

*For 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders*

**The Rebecca Caudill Young Readers Book Award and The Bluestem Award**

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are encouraged (not required) to read books on the following lists during the 2011-2012 school year. The books come from 2 Illinois state children's choice awards: the Rebecca Caudill Young Readers Book Award and the Bluestem award. These books can be found at any public library, bookstore, and at our school library. You will find other books that are on these lists, but at Timothy only the following books will be promoted for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to read. See below for the reading goals that are in place here at Timothy.

**The Bluestem Award**

The Bluestem Award is the children's choice award here in Illinois for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade readers. Students read from a specific list of books and then vote for their favorite. Here at Timothy, this award is only promoted in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and it will only include the following titles. There are a number of other books on the list, and you may find these on the Bluestem Award shelf at your public library or bookstore. But please remember that they will not count toward the incentives. The following titles will count:

- Birney, Betty G. The World According to Humphrey
- Buckley, Michael Sisters Grimm: the Fairy-Tale Detectives
- Clements, Andrew Extra Credit
- Harper, Charise Just Grace
- Howe, James Bunnica: a Rabbit Tale of Mystery
- Klise, Kate Dying to Meet You
- LaFevers, R.L. Flight of the Phoenix
- Lord, Cynthia Rules
- Markle, Sandra Animal Heroes: True Rescue Stories
- Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds Faith, Hope, and Ivy June
- Ryan, Pam Munoz Riding Freedom
- Sachar, Louis Sideways Stories from Wayside School

**The Rebecca Caudill Young Readers Book Award**

The Rebecca Caudill Award is an annual award given to one book from a list of 20 books that have been nominated by children and selected by librarians in the state of Illinois. The list is intended to reach a varied level of student interest and reading ability. This year, the books on the list below from the 2012 list are appropriate for readers in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade and will count toward the incentives. The remaining books on the 2012 Caudill list, which you will find on the shelf at your public library or bookstore, are not recommended for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

- Auch, M.J. One-handed Catch
- Broach, Elise Masterpiece
- Clements, Andrew Extra Credit
- Cody, Matthew Powerless
- Lin, Grace Where the Mountain Meets the Moon
- O'Connor, Barbara Greetings from Nowhere
- Philbrick, Rodman The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg
- Prineas, Sarah The Magic Thief

Plus...to get to 20 books for the Bookstore Shopping Spree:

Your Choice of:       **any past nominated Caudill** (see binder in the library) that you have not read before.  
The AR quiz for this book cannot be taken prior to June 28. Please do not select middle school books. You must read three 2012 Caudills or four 2012 Bluestems before this one "counts."

### READING GOALS for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

1. Read **4** of the **Bluestem** Award books listed above. This qualifies you to be a voter in February.
2. Or, read **3** of the **Caudill** Award books listed above. This qualifies you to be a voter in February.
3. Or, read 4 Bluestems and 3 Caudills to vote in both awards!
4. Once you have qualified to vote for either the Caudill Award or the Bluestem Award, you can start reading to qualify for the following goals:
5. Read a total of **12** books from either the Bluestem list or the Caudill list. This qualifies you to both vote and attend the Caudill Pizza Party in March.
6. Read **16** of the titles. This qualifies you to vote, attend the Caudill Pizza Party and receive an ice cream sundae for dessert.
7. Read **20** of the titles. This qualifies you to vote, attend the Caudill Pizza Party, receive an ice cream sundae, and go on the Bookstore Shopping Spree.