



Summer Reading

Grade 5

Summer Reading is a tradition at Carrollton. Each year, reading lists are prepared for students to have an opportunity to choose from a variety of recommended books as well as the required books by grade level.

The required book(s) are the focus of discussion and testing beginning in August and completed during the first few weeks of school. Please make sure you have read the required reading before the start of school.

Each student will read at least three (3) books this summer.

Students are to read the one (1) required book and choose two (2) books from the suggested list that follows or any book of interest. The public library and bookstores also have wonderful selections for summer reading.

Required Reading

- **Out of My Mind** by Sharon Draper
Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

CHOOSE TWO BOOKS OF INTEREST

(Books of interest – Does not have to be on this list):

- **Bridge to Terabithia** by Katherine Paterson
The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm. Newbery Award winner.
- **Bud, Not Buddy** by Christopher Paul Curtis
Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway.
- **The Name of this book is Secret** (The Secret Series) by Pseudonymous Bosch
Cassandra and Max find a missing magician's notebook and start to investigate the fire which burnt down his house and his mysterious "symphony of smells."
- **When you trap a Tiger** by Tae Keller
Would you make a deal with a magical tiger? This uplifting story brings Korean folklore to life as a girl goes on a quest to unlock the power of stories and save her grandmother. Winner of the 2021 Newbery Medal and Asian/Pacific American Award for Children's Literature.
- **Out of My Heart** by Sharon Draper (sequel to **Out of My Mind**)
Melody, the huge-hearted heroine of Out of My Mind , is a year older, and a year braver. And now with her Medi-talker, she feels nothing is out of her reach, not even summer camp.

- **The Last** (Endling trilogy) by Katherine Applegate
Byx is the youngest member of her dairne pack. Believed to possess remarkable abilities, her mythical doglike species has been hunted to near extinction. Along the way, she meets new allies--both animals and humans alike-- Although they begin as strangers, they become their own kind of family--one that will ultimately uncover a secret that may threaten every creature in their world.
- **Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library** (series) by Chris Grabenstein
Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous game maker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.
- **Hello, Universe** by Erin Entrada Kelly
Four very different kids, each with unique problems and personalities, come together over a short period to find a lost boy, come to appreciate each other, and discover new friendships. Newbery Award winner for 2018.
- **The Mysterious Benedict Society** (series) by Trenton Lee Stewart
After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.
- **Pax** by Sara Pennypacker
Abandoned as a kit, five-year-old Pax is taken in by Peter, a boy whose mother has died. When Peter's dad joins the military, Peter is forced to send Pax into the wild for the first time. Peter's guilt of leaving his fox makes him determined to trek the 300 miles to find him while Pax never gives up hope.



- **Ruby Holler** by Sharon Creech
Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage but their lives change forever when an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.
- **City Spies** (series) by James Ponti
Sara Martinez is facing years in the juvenile detention system for hacking into the foster care computer system to prove that her foster parents are crooks. But then she gets a second chance when a mysterious man offers her a chance to join a group of MI6-affiliated spies.
- **Percy Jackson and The Olympians** (series) by Rick Riordan
Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon, and is sent to Camp Half-Blood where he is befriended by a satyr.
- **Wonder** by R. J. Palacio
August Pullman was born with a facial deformity that, up until now, had prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting fifth grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid-but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face.
- **Lucky Broken Girl** by Ruth Behar
It's 1960 and Ruthie, a recent Cuban immigrant, is finally showing confidence in her English and hopscotch abilities when a horrific car accident shrinks her world, causing her to rely on her inner strength, the love of family and neighbors, and a new love of art.