

5th Grade

Required Summer Reading

Welcome to Fifth Grade! In addition to recommended reading selections from our lovely librarians, you will also have required reading over the summer. Instead of assigning four required selections, we are going to shake it up a bit! You know that at St. Mary's you BELONG! But, what exactly does it mean to belong? This summer, your challenge is to explore the idea of belonging and what it means to you.

- ⇒ Everyone will read ***Me, Frida, and the Peacock Ring* by Angela Cervantes and *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* by Charlie Mackesy.**
- ⇒ Then, choose two additional books from the list below.
- ⇒ Next, complete the attached writing prompt and be ready to share with your classmates when we return to school in August.
- ⇒ Finally, “go the extra mile - it’s never crowded!” Log each additional book you read this summer on the attached “Summer Reading Log.”

Have a SENSATIONAL summer!

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<i>Wonder</i> by R.J. Palacio	<i>Amina’s Voice</i> by Hena Khan
<i>The Misadventures of Lightning Girl</i> by Stacy McAnulty	<i>Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez</i> by Adrianna Cuevas
<i>Front Desk</i> by Kelly Yang	<i>Mananaland</i> by Pam Muñoz Ryan
<i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone</i> by J.K. Rowling	<i>A Wrinkle in Time: The Graphic Novel</i> by Madeleine L’Engle
<i>Smile</i> by Raina Telgemeier	<i>President of the Whole Fifth Grade</i> by Sherri Winston
<i>The Gilded Girl</i> by Alyssa Coleman	<i>A Glasshouse of Stars</i> by Shirley Marr
<i>I Can Make This Promise</i> by Christine Day	<i>Keeper of the Lost Cities</i> by Shannon Messenger
<i>Handful of Stars</i> by Cynthia Lord	<i>Allergic</i> by Megan Wagner Lloyd

We invite families to assist their daughters with their choice and optional reading selections as books represent a wide variety of human experiences.

Summer Reading Response

- ⇒ Read the prompt below.
- ⇒ Before you start writing, give yourself a little bit of time to reflect on the prompt.
- ⇒ On a separate sheet of paper, write a response that answers all of the questions below. This can be one paragraph or multiple paragraphs; the choice is yours!
- ⇒ Remember to write in complete sentences, using capitalization and punctuation.
- ⇒ Add a title, your name, and the date!
- ⇒ This assignment is completely independent and should be authentic student work.
- ⇒ Pledge your work on the back of your written response: “I have neither given nor received help on this assignment.”

PROMPT: Brene Brown said, “True belonging doesn’t require you to change who you are; it requires you to be who you are.” How do YOU define belonging? What does belonging look like? What does it feel like? What does it sound like? How does the theme of belonging show up in your summer reading? Do you notice any similarities between the four selections? If so, what are they?

