i>The Tale of Despereaux*</i> <i>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*</i>

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Theme	Elementary School Book	Middle School Book
School Stories	<i>Frindle</i> <i>No Talking</i>	<i>The Next Great Paulie Fink Restart</i>
	<i>Save Me a Seat</i> <i>Dog Days*</i> <i>Upside Down Magic</i> <i>Stella Díaz Has Something to Say</i>	<i>Restart</i> <i>Count Me In</i> <i>The Wednesday Wars</i> <i>Because of Mr. Terupt</i> <i>Look Both Ways</i> <i>Harbor Me</i>
Kids Against the World	<i>J.D. and the Great Barber Battle*</i> <i>Matilda*</i> <i>Almost Super</i> <i>Frindle</i> <i>No Talking</i> <i>From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i> <i>The Terrible Two</i>	<i>Hoot</i> <i>The First Rule of Punk*</i> <i>Ban This Book</i> <i>Stef Soto, Taco Queen*</i> <i>Rump</i> <i>Look Both Ways</i>
Finding Your Voice	<i>The Guardian Test</i> <i>Stella Díaz Has Something to Say</i> <i>Stella Díaz Never Gives Up</i> <i>Because of the Rabbit</i> <i>Finding Langston</i> <i>Simon B. Rhymin'</i> <i>Willodeen*</i>	<i>Harbor Me</i> <i>Esperanza Rising*</i> <i>Rules</i> <i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> <i>Out of My Mind</i> <i>Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?</i>
Novels in Verse	<i>Love that Dog</i>	<i>Booked</i> <i>The Crossover*</i> <i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> <i>Alone</i>

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