



## Gerstell Academy Lower School

*This reading list is for recreational reading. Each book supports our Gerstell Academy Leadership Principles and Attributes. Be sure to ask your child which one applies to each book you read!*

*These high quality books should captivate interest and hopefully lead to wanting to learn more. Please ask your local public librarian for more suggestions!*

### **Gobble it up! : a fun song about eating!** (Picture Book)

*Arnosky, Jim*

Rhyming text invites the reader to imagine being a hungry raccoon, crocodile, shark, whale, or panda bear while learning what each creature enjoys eating.

### **Henry Works** (Picture Book)

*Johnson, D. B.*

On a misty morning, Henry, a bear modeled after Henry David Thoreau, shows his awareness of nature as he helps neighbors during his walk to work.

### **Wangari's Trees of Peace : a True story of Africa** (333.72 W)

*Winter, Jeanette*

Tells the story of Wangari Maathai, a Nobel Prize-winning environmentalist who, shocked to see entire forests being cut down in her native country of Kenya, decides to take action, beginning with the planting of nine seedlings in her own backyard.

### **Pale Male : citizen hawk of New York City** (598.944 S)

*Schulman, Janet*

A red tail hawk and his mate build their nest near the top of a Fifth Avenue apartment building and bird watchers gather hoping to see the chicks in the nest.

### **A Place for Birds** (598 S)

*Stewart, Melissa*

Examines the environmental needs of birds around the world and the effect that human behavior has had on their ability to survive, with examples of the efforts being made by scientists and conservationists to save specific species of birds.

### **How to Paint the Portrait of a Bird** (J 841.914 P)

*Prevert, Jacques*

Translation of: Pour faire le portrait d'un oiseau. A child paints the beginning of a picture and goes outside to wait for a bird to approach and a special thing to happen.

**The Wolves are Back** (J 599.773G)

*George, Jean Craighead*

For over a century, wolves were persecuted in the United States and nearly became extinct. Gradually reintroduced, they are thriving again in the West, much to the benefit of the ecosystem.



**Three Cups of Tea** (J 371.822 T)

*Thomson, Sarah L.*

Adapts for young readers Greg Mortenson's book in which he recounts the experiences he had while trying to help impoverished villages in Pakistan's Karakoram Himalaya build schools for their children.

**As Good as Anybody : Martin Luther King Jr. and Abraham Joshua Heschel's amazing march toward freedom** (J 323.092 M)

*Michelson, Richard*

The story of two icons for social justice, how they formed a remarkable friendship and turned their personal experiences of discrimination into a message of love and equality for all.

**A Picture book of Frederick Douglass** (J Biography)

*David A. Adler*

A biography of the man who, after escaping slavery, became an orator, writer, and leader in the abolitionist movement in the nineteenth century.

**The Groundbreaking, chance-taking life of George Washington Carver and Science & Invention in America** (J Biography)

*Harness, Cheryl*

A biography of George Washington Carver that discusses his childhood, various jobs, education, agricultural skills, travels, and legacy; and describes the world in which he lived.

*I will be working at the Finksburg Library this summer. If you need assistance or advice on other book selections, please stop in as I will be happy to help! Mrs. Cherry.*

