2019 Read Alouds: Middle Grades

The Art of the Swap by Kristine Asselin
Hannah and Maggie live in the same Newport Mansion—a hundred years apart. After switching bodies, their only hope to return to their own time lies in solving a hundred year old mystery of a missing painting.

The Rat Prince by Bridget Hodder
Retelling of the Cinderella fairytale. Told through dual narratives of Cinderella, or Lady Rose as she was formerly known, and Char, the rat prince. Read this book to see what really happened.

Flying Lessons and Other Stories by Ellen Oh
A collection of realistic short stories by well known young adult authors. Each story reflects a wide variety of experiences.

Greetings From Witness Protection by Jake Burt
A 7th grade kleptomaniac foster care girl is recruited by the US Marshals to help hide a family in the witness protection program. Find out what happens to them!

Hope in the Holler by Lisa Lewis Tyre
Wavie, with her dead Mom’s list of instructions for life in her hand, is sent back to Conley Hollow, Kentucky to live with her mother’s family. Her mother’s family stinks, but with the aid of the “neighborhood no-accounts”, Wavie learns to focus on her future.

Knockout by K.A. Holt
Levi is the protected little brother, who as an infant had a serious illness. Now in 7th grade he wished that his older brother and mother would not be so protective. With the encouragement of his father he takes up boxing and loves it. But the greatest challenge is to prove to his brother and mother that he can do this sport.

Rebound by Kwame Alexander
Prequel to the Newbery Medal Winner “The Crossover”. Set in 1988, after his dad has died, Charlie Bell is getting into trouble. His mother hopes sending him to Washington D.C. to spent the summer with his grandmother will help him keep out of trouble. In Washington he discovers jazz, basketball and his family’s past.

Restart by Gordon Korman
After falling out a window and hitting his head, Chase has amnesia. Returning to his middle school he discovers that he is a hero on the football team but also a kid that others fear and dislike. Chase is given a second chance at becoming the person he should be.

Someday Birds by Sally J. Pla
A family plans a trip across the USA to see their injured father. Charlie, the middle child, has OCD tendencies but also a list of birds he is hoping to see on the trip. Charlie wants to share his list with his father in hopes that his father will recover from his severe brain injuries.