**Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl**

**Elementary Reading List 2022-23**

**Baptist, K. J. (2020). *Isaiah Dunn is my hero*** **Lexile 700L**

\*Isaiah is now the big man of the house. But it’s a lot harder than his dad made it look. His little sister, Charlie, asks too many questions, and Mama’s gone totally silent. Luckily, Isaiah can count on his best friend, Sneaky, who’s always got a scheme for getting around the rules. Plus, his classmate Angel has a few good ideas of her own - once she stops hassling Isaiah. And when things get really tough, there’s Daddy’s journal, filled with stories about the amazing Isaiah Dunn, who gets his superhero powers from beans and rice. Isaiah could use those powers right about now!

**Berry, J. (2021). *Hope springs* Lexile** **860L**

\*Eleven-year-old crafter Jubilee Johnson's assumptions about her vagabond life, her estranged mother, and her idol, television's perfect crafter Arletta Paisley, start to change after Jubi and her grandmother move to a small Texas town.

**Fipps, L. (2021). *Starfish***  **Lexile 730L**

\* "Bullied and shamed her whole life for being fat, twelve-year-old Ellie finally gains the confidence to stand up for herself, with the help of some wonderful new allies"

**Gennari, Jennifer. (2021). *Muffled* Lexile 630L**

\*When fifth-grader Amelia learns to cope with her noise sensitivity, she steps outside of her comfort zone and makes new friends. Includes information about noise sensitivity.

**Holm, J. L. (2021). *The lion of Mars* Lexile 530L**

**\***"Bell has spent his whole life--all eleven years of it--on Mars. But he's still just a regular kid--he loves cats, any kind of cake, and is curious about the secrets the adults in the US colony are keeping. Like, why don't have contact with anyone on the other Mars colonies? Why are they so isolated? When a virus breaks out and the grown-ups all fall ill, Bell and the other children are the only ones who can help. It's up to Bell--a regular kid in a very different world--to uncover the truth and save his family--and possibly unite an entire planet"

**LaMotte, L. (2020). *Measuring up*** **Lexile HL360L**

\* In this compilation of four separately published books, Chloe is back in Santa Cruz for her senior year in high school, facing the challenge of reconnecting with her old friends (and rivals), and that most troublesome problem of all-where to apply to college.

**McAnulty. S. (2020). *Millionaires for the month*** **Lexile 570L**

\*"Dude. Ocean is incredible. Atlantic, Pacific, Arctic, Indian, Southern--it's all excellent Ocean! Not part of any nation, his waves are for all. And under those waves, man, he holds so many secrets. With characteristic humor and charm, Stacy McAnulty channels the voice of Ocean in this next 'autobiography' in the Our Universe series. Rich with kid-friendly facts and beautifully brought to life by David Litchfield, this is an equally charming and irresistible companion to Earth! My First 4.54 Billion Years; Sun! One in a Billion; and Moon! Earth's Best Friend"

**Nisson, S. (2021). *Power up*** **Lexile 500L**

\*"Trouble has come to the land of Chima! Powerful Hunter Tribes want to freeze all of Chima and only Fire CHI can stop them. Find out how the tribes use CHI orbs to power-up their awesome vehicles, their weapons--and even themselves!"

**Royce, E. (2021). *Root magic*** **Lexile 680L**

\* "It's 1963, and things are changing for Jezebel Turner. Her beloved grandmother has just passed away. The local police deputy won't stop harassing her family. With school integration arriving in South Carolina, Jez and her twin brother, Jay, are about to begin the school year with a bunch of new kids. But the biggest change comes when Jez and Jay turn eleven and their uncle, Doc, tells them he's going to train them in root work. Jez and Jay have always been fascinated by the African American folk magic that has been the legacy of their family for generations--especially the curious potions and powders Doc and Gran would make for the people on their island. But Jez soon finds out that her family's true power goes far beyond small charms and elixirs--and not a moment too soon"

**Standish, A. (2020). *How to disappear completely*** **Lexile 730L**

\* "While her grandmother was alive, Emma's world was filled with enchantment. But now Gram is gone, and suddenly strange spots are appearing on Emma's skin. Soon, she's diagnosed with vitiligo--a condition that makes patches of her skin lose their color--and the magic in her world is suddenly replaced with school bullies and doctor appointments. But when Emma writes one last story in the journal she shared with Gram, something strange happens. Someone writes back to her, just like Gram used to. Who's writing to Emma? And just what is her story going to be, now that everything is so different?"