**📚 Grades 1-2 (Simple & Engaging Stories)**

1. **"Madeline"** – Ludwig Bemelmans  
   *A charming rhyming story of a brave little girl in Paris.*
2. **"Caps for Sale"** – Esphyr Slobodkina  
   *A classic tale about a peddler and mischievous monkeys.*
3. **"Corduroy"** – Don Freeman  
   *A heartwarming story about a teddy bear in search of a home.*
4. **"The Story of Ferdinand"** – Munro Leaf  
   *A peaceful bull prefers smelling flowers over bullfighting.*
5. **"Sylvester and the Magic Pebble"** – William Steig  
   *A donkey finds a magic pebble that grants wishes—with unexpected consequences.*

**📚 Grades 3-4 (Longer, More Complex Stories)**

1. **"Charlotte’s Web"** – E.B. White  
   *A beloved tale of friendship between a pig and a spider.*
2. **"Because of Winn-Dixie"** – Kate DiCamillo  
   *A lonely girl finds companionship with a stray dog.*
3. **"The One and Only Ivan"** – K.A. Applegate  
   *A touching story of a captive gorilla discovering freedom and friendship.*
4. **"The Hundred Dresses"** – Eleanor Estes  
   *A moving story about kindness, bullying, and understanding.*
5. **"Frindle"** – Andrew Clements  
   *A boy invents a new word, challenging the way language works.*

**📚 Grades 5-6 (Deeper Themes & More Challenging Reads)**

1. **"Holes"** – Louis Sachar  
   *A boy in a juvenile detention camp unravels a mysterious family curse.*
2. **"Anne of Green Gables"** – L.M. Montgomery  
   *An imaginative orphan girl finds a home and adventure.*
3. **"The Westing Game"** – Ellen Raskin  
   *A thrilling mystery with twists and puzzles to solve.*
4. **"Island of the Blue Dolphins"** – Scott O’Dell  
   *A survival story of a girl stranded on an island.*
5. **"Bridge to Terabithia"** – Katherine Paterson  
   *A touching and emotional tale of friendship and loss.*