

Thelma L. Sandmeier Elementary School
James Caldwell Elementary School
Suggested Summer Reading List (2024)
Grade 5



Biography

Bridges, Ruby	<i>Through My Eyes: The Autobiography of Ruby Bridges</i>
Cleary, Beverly	<i>A Girl from Yamhill</i>
Cornerstones of Freedom	<i>The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln</i>
Cornerstones of Freedom	<i>First Ladies</i>
Cousins, Margaret	<i>Ben Franklin of Old Philadelphia</i>
Cox, Clinton	<i>Mark Twain</i>
Dahl, Roald	<i>Boy: Tales of Childhood</i>
Denenberg, Barry	<i>Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson</i>
Equiano, Olaudah	<i>The Kidnapped Prince</i>
Filipovic, Zlata	<i>Zlata's Diary</i>
Farris, Christine King	<i>My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</i>
Freedman, Russell	<i>Eleanor Roosevelt, A Life of Discovery</i>
Freedman, Russell	<i>Franklin Delano Roosevelt</i>
Freedman, Russell	<i>Lincoln: A Photobiography</i>
Fritz, Jean	<i>The Double Life of Pocahontas</i>
Giblin, James	<i>Charles A. Lindbergh: A Human Hero</i>
Goodall, Jane	<i>My Life with the Chimpanzees</i>
Greenfield, Eloise	<i>Childtimes</i>
Haskins, James	<i>Champion: The Story of Muhammad Ali</i>
Hurwitz Johanna	<i>Anne Frank: Life in Hiding</i>
Lalicki, Tom	<i>Spellbinder: The Life of Harry Houdini</i>
Parks, Rosa	<i>Rosa Parks: My Story</i>
Petry, Ann	<i>Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad</i>

Spinelli, Jerry
 Woodruff, Elvira

Knots in My Yo-Yo String: The Autobiography of a Kid
George Washington's Socks

Classics

Alcott, Louisa May
 Baum L. Frank
 Burnett, Frances H.
 Farley, Walter
 Gibson, Fred
 Kipling, Rudyard
 Lindgren, Astrid
 London, Jack
 Montgomery, L.M.
 Pyle, Howard
 Tolkien, J.R.R.
 Twain, Mark
 Verne, Jules
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 Wells, H.G.

Little Women
The Wizard of Oz
The Secret Garden
The Black Stallion
Old Yeller
The Jungle Book
Pippi Longstocking
Call of the Wild
Anne of Green Gables
The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood
The Hobbit
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Journey to the Center of the Earth
Around the World in Eighty Days
The War of the Worlds

Fantasy and Science Fiction

Alexander, Lloyd	<i>The Book of Three</i>
Avi	<i>Bright Shadow</i>
Babbitt, Natalie	<i>Tuck Everlasting</i>
Carson Levine, Gail	<i>Ella Enchanted</i>
Christopher, John	<i>Beyond the Burning Lands</i>
Cooper, Susan	<i>The Boggart</i>
Creech, Sharon	<i>Pleasing the Ghost</i>
Dahl, Roald	<i>The BFG</i>
DuBois, William	<i>The Twenty-One Balloons</i>
Field, Rachel	<i>Hitty: Her First Hundred Years</i>
Fleishman, Sid	<i>The 13th Floor: A Ghost Story</i>
Gaiman, Neil	<i>Coraline</i>
Hahn, Mary Downing	<i>Wait Till Helen Comes</i>
Hobbs, Valerie	<i>Carolina Crow Girl</i>
Hobbler, D. & T.	<i>The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn</i>
Jacques, Brian	<i>Redwall</i>
Key, Alexander	<i>The Forgotten Door</i>
Konigsburg, E.L.	<i>The View from Saturday</i>
Langton, Jane	<i>The Fledgling</i>
Lawson, Robert	<i>Mr. Revere and I</i>
L'Engle, Madeleine	<i>A Wind in the Door</i>
Lewis, C.S.	<i>The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe</i>
McKissack, Patricia	<i>The Dark Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural</i>
Peck, Richard	<i>The Dreadful Future of Blossom</i>

