

**Summer Reading Recommendations
for Students Entering 5th & 6th Grade
Fall 2022**

**Required for students entering
5th Grade:**

Robert C. O'Brien - *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*

Historical Fiction:

Laurie Halse Anderson : *Fever, Chains,*
AND *Forge*

Avi: *Sophie's War: A Tale of Revolution*
AND *The Secret School*

Anne Blankmann : *The Blackbird Girls*

John Boyne : *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* AND *The Boy at the Top of the Mt.*

Kimberly Brubaker Bradley : *The War that Saved My Life* AND *The War I Finally Won*

Ann E. Burg : *Unbound*

Gennifer Choldenko : *Al Capone Does My Shirts*

Christopher Paul Curtis : *Bud, Not Buddy*
AND *The Watsons Go To Birmingham*

Laura Marx Fitzgerald : *The Gallery*

Esther Forbes : *Johnny Tremain*

Alan Gratz : *Ground Zero, Refugee,*
Grenade, AND *Project 1065*

Veera Hiranandaani : *The Night Diary*

Jennifer L. Holm : *Turtle in Paradise*

Linda Williams Jackson : *Midnight Without a Moon*

**Required for students entering
6th Grade:**

Natalie Babbitt - *Tuck Everlasting*

Jacqueline Kelly : *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*

A Ceiling Made of Eggshells : *Gail Carson Levine*

Kristen Levine : *The Lions of Little Rock*

Lois Lowry : *Number the Stars*

Tess Hilmo : *Cinnamon Moon*

R.J. Palacio : *White Bird: A Wonder Story*
(graphic novel)

Linda Sue Park : *A Long Walk to Water*

Gary Paulson : *Woods Runner*

Richard Peck : *A Long Way From Chicago*
AND *A Year Down Yonder*

James Ponti : *City Spies* series

Tom Rogers : *Eleven*

Augusta Scattergood : *Glory Be*

Tim Tingle : *Stone River Crossing*

Elizabeth Wein : *The Pearl Thief*

Rita Williams-Garcia : *One Crazy Summer,*
AND *Gone Crazy in Alabama*

Lauren Wolk : *Echo Mountain, Wolf Hollow,* AND *Beyond the Bright Sea*

Mysteries:

Avi: *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*

Jennifer Allison: *Gilda Joyce* series

Blue Balliett : *Chasing Vermeer*

Elise Broach : *Shakespeare's Secret*

Patrick Carman : *Floors*

Ally Carter : *Winterborne Home* series

Leslie Connon : *The Truth as Told By Mason Buttle*

Heather Vogel Frederick : *Absolutely Truly*

Stuart Gibbs : *Belly Up*

Patricia Reilly Giff : *Eleven*

John Grisham : *Theodore Boone* series

Dan Gutman : *The Homework Machine*

Carl Hiaasen : *Hoot, Flush, Scat AND Chomp*

E.L. Konigsburg : *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*

Gordan Korman : *Swindle* series

Carly Nugent : *The Peacock Detectives*

Kate Milford : *The Thief Knot*

Rebecca Stead : *When You Reach Me AND Liar & Spy*

Robin Stevens : *Wells & Wong* series

Realistic Fiction:

Dusti Bowling : *Cactus* series, AND *24 Hours in Nowhere*

Kate DiCamillo : *Because of Winn Dixie*

Jacqueline Davies : *Lemonade War* series

Sharon M. Draper : *Out of My Mind*

Gordan Korman : *Ungifted* AND *Slacker*

Dana Alison Levy : *The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher*

Mike Lupica : *Long Shot, Heat, AND Home Team* series

Wendy Mass: *11 Birthdays* AND *Finally*

R.J. Palacio : *Wonder*

Funny:

Roald Dahl : *Matilda*

Tim Federle : *Better Nate Than Ever*

Andy Griffiths : *Treehouse* series

Christopher Healy : *A Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom* series

Jory John : *The Terrible Two* series

Jeff Kinney : *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series

Jo Nesbo : *Fart Powder* series

James Patterson : *Middle School* series AND *I, Funny* series

Ellen Potter : *Slob*

Adam Rex : *The True Meaning of Smekday*

Thomas Rockwell : *How to Eat Fried Worms*

Pam Munoz Ryan : *Mananaland*

Lemony Snicket : *The Bad Beginning* AND *A Series of Unfortunate Events* series

David Walliams : *Gangsta Granny, The World's Worst Children, AND Demon Dentist*

Adventure/Fantasy:

