



READING LIST INCOMING FIFTH GRADE

2020

Dear Parents,

Incoming Fifth Grade students are required to read three books over the summer. One book is required for all students, and no substitutions may be made. Students may choose the remaining two books. Below is a list of suggested books compiled by the Fifth Grade teachers. The children, however, are not restricted to the books on the list. We recognize that students have diverse interests and varied reading abilities, so we strongly recommend that students choose books that are written at an appropriate reading level. If you would like help in selecting books for your child, please contact your child's reading teacher.

The school year will begin with a discussion of the required book, along with accompanying assignments and projects. All summer reading and summer reading assignments must be completed by the first day of school.

REQUIRED READING

*The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate *Ivan is an easygoing gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. He rarely misses his life in the jungle. In fact, he hardly ever thinks about it at all. Instead, Ivan thinks about TV shows he's seen and about his friends Stella, an elderly elephant, and Bob, a stray dog. But mostly Ivan thinks about art and how to capture the taste of a mango or the sound of leaves with color and a well-placed line. Then he meets**

Ruby, a baby elephant taken from her family, and she makes Ivan see their home—and his own art—through new eyes. When Ruby arrives, change comes with her, and it's up to Ivan to make it a change for the better.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED AUTHORS AND BOOKS

Auggie and Me by R.J. Palacio

Chomp by Carl Hiaasen
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly
Mango Shaped Space by Wendy Mass

The Mixed Up Files of Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

Restart by Gordon Korman
Rules by Cynthia Lord

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

RECOMMENDED SERIES

The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis