Recommended Reading for Fountas and Pinnell Guided Reading
Compiled by RCS Media Specialists

Proficient
(Increasing in difficulty)

*Highly recommended

*The 18th Emergency -- Betsy Cromer Byars
*Attack of the Tagger -- Wendelin Van Draanen
*Because of Winn-Dixie -- Kate DiCamillo
Black Gold -- Marguerite Henry
Caddie Woodlawn -- Carol Ryrie Brink
*The Castle in the Attic -- Elizabeth Winthrop
*The Celery Stalks at Midnight -- James Howe
The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse: From the Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko, Private Eye (and others of the Chet Gecko Mystery series) -- Bruce Hale
*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory -- Roald Dahl
*Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator -- Roald Dahl
*Charlotte's Web -- E. B. White
Danger on Panther Peak -- Bill Wallace
*Day of the Iguana (and others of the Hank Zipzer, the World’s Greatest Underachiever series) -- Henry Winkler
*Frindle -- Andrew Clements
*Hatchet -- Gary Paulsen
*The Homework Machine -- Dan Gutman
*How to Eat Fried Worms -- Thomas Rockwell
*The Indian in the Cupboard -- Lynne Reid Banks
*The Monster's Ring -- Bruce Coville
*Rules -- Cynthia Lord
*Sarah, Plain and Tall -- Patricia MacLachlan
*Shiloh -- Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
*Snow Treasure -- Marie McSwigan
Snowboard Showdown -- Paul Mantell
*Strider -- Beverly Cleary
Sun & Spoon -- Kevin Henkes

*A Dog’s Life: The Autobiography of a Stray -- Ann M. Martin
*From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler -- E.L. Konigsburg
The Good Dog -- Avi
*Granny Torrelli Makes Soup -- Sharon Creech
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson -- Bette Lord
Lily's Crossing -- Patricia Reilly Giff
The Million Dollar Shot -- Dan Gutman
My Life in Dog Years -- Gary Paulsen
On My Honor -- Marion Dane Bauer
Sahara Special -- Esme Raji Codell
*Taking Sides -- Gary Soto
Time for Andrew: A Ghost Story -- Mary Downing Hahn
The Van Gogh Café -- Cynthia Rylant
Agnes Parker... Girl in Progress -- Kathleen O'Dell
Behind Rebel Lines: The Incredible Story of Emma Edmonds, Civil War Spy -- Seymour Reit
*Bud, Not Buddy -- Christopher Paul Curtis
*Chasing Vermeer -- Blue Balliett
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key (and others of the Joey Pigza series) -- Jack Gantos
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (and others of the Chronicles of Narnia series) -- C.S. Lewis
*Love That Dog -- Sharon Creech
Nory Ryan’s Song -- Patricia Reilly Giff
Notes from a Liar and Her Dog -- Gennifer Choldenko
*Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief (and others of the Sammy Keyes series) -- Wendelin Van Draanen
Shoeless Joe and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure -- Dan Gutman
Surviving the Applewhites -- Stephanie S. Tolan
The Tiger’s Apprentice -- Lauren Yep

*The BFG -- Roald Dahl
Ella Enchanted -- Gail Carson Levine
The Fledgling -- Jane Langton
Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad -- Michael Martin
*If You’re Reading This, It’s Too Late -- Pseudonymous Bosch
Julie of the Wolves -- Jean Craighead George
*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane -- Kate DiCamillo
The Name of this Book is Secret -- Pseudonymous Bosch
*Number the Stars -- Lois Lowry
Ragweed -- Avi
Report to the Principal’s Office -- Jerry Spinelli
Rosa Parks: My Story -- Rosa Parks
*The Tale of Despereaux -- Kate DiCamillo
The Watsons Go to Birmingham -- Christopher Paul Curtis
The Wizard of Oz -- Frank L. Baum