**Independent Reading Book Choices:**

The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile text measures about Chinese immigration and the land of the Golden Mountain. It is imperative that students read a high volume of texts at their reading level in order to continue to build the academic vocabulary and fluency demanded by the CCLS.

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| *Kai’s Journey to Gold Mountain: An Angel Island Story* | Katrina Saltonstall Currier (author) | Literature | 970\* |
| *Gold! Gold from the American River* | Don Brown (author) | Informational | 1010 |
| *Laurence Yep* | Katherine Lawrence (author) | Biography | 1090\* |
| *The Lost Garden* | Laurence Yep (author) | Literature | 1110 |
| *Chinese Americans* | Jack Adler (author) | Collective biography | 1140 |
| *Chinese Americans* | Michael Martin (author) | Informational | 1150 |
| *Escape to Gold Mountain: A Graphic History of the Chinese in North America* | David Wong (author) | Informational |  |
| *Chinese American Voices: From the Gold Rush to the Present* | Judy Yung (editor) | Informational |  |
| *Shanghai Messenger* | Andrea Cheng (author) | Prose |  |

*Remember you can always request to read another book of your choosing, so long as it has a Lexile of 900 or higher and Mrs. Hirsch approves it.*

Have your book with you in school by:

**Monday, March 3, 2014**

You will need to complete the book by:

**Monday, March 17, 2014**

***Should you finish a book in this time, please start another.***

As always, you will be asked to do a book critique. The book critique must be written *after the book has been completed*and turned in on **Monday, March 17, 2014.** Further directions will be given regarding the book critique on the week of March 4th.