The Strange Case of Origami Yoda  
Tom Angleberger  J Ang  
Tommy and his 6th-grade friends describe their interactions with Yoda, a paper finger puppet worn by their weird classmate, Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Includes instructions for making Origami Yoda.

Frindle  
Andrew Clement  J Cle  
Nick turns his 5th-grade teacher’s love of the dictionary into a game by inventing a new word which begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

The Big Fat Cow That Goes Kapow  
Andy Griffiths  J Gri  
In these ten easy-to-read stories, a mixed up cow says “Miaow,” a mole plays rock ‘n’ roll and a boy named Mike rides a bike.

Dear Max  
Sally Grindley  J Gri  
As Max, who is almost ten, and his favorite author exchange letters, the two writers help each other with their new books and develop a special friendship.

Dork in Disguise  
Carol Gorman  J Gor  
Starting middle school in a new town, brainy Jerry Flack changes his image from “dork” to “cool kid,” only to discover that he’d rather be himself.

The Homework Machine  
Dan Gutman  J Gut  
Four 5th-grade students—a geek, a class clown, a teacher’s pet, and a slacker—and their mothers and teacher relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments.

Middle School is Worse than Meatloaf: A Year Told through Stuff  
Jennifer Holm  J Hol  
Ginny starts out with ten items on her to-do list for 7th grade, but notes, cartoons, and other “stuff” reveal what is going wrong between September and June, at school and at home.

The Popularity Papers: Research for the Social Improvement and General Betterment of Lydia Goldblatt & Julie Graham-Chang  
Amy Ignatow  J Ign  
Two best friends embark on a project to study the behavior and taste of the popular girls at their elementary school so that by the time they get to middle school they, too, will be in the right crowd. This novel reads like a scrapbook.

Raymond and Graham Rule the School  
Mike Knudson  J Knub  
Best friends Raymond and Graham have looked forward to being the “oldest, coolest, toughest” boys at East Millcreek Elementary School, but from the start of 4th grade everything goes wrong.

My Life as a Fifth-Grade Comedian  
Elizabeth Levy  J Lev  
Although Bobby’s father thinks that he might be expelled like his older brother, with the encouragement of a new 5th-grade teacher, Bobby tries to channel his humor into a learning experience.

Lenny and Mel  
Erik Kraft  J Kra  
Twin brothers observe a year’s worth of holidays in some very unusual ways.

School! Adventures at the Harvey N. Trouble Elementary School  
Kate McMullan  J McM  
Each morning, student Ron Faster hurries to Harvey N. Trouble School, where he encounters the science teacher, Ms. Roxanne Pebbles, the music instructor, Mrs. Doremi Fasollatido, and the janitor, Mr. Iquit.

Amelia’s Notebook  
Marissa Moss  J Mos  
A 9-year-old girl records her thoughts and feelings about moving, starting school, and dealing with her older sister, as well as keeping old friends and making new ones.

Lawn Boy  
Gary Paulsen  J Pau  
Things get out of hand for a 12-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business.

Big Nate in a Class by Himself  
Lincoln Peirce  J Pei  
A supremely confident middle school student manages to make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement.

Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life  
Rachel Renee Russell  J Rus  
Fourteen-year-old Nikki struggles to be popular at her exclusive new private school. Witty black and white drawings appear throughout the text.

Sideways Stories From Wayside School  
Louis Sachar  J Sac  
Humorous episodes from the classroom on the 30th floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.

Justin Case: School, Drool, and Other Daily Disasters  
Rachel Vail  J Vai  
Relates the daily worries and problems of Justin Case as he struggles to survive 3rd grade.