

inbeTween Book Club - About the books

Grades 4&5

Tuesdays 3:00 - 3:45 pm

July 17

Last Day On Mars - By Kevin Emerson

While waiting to leave Mars before it burns up just like the Earth before it, Liam and his friend Phoebe discover some facts about time and space and realize that the human race is just one of the races trying to survive in space.

July 31

Gregor the Overlander (1st book) - By Suzanne Collins

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy

August 14

From You to Me - By K.A. Holt

Amelia Peabody's older sister, Clara, died in a boating accident three years ago, a tragedy that still has Amelia in the clutches of deep grief. On the first day of eighth grade, Amelia finds a letter Clara wrote to herself on her own first day of sixth grade. It's not any letter to her future self, however—it's a list of all the things Clara will accomplish by the time she reaches eighth grade: be nicer to Mom, make the softball team, ask Billy to a dance, throw a fabulous birthday party on the lake, and plan the most unforgettable eighth-grade prank their small town has ever seen. Sadly, Clara only completed one task, because she died during that party on the lake. Maybe finishing the tasks for Clara will alleviate Amelia's pain. Amelia's unrelenting heartache over the loss of her sister is never over-the-top; she's a steady, reliable narrator whose life is a realistic balance of humor and sadness. Amelia's "What would Beyoncé do?" approach to life is admirable, but repeated references to the pop star may eventually date the book; however, the themes of loss and recovery are timeless. All characters seem to be white by default.