**A few good books – Grades 4 and 5**

  
**Abbot:** ***Secrets of Droon***series fantasy  
Take along with a trio of best friends who stumble upon the magical world of Droon.

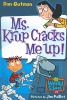
  
**Birney:** ***The World According to Humphrey*** c2005 fiction, humor  
Humphrey, a classroom hamster, surveys his surroundings and finds ways to help the children in the class.

  
**Bruchac:** ***The Girl Who Helped Thunder and Other Native American Folktales*** c2008 folklore  
A collection of illustrated Native American folktales.

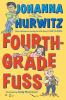
  
**Clements:** ***Lunch Money*** c1994 school, humor  
Hart is a popular boy who sometimes "goofs off". When he hits the music teacher with a rubber band, he is put in charge of the holiday concert. Both Hart and his teacher learn lessons.

  
**Fleming:** ***The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School*** c2007 fiction, school  
Mr. Jupiter becomes the 4th grade teacher of an unruly class with surprising results.

  
**Grimes:** ***Talkin' About Bessie*** c2002 biography, ethnic diversity  
How Bessie Coleman became the first African-American woman to become a licensed pilot as told by her family and friends.

  
**Gutman:** ***My Weird School*** school, humor  
A fun series of books about school life that appeal to reluctant readers.

  
***Hip Hop Speaks to Children: A Celebration of Poetry with a Beat*** c2008 poetry

  
**Hurwitz: Fourth Grade Fuss** c2004 school story  
Julio and his friends enjoy their fourth grade activities - the yard sale, ice skating, and a surprise party; but the students get serious when they have to study for end-of-the-year statewide tests.

  
**Kehret:** ***Shelter Dogs: Amazing Stories of Adopted Strays*** c1999 animals, non-fiction  
Tells the story of 8 dogs who were saved from the animal shelter and went on to better lives.

  
**Klingel:** ***Go Fly a Kite! (And Other Sayings We Don't Really Mean)*** c2008 idioms, figures of speech  
Explains the meaning of many common idiomatic expressions used in English.

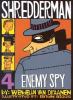
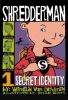
  
**Mazer:** ***Amazing Days of Abby Hayes*** fiction

  
**Myers:** ***Blues Journey*** c2003 poetry, ethnic diversity  
Presents blues lyrics that chronicle the history of the African-American experience, and includes information about the development of blues music.

  
**Noble:** ***The Last Brother (Tales of Young America***series) c2006 historical fiction  
Gabe becomes a bugler in the Civil War to protect his only surviving brother.

  
**Osborne:** ***Magic Tree House*** series time travel, fiction  
Explore the world with Jack and Annie.

  
**Shelby:** ***Adventures of Molly Whuppie and Other Appalachian Folktales*** c2007  
A collection of fourteen that combine traditional Appalachian folktales with contemporary themes.

  
**Van Draanen:** ***Shredderman*** series fiction  
Discover how Nolan Byrd goes from being the number one nerd at Cedar Valley Elementary to a world famous superhero.



**Various authors:** ***39 Clues*** series *mystery*  
Follow Amy Cahill and her brother, Dan, as they travel the world to hunt for the 39 Clues.



**Wiles:** ***Each Little Bird Sings*** c2005 family life, grief, fiction  
Comfort Snowberger is well acquainted with death since her family runs the funeral parlor in their small southern town, but even so the ten-year-old is unprepared for the series of heart-wrenching events that begins on the first day of Easter vacation with the sudden death of her beloved great-uncle Edisto.