



Rising Fifth Grade

Summer Reading/ Writing



Rising Fifth Grade Summer Reading

Parents,

It is summertime! We always encourage you to enjoy the outdoors, swim, sleep in late, and be together as a family. We hope you have a wonderful few months ahead of you and that you can create many memories during this time. We also hope you spend some time keeping your child's memory fresh with all the important things they learned this past school year. We've tried to help you in that task by gathering summer worksheets for your child to complete. This packet includes writing assignments to go along with summer reading. Students will bring summer work to their classroom on the first day of school. By taking the time to do these over the summer, you are preparing your child for a great beginning to the fifth-grade year!

We pray that you have a fantastic summer. We pray for safe travels and relaxing nights. We pray for your child as they learn and grow. We look forward to seeing you this fall. Until then, enjoy summer!

Sincerely,
The Fifth Grade Team

Fifth grade is required to read *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt and a minimum of three other books.



Fifth Grade Summer Reading Recommendations

The following books are suggestions by the Fifth Grade Team to help your child prepare for the upcoming year. The incentive for summer reading in 5th grade is to instill the joy of reading in our students. **The goal is for each child to read at least 4 books, 1 required and 3 additional.** For students new to St. Paul, one of the three choice books will be *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, if the student hasn't read it previously. Happy reading!

REQUIRED READING



Fish in a Tree
by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Chris Grabenstein

Mr. Lemoncello's Library Series:

***Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* (#1)**

***Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics* (#2)**

***Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Race* (#3)**

& 2 more!

Gitty Daneshvari

School of Fear Series:

***School of Fear* (#1)**

***Class is Not Dismissed!* (#2)**

***The Final Exam* (#3)**

Carolyn Keene

Nancy Drew Mystery Stories Series:

***The Secret of the Old Clock* (#1)**

***The Hidden Staircase* (#2)**

***The Bungalow Mystery* (#3)**

& 172 more!

John Grisham

Theodore Boone Series:

***Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer* (#1)**

***The Abduction* (#2)**

***The Accused* (#3)**

& 4 more!



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Robert C. O'Brien

Rats of NIMH Series:

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH (#1)

Racso and the Rats of NIMH (#2)

R-T, Margaret, and the Rats of NIMH (#3)

Lynne Reid Banks

The Indian in the Cupboard Series:

The Indian in the Cupboard (#1)

The Return of the Indian (#2)

The Secret of the Indian (#3)

& 2 more!

Janet Benge

Christian Heroes: Then & Now Series:

Amy Carmichael: Rescuer of Precious

Gems (#4)

Corrie Ten Boom: Keeper of the Angels'

Den (#5)

Jim Elliot: One Great Purpose (#9)

C.S. Lewis: Master Storyteller (#34)

& 41 more!

Renée Watson

Ryan Hart Series:

Ways to Make Sunshine (#1)

Ways to Grow Love (#2)

Robert Lawson

Rabbit Hill Series:

Rabbit Hill (#1)

The Tough Winter (#2)

Katherine Applegate

The One and Only Ivan Series:

The One and Only Ivan (#1)

The One and Only Bob (#2)

Marguerite Henry

Misty Series:

Misty of Chincoteague (#1)

Sea Star: Orphan of Chincoteague (#2)

Stormy, Misty's Foal (#3)

& 1 more!

by S.D. Smith

The Green Ember Series:

The Black Star of Kingston (#0)

The Green Ember (#1)

Ember Falls (#2)

& 2 more!

Jonathan Rogers

The Wilderking Trilogy:

The Bark of the Bog Owl (#1)

The Secret of the Swamp King (#2)

The Way of the Wilderking (#3)

E. Nesbit

Five Children Series:

The Psammead: or, the Gifts (#0)

Five Children and It (#1)

The Phoenix and the Carpet (#2)

& 3 more!

L. Frank Baum

Oz Series:

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (#1)

The Marvelous Land of Oz (#2)

Ozma of Oz (#3)

& 11 more!

Andrew Peterson

The Wingfeather Saga:

On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness (#1)

North! or Be Eaten (#2)

The Monster in the Hollows (#3)

& 1 more!

