



**LAGRANGE  
ACADEMY**

## **Summer Reading for Rising Fifth Graders**

Hello to my FANTABULOUS FIFTH GRADERS! I have missed you all so much and cannot wait to spend another year teaching YOU! Last year was AMAZING, but we were just getting warmed up and ready to fly! I cannot wait to UNLEASH my latest, greatest ideas! Get some rest because YOU are about to experience a fifth grade year that's going to BLOW YOUR MINDS!!!

Now, let's prepare your minds with a bit of summer reading!

**Reading requirement:** Please choose a book that you have never read. Take the time to read it carefully, picture what is happening in your mind, and think deeply about the events. Be prepared to discuss your selection in class as well as complete an activity based on your book when we return to school. Your book must be at least 150 pages in length. **No graphic novels**, please.

I have provided a book list and websites to help you find a great book, but the selection is up to you. My goal is for you to love reading, so choose a book you will enjoy!

[Great Schools](#)

[Good Reads](#)

[Common Sense Media](#)

[Bookopolis](#)



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I would like to reserve the following books for class read alouds or novel studies. Please do not read the following books:

*Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

*Holes* by Louis Sachar

*Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell

*My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George

*Restart* by Gordon Korman

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## 5th Grade Book Suggestions

### Nonfiction

*Flying to the Moon: An Astronaut's Story* by Michael Collins

*The Endless Steppe: Growing Up in Siberia* by Esther Hautzig

*Yellow Star* by Jennifer Roy

*Byrd & Igloo: A Polar Adventure* by Samantha Seiple

*Kid Scientists: True Tales of Childhood from Science Superstars* by David Stabler

*Kid Authors: True Tales of Childhood from Famous Writers* by David Stabler

### Fiction

*Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein

*As Brave As You* by Jason Reynolds

*Chomp* by Carl Hiaasen

*Skinnybones* by Barbara Park

*Half a Chance* by Cynthia Lord

*Loser* by Jerry Spinelli

*The Thing About Jellyfish* by Ali Benjamin

*The Candymaker* by Wendy Mass

*Death by Toilet Paper* by Donna Gephart

*Rain Reign* by Ann M. Martin

*Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer* by John Grisham

*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio



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## **Historical Fiction**

*Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry  
*Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk  
*Projekt 1065* by Alan Gratz  
*Echo* by Pam Munoz Ryan  
*City of Orphans* by Avi  
*Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story* by Nora Raleigh Baskin  
*Stella by Starlight* by Sharon M. Draper  
*A Long Way From Chicago* by Richard Peck

## **Adventure/Mystery**

*The Thief Lord* by Cornelia Funke  
*Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz  
*Mission: In Search of the Time and Space Machine* by Deborah Abela  
*Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Balliett  
*From the Mixed-Up Files of Basil E. Frankweiler* by E. L. Konigsburg  
*The Book Scavenger* by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman  
*Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein  
*Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar  
*Masterminds* by Gordon Korman

## **Adventure/Fantasy**

*The Princess and the Goblin* by George MacDonald  
*Beware of Dog (McGrowl)* by Bob Balaban  
*Peter and the Starcatchers* by Dave Barry  
*Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer  
*The Meanest Doll in the World* by Ann M. Martin  
*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert C. O'Brien  
*Princess Academy* by Shannon Hale  
*The Book of Story Beginnings* by Kristin Kladstrup  
*Prince Caspian* by C.S. Lewis  
*The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jennifer L. Holm  
*A Snicker of Magic* by Natalie Lloyd  
*The Candy Show War* by Brandon Mull  
*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis

## **Sports**

*The Million Dollar Kick* by Dan Gutman