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## Summer Reading for Rising 5<sup>th</sup> Graders!

Dear (future) 5<sup>th</sup> Graders,

I am so excited to have you in 5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA next year! This summer, I want you to read everything and anything you can get your hands on. I hope you will come to school next year with a whole list of recommendations for your fellow 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

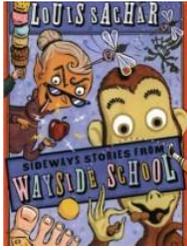
As you read this summer, please fill out the reading log found on the next page. Read as much as you can- we will celebrate students who complete the whole reading log at the beginning of school!

If you are looking for book recommendations, my favorite books for 5<sup>th</sup> graders are listed on the back of this page. Have a wonderful summer and I will see you in the fall!

Sincerely,

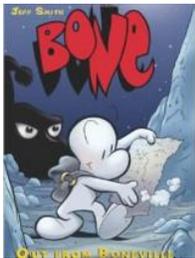
*Ms. Carroll*

## Ms. Carroll's Summer Reading Recommendations



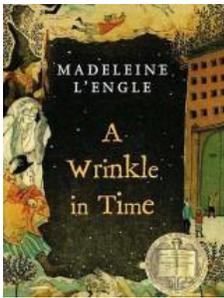
### **Sideways Stories from Wayside School by: *Louis Sachar***

On the 30th floor of the wacky Wayside School is Mrs. Jewl's class. Sharie falls asleep and rolls out the window. Joe counts all wrong and gets the right answer. Calvin is sent to the 19th floor to deliver a note, but there is no 19th floor — the builder forgot it.



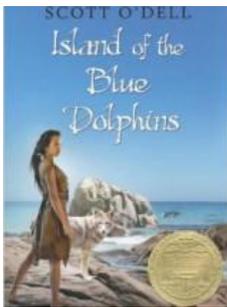
### **Bone #1: Out From Boneville by: *Jeff Smith***

The first book of this humorous full-color graphic novel series describes the misadventures of the three Bone cousins as they explore a forested valley populated with frightening creatures. As the plot unfolds, the Bones meet strange characters and forces of evil.



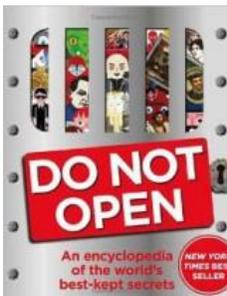
### **A Wrinkle in Time by: *Madeleine L'Engle***

Meg, an awkward girl who doesn't quite fit in, has a lot to worry about. Her beloved father has suddenly disappeared, and neighbors are beginning to gossip that he's run off with another woman. It turns out that his disappearance is connected with his scientific work, and Meg, her brilliant little brother, and her friend Calvin set out to find him — a search that takes them on an exciting but dangerous galactic adventure.



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

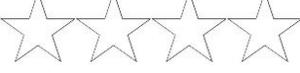
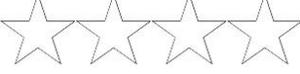
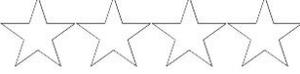
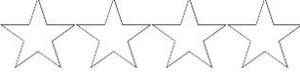
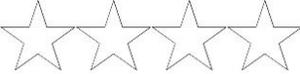
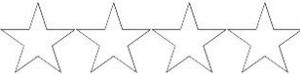
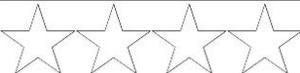
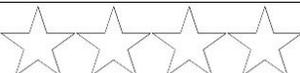
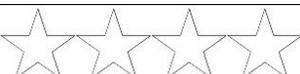
Karana is a 12-year-old Native American who refuses to abandon her 6-year-old brother when her island, Ghalas-at is evacuated. After he is attacked, Karana must wait for help to arrive. Told from her point of view, we share the details of her day-to-day life, watch the days turn into years, and wait for the ship to carry her off her lonely island.



### **Do Not Open: An Encyclopedia of the World's Best-Kept Secrets by: *John Farndon***

The name of the book alone gets readers to pick it up. Once open, they'll find weird and interesting facts. Readers engage in learning through rich illustrations of the world's best-kept secrets. This book contains much more than just trivia.

# Summer Reading Log

Book Title	Author	Dates Read	Rating
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