

English Department Summer Reading for Rising Fifth and Sixth Graders, 2021

- ❖ You will read **THREE** self-selected books that fit these categories:
 - a book about a character who doesn't look like you or live like you (fiction)
 - a book about a topic you don't know much about (nonfiction)
 - a book you are interested in reading just for fun (fiction or nonfiction)
- ❖ Selections must be **appropriate for your age and ability**. No picture books!
- ❖ Selections must be **books you have not read before** for school or pleasure.
- ❖ We have included some suggestions but encourage you to choose books that really appeal to you instead of sticking to this list. **Find books you enjoy!**
- ❖ You must come to school in August having read in all three categories. **Even if a book could work for two categories, you must read three selections.**

Summer Reading Questions? We are happy to help!

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Suggestions to Start Your Thinking

Someone Who Doesn't Look/Live Like Me

- *Walking Home* (Eric Walters)
- *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* (Dusti Bowling)
- *Song of a Whale* (Lynne Kelly)
- *Ghost* (Jason Reynolds)

A Topic I Don't Know Much About (nonfiction)

- Consider people whose stories are interesting - biographies and memoirs.
- Consider topics that interest you in science or history or math.
- Consider places you might like to visit or cultures you'd like to learn more about.

Books Just for Fun

- *Walk Two Moons* (Sharon Creech)
- *Fuzzy Mud* (Louis Sachar)
- *Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* (Carlos Hernandez)
- *From the Desk of Zoe Washington* (Janae Marks)
- *Blended* (Sharon Draper)
- *When the Stars are Scattered* (Victoria Jamieson)