Rowling, J.K.	<i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i>
Seider, Tor	<i>A Rat's Tale</i>
Peck, Richard	<i>The Dreadful Future of Blossom</i>
Seider, Tor	<i>A Rat's Tale</i>
Snicket, Lemony	<i>Series of Unfortunate Events</i>

Information Books

Arnosky, Jim	<i>Field Trips: Bug Hunting, Animal Tracking Bird-Watching, Shore Walking</i>
Arnosky, Jim	<i>Secrets of a Wildlife Watcher</i>
Bial, Raymond	<i>Tenement: Immigrant Life on the Lower East Side</i>
Chang, Ina	<i>A Separate Battle: Women and the Civil War</i>
Christelow, Eileen	<i>What do Author's Do?</i>
Cornerstones of Freedom	<i>The Gettysburg Address</i>
Curlee, Lynn	<i>Seven Wonders of the Ancient World</i>
Fritz, Jean	<i>Around the World in a Hundred Years</i>
Jones, Charlotte Foltz	<i>Mistakes That Worked</i>

Historical Fiction

Anderson, Laurie H. ***Fever 1793***
 Applegate, Stan ***The Devil's Highway***
 Avi ***The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle***
 Baylis-White, Mary ***Sheltering Rebecca***
 Beatty, Patricia ***Charley Skedaddle***
 Cohen, Barbara ***Thank you, Jackie Robinson***
 Curtis, Christopher Paul ***Bud, Not Buddy***
 Cushman, Karen ***Catherine, Called Birdy***
 De Angeli, Marguerite ***The Door in the Wall***
 Dorris, Michael ***Guests***
 Fritz, Jean ***Brady***
 Gutman, Dan ***Jackie and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure***
 Hesse, Karen ***A Light in the Storm***
 Latham, Jean L. ***Carry on, Mr. Bowditch***
 Levitin, Sonia ***Journey to America***
 Lowry, Lois ***Autumn Street***
 McKissack, Patricia ***A Picture of Freedom***
 McSwigan, Marie ***Snow Treasure***
 Myers, Anna ***The Keeping Room***
 Paterson, Katherine ***Lyddie***
 Paulsen, Gary ***Soldier's Heart***
 Pearsall, Shellehy ***Trouble Don't Last***
 Pinkey, Andrea Davis ***Silent Thunder: A Civil War Story***
 Reit, Seymour ***Behind Rebel Lines***

Rinaldi, Ann ***Numbering All the Bones***
 Scieszka, Jon ***Me Oh Maya!***
 Sepahban, Lois ***Paper Wishes***
 Speare, Elizabeth George ***The Witch of Blackbird Pond***
 Stolz, Mary ***A Ballad of the Civil War***
 Taylor, Mildred D. ***Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry***
 Walsh, Jill Paton ***Grace***
 Watkins, Yoko Kawashima ***So Far from the Bamboo Grove***
 Wilder, Laura Ingalls ***Little House on the Praire***
 Willaims, Laura E. ***Behind the Bedroom Wall***
 Wisler, G. Clifton ***Mr. Lincoln's Drummer***
 Various Authors ***Dear America Series***
 Various Authors ***My Name is America Series***

