

# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Summer Reading 2021

## Best Practices:

1. Reading is a great way to relax and explore new things over the summer.
2. Read or listen to print books, eBooks, and audiobook for at least **20 minutes** per day.
3. Read beyond the requirements this summer to discover more books to enjoy.

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## Format:

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+The plus sign indicates that the book is the first in a series or has a sequel

## Section 1: Required Learning Experiences

<b>Humanities Department Required Reading:</b> Select <b>one</b> book from list of memoirs	
<b>Title, Creators, Format</b>	<b>Overview</b>
Path to the Stars by Sylvia Acevedo*	The inspiring memoir for young listeners about a Latina rocket scientist whose early life was transformed by joining the Girl Scouts and who currently serves as CEO of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
Someone Like Me by Julissa Arce*	Liz Kendall wouldn't hurt a fly. Even when times get tough, she's devoted to bringing up her two kids in a loving home. But there's another side to Liz, she will do anything to get her way no matter how extreme.
Life in Motion by Misty Copeland*	As the first African American principal dancer at the American Ballet Theatre, Misty Copeland has been breaking down all kinds of barriers in the world of dance. But when she first started dancing—at the late age of thirteen—no one would have guessed the shy girl would one day make history in her field.
Boy by Roald Dahl*	Did you know that Roald Dahl nearly lost his nose in a car accident? Or that he was once a chocolate candy tester for Cadbury's? Have you heard about his involvement in the Great Mouse Plot of 1924? If not, you don't yet know all there is to know about Roald Dahl.
Enchanted Air by Margarita Engle+*	Margarita is a girl from two worlds. Her heart lies in Cuba, her mother's tropical island country, a place so lush with vibrant life that it seems like a fairy tale kingdom. But most of the time she lives in Los Angeles, lonely in the noisy city and dreaming of the summers when she can take a plane through the enchanted air to her beloved island.
Proud: Living My American Dream by Ibtihaj Muhammad*	At the 2016 Olympic Games, Ibtihaj Muhammad smashed barriers as the first American to compete wearing hijab, and she made history as the first Muslim American woman to win a medal. But before she was an Olympian, activist, and entrepreneur, Ibtihaj was a young outsider trying to find her place.

This Kid Can Fly by Aaron Philip*	In this heartbreaking and ultimately uplifting memoir, Aaron Philip, a fourteen-year-old boy with cerebral palsy, shows how he isn't defined so much by his disability as he is by his abilities.
No Summit Out of Sight by Jordan Romero*	On May 22, 2010, at the age of thirteen, American teenager Jordan Romero became the youngest person to climb to the summit of Mount Everest. At fifteen, he became the youngest person to reach the summit of the tallest mountains on each of the seven continents.
Drawing from Memory by Allen Say+*	Drawing from Memory is Allen Say's own story of his path to becoming the renowned artist he is today. Shunned by his father, who didn't understand his son's artistic leanings, Allen was embraced by Noro Shinpei, Japan's leading cartoonist and the man he came to love as his "spiritual father".
Knucklehead by Jon Scieszka*	How did Jon Scieszka get so funny, anyway? Growing up as one of six brothers was a good start, but that was just the beginning. Throw in Catholic school, lots of comic books, lazy summers at the lake with time to kill, babysitting misadventures, TV shows, jokes told at family dinner, and the result is <i>Knucklehead</i> .
I am Malala (Young Readers Edition) by Malala Yousafza*	I Am Malala is the memoir of a remarkable teenage girl who tells her story of bravery and determination in the face of extremism, detailing the daily challenges of growing up in a world transformed by terror.

