

MUHLENBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOVEL DESCRIPTION FORM

Title: Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes

Author: Eleanor Coerr

Publisher: Puffin Books

Grade Level of Intended Use: 3

Plot Summary:

Sadako Sasaki is a 12 year old girl growing up in Hiroshima, Japan ten years after the first Atomic bomb is dropped. When she discovers she has the atom bomb disease – leukemia, she begins to make paper cranes so that the gods will make her healthy again. After making 664 cranes, she passes away. A statue of Sadako stands in the Hiroshima Peace Park in remembrance of all children killed by the atomic bomb.

Violence: No Profanity: No Sexual Content: No

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Title: Ramona Quimby – Age 8

Author: Beverly Cleary

Publisher: Harper Trophy

Grade Level of Intended Use: 3

Plot Summary:

Ramona Quimby's third grad year is filled with many adventures and tribulations from meeting the school bully, the Yard Ape, to throwing up in the classroom. Ramona makes it through all of these adventures/tribulations with great vigor and humor.

Violence: No Profanity: No Sexual Content: No

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Title: Sarah, Plain and Tall

Author: Patricia MacLachlan

Publisher: HarperCollins Children's Books

Grade Level of Intended Use: 4

Plot Summary:

Papa places an ad in the newspaper for a wife and he receives an answer from a woman named Sarah. Sarah comes in the spring. Everyone hopes she will stay. But Sarah misses her home. What happens tells much about happiness and hope, and what it is that makes a family. **“Sarah, Plain and Tall”** is a Newberry Medal winner.

Violence: No Profanity: No Sexual Content: No

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NOVEL DESCRIPTION FORM

Title: Lost Star

Author: Patricia Lauber

Publisher: Scholastic Incorporated

Grade Level of Intended Use: 4

Plot Summary:

“Lost Star” is the high flying and adventurous life story of Amelia Earhart.

Violence: No Profanity: No Sexual Content: No

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Title: The War with Grandpa

Author: Robert Kimmel Smith

Publisher: Dell Publishing Group

Grade Level of Intended Use: 4

Plot Summary:

Peter is thrilled that Grandpa is coming to live with his family. That is, until Grandpa moves right into Peter’s bedroom. Peter loves Grandpa, but wants his room back. Together with his friends, Peter devises outrageous plans to make Grandpa surrender his bedroom.

Violence: No Profanity: No Sexual Content: No

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Author: One Hundred Dresses

Publisher: Scholastic

Grade Level of Intended Use: 4

Plot Summary:

Wanda Petronski is a Polish immigrant attending school wanting to fit in with the other girls. In her attempts, she mentions that she owns one hundred dresses. The class verbally bullies her. Wanda’s classmates come to realize their mistake and disrespect only after Wanda moves away. The class learns a very important lesson in respect and tolerance.

Violence: No Profanity: No Sexual Content: No

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