

## 2014-2015 Lakeland Montessori Schoolhouse

### Upper Elementary-Explorers Book Reports Orientation Handout

Students will be assigned a book report every other month. Each book chosen should follow the given genre. The following list gives a tentative schedule of the months and possible genres.

**September - Fiction: Newbery Winner or Newbery Honor Book**

**November-Non-Fiction**

**January - Poetry**

**March - Historical Fiction**

**May - Student Choice**

See the following website for suggested Newbery Medal and Newbery Honor books:

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberyhonors/newberymedal>

2014-2015 Sunshine State Young Readers Award List can be found at:

[http://www.fldoe.org/bii/Library\\_Media/pdf/ssyrl.pdf](http://www.fldoe.org/bii/Library_Media/pdf/ssyrl.pdf)

AR BookFinder is also another good way to discover and locate information on various books for book reports.

<http://www.arbookfind.com/default.aspx>



The screenshot shows the AR BookFinder website interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the text "AR BookFinder™". Below the header, there is a navigation bar with links for "Home", "Español", "Suggest Quizzes", "About Us", and "Help". The main content area is divided into sections. On the left, there is a "Parent" section with a "Quick Search" button and a "Keycode" input field with a "Go" button. Below the "Keycode" field, there is a note: "You do not need a Keycode to search. However, if your child's teacher gave you a Keycode, enter it here to search the most relevant books for your child." On the right, there is a "Collections" section with a "Select a Collection below." heading and a list of collection options: "Awards", "State Lists", "Librarians' Picks", and "What Kids Are Reading".

Note: The length of the book should be appropriate to the student's reading ability and should be able to be completed within a two week time period. Each book report will require a written report, a visual aid, and a brief oral presentation. Students will receive a guideline and rubric for each report outlining specific details.