

Fifth Grade Summer Reading List



Summer is a great time to get lost in a book. As you enter fifth grade, you are required to have read at least one fiction and one nonfiction/biography/autobiography book from the selection below. You will be working on activities based on your reading in September. Many of these titles are available on SORA as well. Happy Reading!

Fiction- Favorite Series:

The Lemonade War Series-Jacqueline Davies
The Penderwicks - Birdsall
Artemis Fowl - Colfer
Fudge series-Judy Blume
Regarding the Fountain - Klise
Zoobreak (Griffin stories) - Korman
Shiloh-Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Charlie Bone - Nimmo
The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street-Karina Yan Glaser
The Wild Robot-Peter Brown

Realistic Fiction:

Ruby Holler-Sharon Creech
The Year I Flew Away-Marie Arnold
Frindle-Andrew Clements
Lunch Money-Andrew Clements
Wonder-R.J. Palacio
Nothing But the Truth - Avi
The Midnight Fox – Betsy Byars
Dear Mr. Henshaw – Beverly Cleary
Love, Ruby Lavender-Deborah Wiles
Walk Two Moons – Sharon Creech
Because of Winn-Dixie-Kate DiCamillo
Anastasia Krupnik – Lois Lowry
Harris and Me – Gary Paulsen
Maggie Marmelstein for President – Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

The Explorer of Barkham Street – Mary Stolz
Ida B: . . . and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly)
Save the World- Katherine Hannigan

Mystery:

Book Scavenger-Jennifer Chambliss Bertman
City Spies-James Ponti
The 39 Clues series-Rick Riordan and various authors
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library-Chris Grabenstein
Sammy Keyes series-Wendelin Van Draanen
Run for the Money – Scott Corbett
Bunnicula – James Howe
Spy School-Stuart Gibbs
Mac B, Kid Spy-Mac Undercover-Marc Barnett

Fantasy:

Charlotte's Web-E.B.White
The One and Only Ivan-Katherine Applegate
Perloo - Avi
Kilroy and the Gull – Nathaniel Benchley
The Cat Who Went to Heaven – Elizabeth Coatsworth
Over Sea, Under Stone – Susan Cooper
Matilda – Roald Dahl
James and the Giant Peach- Roald Dahl
A Wrinkle in Time – Madeleine L'Engle
The Keeper of Lost Cities series-Shannon Messenger

Graphic Novels:

Beetle and the Hollowbone- Aliza Layne
The New Kid-Jerry Craft
Big Nate series by Lincoln Peirce
The Babysitters Club- Ann M. Martin
Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series- Jeff Kinney
Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Adventures- Jeff Kinney
Dog Man/Cat Kid-Dav Pilkey

Historical Fiction:

Step up to the Plate-Uma Krishnaswami
S.O.S. Titanic – Eve Bunting
The Watsons Go to Birmingham – Christopher Paul Curtis

The Cabin Faced West – Jean Fritz
Lyddie – Katherine Patterson

Humor:

Sidekicked-John David Anderson
Ramona – Beverly Cleary
Heads or Tails – Jack Gantos
Skinnybones – Barbara Park
Sideways Stories from Wayside School – Louis Sacher
Knight of the Kitchen Table – Jon Scieszka

Sports:

The Million Dollar Shot-Dan Gutman
Olympic Dream – Matt Christopher
Baseball and Butterflies – Karen Lynn Williams
Ghost-Jason Reynolds
Baseball Card Adventures - Gutman

Science Fiction:

Norby and Yobo's Great Adventure – Janet and Isaac Asimov
Star Hatchling – Margaret Bechard
Away is a Strange Place to Be – H. M. Hoover
Time Ghosts – Welwyn Wilton Katz
Alien Secrets – Annette Curtis Klause
Calling B for Butterfly – Louise Lawrence
Time Warp Trio – Jon Scieszka
C.L.U.T.Z. – Marilyn Z. Wilkes

Non Fiction/Biography/Autobiography:

Classified-Traci Sorell
She Persisted-Chelsea Clinton
Honeybee-Candace Fleming
Growing Up in Colonial America – Tracy Barrett
Eleanor Roosevelt: a Life of Discovery – Russell Freedman
Immigrant Kids – Russell Freedman
The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane – Freedman
Knights in Shining Armor – Gail Gibbons
Way Things Work – David Macaulay
Lewis and Clark, Exploring North America – Clint Twist
Anne Frank, Beyond the Diary – Ruud van der Rol & Rian Verhoeven

A Boy Called Dickens – Hopkinson
George Bellows: Painter With a Punch! – Burleigh
Through My Eyes – Bridges
The Chimpanzees I Love: Saving Their World and Ours – Goodall
Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini – Fleischman
Who is Greta Thunberg-Jill Leonard
Who is LeBron James-Crystal Hubbard
Our Eleanor: A Scrapbook Look at Eleanor Roosevelt’s Amazing Life –
Fleming
Lives of the Scientists...experiments, explosions (and what the neighbors
thought) – Krull
Nelson Mandela - Nelson

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