## Section 2: Recommended Learning Experiences

Recommended Reading: Realistic Fiction	
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<i>Wishtree</i> by Katherine Applegate*	Once a year, people gather to tie their wishes onto a red oak tree. The tree tells the story of one year when a new immigrant family moves to the neighborhood and the tree's future is threatened.
<i>Better Nate Than Ever</i> by Tim Federle+*	Nate's dream is to perform on Broadway, so when he sees an open audition for <i>E.T.: The Musical</i> , he concocts a harebrained scheme to sneak off to New York for the weekend to try out.
<i>Hello, Universe</i> by Erin Entrada Kelly*	Four kids' lives become intertwined one day when Virgil Salinas and his pet guinea pig get trapped down a well and three local misfits go on a quest to try to find him.
<i>The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher</i> by Dana Alison Levy+*	The hilarious Fletcher boys—Sam, Jax, Eli, and Frog—who range from kindergarten to middle school, navigate adventures over the course of a school year with help from their dads.
<i>A Mango-Shaped Space</i> by Wendy Mass*	Mia thinks she's crazy because she sees a color with every letter, number, and sound, so she tries to keep it a secret—until life gets too overwhelming to keep it in anymore.

## Recommended Reading: Fantasy & Science Fiction

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The Jumbies by Tracey Baptiste+*	Corrine uses a combination of courage and ancient magic to save her home and family from an evil witch in this creepy retelling of a Haitian folktale set in Trinidad.
Wild Robot by Peter Brown+*	Roz the robot finds herself alone on a remote island with no memory of why she is there. Her only hope of survival is to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.
Aru Shah and the End of Time by Roshani Chokshi+*	Aru may sometimes stretch the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp in her mother is cursed, she accidentally frees an ancient demon who stops time.
City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau+*	Ember is a society deep underground and the last refuge for the human race. But 200 years after its creation, supplies are running low, and it's up to Lina and Doon to find a way out.
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin+*	Minli lives in a poor village in China where her father tells folk tales that convince her to go off in search of the Never-Ending Mountain and Old Man on the Moon to change her family's fate.
The Shadow Cipher by Laura Ruby+*	In this heart-pounding mystery adventure, three friends search for the Old York Cipher treasure created by the mysterious architects of New York in order to try to save their apartment building.

## Recommended Reading: Mystery

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<i>The Ghost Road</i> by Charis Cotter*	Ruth's father sends her off to spend the summer with family in Newfoundland, where she meets her cousin, who looks more like her twin, and hears about a family curse.
<i>The Greenglass House</i> by Kate Milford+*	Milo, the innkeepers' adopted son, plans to spend his winter holidays relaxing, but guests arrive with stories about the inn that send Milo and Meddy, the cook's daughter, off to solve a mystery.
<i>The Goldfish Boy</i> by Lisa Thompson*	Matthew struggles with a disorder and almost never leaves his room, but watching the neighbors from his window one day, he is the last person to see a toddler before he disappears.
<i>Three Times Lucky</i> by Sheila Turnage+*	Mo LoBeau and her best friend Dale set out to uncover the truth behind a murder in their small town in order to save the adopted family that pulled Mo out of the river when she was a baby.

## Recommended Reading: Historical fiction

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<i>The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, the Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog</i> by Adam Gidwitz*	William, a monastery oblate; Jacob, a Jewish refugee; and Jeanne, a psychic peasant girl, join forces on a chase through France to escape persecution, accompanied by Jeanne's greyhound.
<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i> by Scott O'Dell*	Karana is left on an isolated island off the coast of California as a young girl and has to learn how to survive on her own for 18 years. Based on the true story of Juana Maria.

<i>Echo</i> by Pam Muñoz Ryan*	Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California struggle to overcome challenges at different points across time, drawing hope and strength from the same enchanted harmonica.
<i>One Crazy Summer</i> by Rita Williams-Garcia*	Delphine and her sisters move from New York to California in the summer of 1968 to live with a mother they've never known, and the sisters end up in a summer camp with the Black Panthers.
<b>Recommend Reading: Nonfiction</b>	
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<i>Hidden Figures: Young Readers Edition</i> by Margot Lee Shetterly*	The story of four African American women who lived through the civil rights era, the Space Race, and the movement for gender equality, and whose work forever changed the country.