

Lower School Summer Reading

2021

Check out this required book and suggestions for your summer reading!

Mrs. Shaw's Rising 5th Graders

Dear Rising Fifth Grade Readers and Parents,

Summer is almost here! We cannot wait to welcome you to fifth grade and begin our adventure. As you look ahead to all the excitement of fifth grade, there are a few items for you to work on this summer. Our one required summer reading book is *Wonder*, by R.J. Palacio. You may have read it before; we are asking that you pick it up and read it again. I will be doing the same.



This will be the tenth time I have read *Wonder*, and each time something new jumps out to me. I think you will find the same to be true for you. We will begin our year exploring this novel. Be ready to come with your thoughts, connections, and wonderings when we start school. You may want to jot down some of your thinking as you read *Wonder*. There will be opportunities to share your thinking in the fall. We will use *Wonder* for many of our activities to begin the year together.

In addition to *Wonder*, each rising fifth grader is encouraged to read two other books. Dive into a graphic novel, a new series, a nonfiction topic, or other titles similar to *Wonder*. We look forward to listening to you share the books that grabbed your attention and prepared you for fifth grade.

Enjoy the summer! I am so excited to greet you in August!

Mrs. Shaw

Please see the next page for suggestions.

Also note that *Wonder* is available as an audiobook from Amazon Audible and as an ebook from Summit's OverDrive account using Sora: Summit Library page; Online Resources tab.

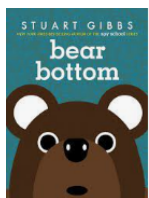
Rising 5th Grade Summer Reading Suggestions 2021

Realistic and Historical Fiction:

Home of the Brave by Katherine Applegate
Letters from Cuba by Ruth Behar
Stand on the Sky by Erin Bow
Saving Winslow and Moo by Sharon Creech
The Mighty Miss Malone
by Christopher Paul Curtis
J.D. and the Great Barber Battle by J. Dillard
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
Bear Bottom by Stuart Gibbs
The Vanderbeekers to the Rescue
by Karina Yan Glaser
Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess
by Shari Green
The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani
Shouting at the Rain by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Song for a Whale by Lynn Kelly
Unplugged by Gordon Korman
Show Me a Sign by Ann Clare LeZotte
Point Guard by Mike Lupica
The Mad Wolf's Daughter by Diane Magras
Nowhere Boy by Katherine Marsh
Merci Suarez Doesn't Dance by Meg Medina
Pax by Sara Pennypacker
Track Series by Jason Reynolds
Good Dog McTavish by Meg Rosoff
The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen
Ways to Grow Love by Renee Watson

Nonfiction:

Rocket to the Moon! by Don Brown
Grasping Mysteries: Girls Who Loved Math
by Jeannine Atkins
*Meltdown: Earthquake, Tsunami, and Nuclear
Disaster in Fukushima* by Deirdre Langeland
Percy Jackson's Greek Gods by Rick Riordan
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson



Fantasy and Science Fiction:

The Girl and the Ghost by Hanna Alkaf
Arlo Finch and the Kingdom of Shadows
by John August
Aru Shah and the Song of Death by Roshani Chokshi
The Game of Stars by Sayantani Dasgupta
The Storm Keeper's Island by Catherine Doyle
Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliott
League of Seven by Alan Gratz
The Silver Arrow by Lev Grossman
*The Extremely Inconvenient Adventures of Bronte
Mettlestone* by Jaclyn Moriarty
A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans
by Laurence Yep

Series:

Vet Volunteers by Laurie Halse Anderson
The Carver Chronicles by Karen English
Survivor Diaries by Terry Lynn Johnson
Zayd Saleem, Chasing the Dream by Hena Khan
Wolves of the Beyond by Kathryn Lasky
Keeper of the Lost Cities
by Shannon Messenger
I Survived by Lauren Tarshis

Graphic Novels in Any Genre:

Pashmina by Nidhi Chanani
Before They Were Artists: Famous Illustrators As Kids
by Elizabeth Haidle
Hazardous Tales Series by Nathan Hale
The Nameless City by Faith Erin Hicks
Measuring Up by Lily Lamotte
Twins by Varian Johnson and Shannon Wright
The Olympians Series by George O'Connor
Secret Coders series by Gene Luen Yang

Adventure and Mystery:

Small Spaces by Katherine Arden
Charlie Thorne and the Lost City by Stuart Gibbs
The Trail by Meika Hashimoto
Shadows of Sherwood by Kekla Magoon
A Wolf Called Wander by Rosanne Parry
Cartwheeling in Thunderstorms by Katherine Rundell
When a Ghost Talks, Listen by Tim Tingle