Avi: *Crispin*

Natalie Babbitt: *Tuck Everlasting*

David Baldacci: *Vega Jane* series

Dave Barry : *Peter and the Starcatcher*

Jennifer Chambliss Bertman: *Book Scavenger* series

Suzanne Collins : *Hunger Games*

Kate DiCamillo : *The Magician's Elephant*

Across a War-Tossed Sea : *L.M. Elliot*

Stuart Gibbs : *Spy School* series, *Moon*

Base Alpha series, *Fun Jungle* series

Adam Gidwitz : *The Inquisitor's Tale*

Carol Goodman : *The Metropolitans*

Andy Griffiths : *Treehouse* series

Leah Henderson : *The Magic in Changing Your Stars*

Melissa Savage : *Lemons*

Laura Amy Schlitz : *Splendors and Glooms*

Christina Soontornvat : *A Wish in the Dark*

Tae Keller : *When You Trap a Tiger*

Margaret Peterson Haddix : *The Missing* series AND *The Shadow Children* series

Norton Juster : *The Phantom Tollbooth*

Wesley King : *A World Below*

Jennifer Ann Mann : *Scar: A Revolutionary War Tale*

Brandon Mull : *Fablehaven* series AND *Five Kingdoms* series

James Nichol : *The Apprentice Witch*

Jennifer A. Nielsen : *The False Prince* series

George Orwell: *Animal Farm*

James Patterson : *Treasure Hunters* series

Gary Paulsen : *Hatchet*

Rick Riordan : *Percy Jackson* series AND *Kane Chronicles* series

Tui T. Sutherland : *Wings of Fire* series

Graphic Novels:

Max Brallier: *Last Kids on Earth* series

Svetlana Chmakova: *awkward* AND *brave*

Emmanuel Guibert: *Ariol* series

*Nathan Hale: *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales* series

Shannon Hale : *Real Friends, Best Friends* AND *Rapunzel's Revenge*

Jay Hosler: *Last of the Sandwalkers*

Victoria Jamieson: *Roller Girl*

Kazu Kibuishi: *Amulet* series

Terri Libenson: *Invisible Emmie* series

Jeff Smith: *Bone* series

Raina Telgemeier : *Smile, Sisters, Drama, Cuts, AND Ghosts*

*Nathan Hale will be visiting Good Shepherd this September as a guest speaker. You are encouraged to try out one of his books as one of your summer reading choices.

Written in Verse:

Kwame Alexander : *The Crossover* AND
Booked

Katherine Applegate : *Home of the Brave*

Marion Dane Bauer : *Little Cat's Luck*

Ann E. Burg : *Unbound* AND *All the Broken Pieces*

Margarita Engle : *Mountain Dog*

Nikki Grimes : *Garvey's Choice*

Karen Hesse : *Out of the Dust* AND
Witness

Thanhha Lai : *Inside Out and Back Again*

Katherine Lawrence : *Stay*

Maryann MacDonald : *Odette's Secret*

Caroline Starr Rose : *May B.*

Jennifer Roy : *Yellow Star*

Julie Sternberg : *Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie*

Jacqueline Woodson : *Brown Girl*

Dreaming

Told From Different Perspectives:

John David Anderson : *Ms. Bixby's Last Day*

Tom Angleberger : *Strange Case of Origami Yoda*

Nora Raleigh Baskin : *Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story*

Rob Buyea : *Because of Mr. Terupt* series

Helen Frost : *Hidden*

Jennifer L. Holm : *Turtle in Paradise* AND
Full of Beans

Silas House : *Same Sun Here*

Erin Entrada Kelly : *Hello Universe*

Gordon Korman : *Flipped*

Wendy Mass : *Every Soul a Star*

Shelley Pearsall : *All of the Above*

Non-Fiction:

Jennifer Armstrong : *Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World*

Jeannine Atkins : *Finding Wonders - Three Girls Who Changed Science*

William Kamkwamba : *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* (Young Reader's Edition)

Christina Soontornvat : *All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue*

James L. Swanson : *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*