Realistic Fiction

Armstrong, William	<i>Souder</i>
Bloor, Edward	<i>Tangerine</i>
Blos, Joan	<i>A Gathering of Days</i>
Bruchac, Joseph	<i>Eagle Song</i>
Cleary, Beverly	<i>Dear Mr. Henshaw</i>
Conrad, Pam	<i>My Daniel</i>
Creech, Sahron	<i>Granny Torrelli Makes Soup</i>
Danziger, Paula	<i>Earth to Matthew</i>
DeClements, Barthe	<i>Nothing's Fair in the Fifth Grade</i>
Estes, Eleanor	<i>Ginger Pye</i>
Fitzhugh, Louise	<i>Nobody's Family Is Going to Change</i>
Giff, Patricia Reilly	<i>Rat Teeth</i>
Greene, Bette	<i>Philip Hall Likes Me, I Reckon Maybe</i>
Greenfield, Eloise	<i>Sister</i>
Hesse, Karen	<i>The Music of the Dolphins</i>
Ho, Mingfong	<i>The Clay Marble</i>
Horvath, Polly	<i>Everything on a Waffle</i>
Konigsburg, E.L.	<i>From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i>
Lomard, Jenny	<i>Drita, My Homegirl</i>
MacLachlan, Patricia	<i>Baby</i>
MacLachlan, Patricia	<i>The Facts and Fictions of Minna Pratt</i>
<i>Marsh, Carol</i>	<i>Mysteries: Real Kids, Real Places (series)</i>
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	<i>Outrageously Alice</i>
Paulsen, Gary	<i>Dancing Carl</i>

Paulsen, Gary
 Peck, Richard
 Ritter, John H.
 Ryan, Pam Munoz
 Salata, Estelle
 Spinelli, Jerry
 Taylor, Mildred
 Uchida Yoshiko
 Wallace, Bill
 Winthrop, Elizabeth

The Voyage of the Frog
A Long Way from Chicago
Choosing Up Sides
Esperanza Rising
Blue Ice
Crash
Song of the Trees
The Best Bad Thing
The Biggest Klutz in the Fifth Grade
The Castle in the Attic

Picture Books

Gerstein, Mordicai
 Heide, Florence P.
 Polacco, Patricia
 Weisner, David
 Williams, Sherley Ann
 Yolen, Jane

The Man Who Walked Between the Towers
Sami and the Time of Troubles
Pink and Say
Tuesday
Working Cotton
Letting Swift River Go

Poetry

Fleishman, Paul	<i>Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices</i>
Florian, Douglas	<i>Mammalabilia</i>
Grimes, Nikki	<i>Under the Christmas Tree</i>
Hopkins, Lee Bennett	<i>My America: A Poetry Atlas of the United States</i>
Hughes, Langston	<i>The Dream Keeper and Other Poems</i>
Longfellow, Henry W.	<i>Paul Revere's Ride</i>
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Blues Journey</i>
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Harlem</i>
Prelutsky, Jack	<i>The Random House Book of Poetry for Children</i>
Silverstein, Shel	<i>Falling Up</i>
Silverstein, Shel	<i>Where the Sidewalk Ends</i>
Woodson, Jacqueline	<i>Locomotion</i>

Short Story

Dahl, Roald	<i>Roald Dahl Treasury</i>
Kipling, Rudyard	<i>Just So Stories</i>
Martin, Ann Matthews	<i>Friends: Stories About New Friends, Old Friends, And Unexpectedly True Friends</i>
Packer, Tina	<i>Tales From Shakespeare</i>
Soto, Gary	<i>Local News: Stories</i>

Traditional Literature: Folktales, Fables, Myths & Legends

Datlow, E. & Windling T.	<i>A Wolf at the Door: And Other Retold Fairy Tales</i>
Hamilton, Virginia	<i>The Girl Who Spun Gold</i>
Hamilton, Virginia	<i>People Could Fly, American Black Folktales</i>
Literacy 2000	<i>Beowulf</i>
Kingsley, Charles	<i>Heroes of Greek Mythology</i>
MacDonald, M.R.	<i>Earth Care: World Folktales to Talk About</i>
San Souci, Robert D.	<i>Cut From the Same Cloth: American Women of Myth, Legend, and Tell Tale</i>
Sandburg, Carl	<i>The Huckabuck Family and How They Raised Popcorn in Nebraska and Quit and Came Back</i>
Yolen, Jane	<i>Merlin and the Dragon</i>