

St. Mary's Episcopal School  
2021-2022 Summer Reading List  
Grade 5

**1. Required Summer Reading:**

*Louisiana's Way Home* by Kate DiCamillo—Girls will need to bring this book to literature class the first week of school.

- 2. Choose at least two books that you have not already read from the attached list.** Of these two books, choose one to be the subject of your first book report, and bring it to school when you return in August.
- 3. Use the Summer Reading Log to record the books you read from this list and other titles not on this list.** Bring your reading log to class during the first week of school. I love knowing what books you enjoy!

**4. Other books we will read this year are:**

- *Letters from Rifka*, by Karen Hesse: 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter
- *Tuck Everlasting*, by Natalie Babbitt: 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
- *Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring*, by Angela Cervantes: 4<sup>th</sup> quarter

*I look forward to getting to know you and discussing these beautiful books.  
Have a great summer!*

Mrs. Deena Phillipy, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature

**5th Grade Summer Reading Choice Books**

***Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliet:*** Set in Chicago, a Vermeer painting is stolen, and Petra and Calder, two bright, quirky sixth-graders, come together to solve the crime that has the whole world baffled. (2005 Edgar Award for Best Juvenile Mystery)

***The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters by Jeanne Birdsall:*** The motherless Penderwick sisters, Rosalind, 12; Sky, 11; Jane, 10; and Batty, 4, spend the summer in a Berkshire cottage with their botanist father and protective dog, Hound. The cottage is on the grounds of a mansion owned by snobby Mrs. Tifton, whose young son Jeffrey, with whom the girls become friends, is a brilliant pianist forced by his mother to attend military school.

***The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett:*** Bratty, spoiled and orphaned Mary Lennox is sent to live with Uncle Archibald Craven at Misselthwaite Manor in England where she discovers an overgrown garden, closed since her aunt's death ten years ago, and invalid cousin Colin, shut away in a hidden room. Mary soon begins transforming the garden into a thing of beauty that changes her and Colin, too.

***Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko:** In 1935, when Alcatraz was a prison for notorious criminals like Al Capone, 12-year-old Moose moves there so his father can work as a prison guard and his autistic sister Natalie can attend a special school in San Francisco. Not only does Moose have to leave the baseball team and fit in at a new school, but he must also avoid getting caught up in the warden's irresistible daughter Piper's countless plots and keep an eye on his sister Natalie.

(2005 Newbery Honor Book)

***Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr:** This is the true story of a Japanese girl who develops leukemia because of the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima. During long hospital stays, she makes origami cranes to pass the time. Her goal is to make 1000, but she dies with only 644 completed. Sadako's classmates finish making the cranes, and all 1000 are buried with her.

***The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell* by Chris Colfer:** Twins Alex and Conner Bailey are given a fairy-tale book by their grandmother. The twins fall into the book and into the very weird Land of Stories where goldilocks is a fugitive, Red Riding Hood runs her own kingdom, and Cinderella is a queen about to become a mother! The twins try to get back home, but Evil Queen is hot on her trail, preventing them from doing so.

***New Kid* by Jerry Craft:** Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. (2020 Newbery Award)

***A Wrinkle in Time (novel or graphic novel)* by Madeleine L 'Engle:** Meg, Charles Wallace, and their friend Calvin dangerously search through space for their missing scientist-father by means of a "tesseract," or wrinkle in time, and arrive at the dark planet Camazotz, whose puppetlike inhabitants are controlled by IT, a brain without a body. (1963 Newbery Award)

***Scary Stories for Young Foxes* by Christian McKay Heidicker:** When Mia and Uly are separated from their litters, they discover a dangerous world full of monsters. In order to find a den to call home, they must venture through field and forest, facing unspeakable things that dwell in the darkness: a zombie who hungers for their flesh, a witch who tries to steal their skins, a ghost who hunts them through the snow... and other things too scary to mention. (2020 Newbery Honor Book)

***Amina's Voice* by Hena Khan:** Amina has never been comfortable in the spotlight. She is happy just hanging out with her best friend, Soojin. Except now that she's in middle school everything feels different. Soojin is suddenly hanging out with Emily, one of the "cool" girls in the class, and even talking about changing her name to something more "American." Does Amina need to start changing too? Or hiding who she is to fit in?

***The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis:** In this first book of the Chronicles of Narnia Series, Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy find a passage in a wardrobe to the land of Narnia where they help the lion Aslan save Narnia from the White Witch, who has the land locked in perpetual winter.

***The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* by Stacy McAnulty:** Lucy survived a lightning strike that left her with genius-level math talent -- and obsessive-compulsive disorder. She's only 12 and capable of starting college, but her grandmother enrolls her in middle school to spend time with kids her age.

***Merci Suarez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina:** Merci Suárez knew that sixth grade would be different, but she had no idea just *how* different. For starters, as strong and thoughtful as Merci is, she has never been completely like the other kids at her private school in Florida because she and her older brother, Roli, are scholarship students. Merci navigates difficult changes with friends, family, and the trials of middle school. (2019 Newbery Award)

***Anne of Green Gables (novel or graphic novel)* by L.M. Montgomery:** Orphan Anne dreams of being part of a proper family and is thrilled when the Cuthberts choose her to help them on their Green Gables farm. Although they wanted a boy, Anne soon wins them over.

***The Lightning Thief: Percy Jackson and the Olympians* by Rick Riordan:** Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson is expelled from another school because he clashed with mythological monsters only he can see. Percy is taken to Camp Half-Blood, where he learns he is a demigod, and his father is the Greek god Poseidon, ruler of the sea. A prophecy from the Oracle sends Percy on his first quest, a mission to the Underworld to prevent a war among the gods of Olympus.

***President of the Whole Fifth Grade* by Sherrie Winston:** When Brianna Justice's hero, the celebrity chef Miss Delicious, speaks at her school and traces her own success back to being president of her fifth-grade class, Brianna determines she must do the same. She just knows that becoming president of her class is the first step toward her own cupcake-baking empire!

***Front Desk* by Kelly Yang:** Mia Tang has a lot of secrets. Number 1: She lives in a motel, not a big house. Every day, while her immigrant parents clean the rooms, ten-year-old Mia manages the front desk of the Calivista Motel and tends to its guests. Number 2: Her parents hide immigrants. And if the mean motel owner, Mr. Yao, finds out they've been letting them stay in the empty rooms for free, the Tangs will be doomed. Number 3: She wants to be a writer. But how can she when her mom thinks she should stick to math because English is not her first language?

**You may also choose any other book written by an author on this list.**

*Parental permission is required for all reading.*

