**Independent Book**

It’s that time of the Module again! You need to pick out a higher lexile book to read independently as we continue through our “Rules to Live By” Module. Below are some suggestions. As always, you may choose another book relating to a similar theme as those below (Rules to Live By or the Great Depression) and ***request approval*** for that book from Miss Schiff. The book will not be approved if it is below a lexile of 790 as this is the low end of a 6th grade reading level. You can look up a book’s lexile number online at scholastic.com, lexile.com or another site.

Below is a list of **PREAPPROVED** books:

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| **Book Title** | **Author** | **Lexile** |
| *Moon Over Manifest* | Clare Vanderpool | 800 |
| *Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra* | Andrea Davis Pinkney | 800 |
| *Rose’s Journal: The Story of a Girl in the Great Depression* | Marissa Moss | 820 |
| *The Truth About Sparrows* | Marian Hale | 820 |
| *The Miner’s Daughter* | Gretchen Moran Laskas | 850 |
| *Migrant Mother: How a Photograph Defined the Great Depression* | Don Nardo | 900 |
| *Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry* | Mildred D. Taylor | 920 |
| *Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul: 101 Stories of Life, Love and Learning* | Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, and Kimberly Kirberger | 930 |
| *The New Deal* | Susan E. Hamen | 1020 |
| *The Great Depression: A Nation in Distress* | Janet Beyer and JoAnne B. Weisman | 1130 |
| *Children of the Great Depression* | Russell Freedman | 1170 |

You need to *decide* on an independent book this weekend. You DO NOT need to begin reading the book unless you so choose. **You WILL NEED the book available for homework beginning Monday, December 9th.** You should bring the book to school every day beginning the 10th.

We will have assignments on this book and its connection/relation to our module and units on Bud, Not Buddy. The completion of the book will be due **Monday, January 13, 2014.**

As always, feel free to contact Miss Schiff with any questions you may have. Please note that Miss Schiff is unable to answer any e-mails between December 19, 2013 and January 2, 2014.