



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've had some extra time on my hands the past few months, so my creative wheels have been turning and burning! 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:

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Holes by Louis Sachar

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

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

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

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

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin

Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer by John Grisham



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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