Rick Riordan

Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series:

The Lightning Thief (#1)

The Sea of Monsters (#2)

The Titan's Curse (#3)

& 2 more!



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Anthony Horowitz

Alex Rider Series:

Stormbreaker (#1)

Point Blank (#2)

Skeleton Key (#3)

& 33 more!

Brian Jacques

Redwall Series:

Redwall (#1)

Mossflower (#2)

Mattimeo (#3)

& 23 more!

Lloyd Alexander

The Chronicles of Prydain Series:

The Book of Three (#1)

The Black Cauldron (#2)

The Castle of Llyr (#3)

& 2 more!

Lemony Snicket

A Series of Unfortunate Events:

The Bad Beginning (#1)

The Reptile Room (#2)

The Wide Window (#3)

& 10 more!

Dan Gutman

Baseball Card Adventures Series:

Honus & Me (#1)

Jackie & Me (#2)

Babe & Me (#3)

& 9 more!

Mike Lupica

Summer Ball

The Batboy

Miracle on 49th Street

Two-Minute Drill

Safe at Home

& 78 more!

Carol Ryrie Brink

Caddie Woodlawn Series:

Caddie Woodlawn (#1)

Caddie Woodlawn's Family (#2)

Laura Ingalls Wilder

Little House Series:

Little House in the Big Woods (#1)

Farmer Boy (#2)

Little House on the Prairie (#3)

& 6 more!

Eleanor Estes

The Moffats Series:

The Moffats (#1)

The Middle Moffat (#2)

Rufus M. (#3)

& 1 more!

The Pyes Series:

Ginger Pye (#1)

Pinky Pye (#2)

Astrid Lindgren

Barnen i Bullerbyn Series:

The Children of Noisy Village (#1)

Happy Times in Noisy Village (#2)

Nothing But Fun in Noisy Village (#3)

& 3 more!

Pippi Långstrump Series:

Pippi Longstocking (#1)

Pippi Goes on Board (#2)

Pippi in the South Seas (#3)

Sydney Taylor

All-of-a-Kind Family Series:

All-of-a-Kind Family (#1)

All-of-a-Kind Family Downtown (#2)

More All-of-a-Kind Family (#3)

& 2 more!



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Maud Hart Lovelace

Betsy-Tacy Series:

Betsy-Tacy (#1)

Betsy-Tacy and Tib (#2)

Betsy and Tacy Go Over the Big Hill (#3)

& 7 more!

John D. Fitzgerald

The Great Brain Series:

The Great Brain (#1)

More Adventures of the Great Brain (#2)

Me and My Little Brain (#3)

& 5 more!

Beverly Cleary

Ramona Quimby Series:

Beezus and Ramona (#1)

Ramona the Pest (#2)

Ramona the Brave (#3)

& 5 more!

Ralph S. Mouse Series:

The Mouse and the Motorcycle (#1)

Runaway Ralph (#2)

Ralph S. Mouse (#3)

Stuart Gibbs

Spy School Series:

Spy School (#1)

Spy Camp (#2)

Evil Spy School (#3)

& 6 more!

Jeanne Birdsall

The Penderwicks Series:

The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy (#1)

The Penderwicks on Gardam Street (#2)

The Penderwicks at Point Mouette (#3)

& 2 more!

Heather Vogel Frederick

The Mother-Daughter Book Club Series:

The Mother-Daughter Book Club (#1)

Much Ado About Anne (#2)

Dear Pen Pal (#3)

& 4 more!

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Shiloh Series:

Shiloh (#1)

Shiloh Season (#2)

Saving Shiloh (#3)

& 1 more!

Fred Gipson

Old Yeller Series:

Old Yeller (#1)

Savage Sam (#2)

Little Arliss (#3)

James Patterson

Maximum Ride Series:

The Angel Experiment (#1)

School's Out—Forever (#2)

Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports (#3)

& 7 more!

Karina Yan Glaser

The Vanderbeekers Series:

The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street (#1)

The Vanderbeekers and the Hidden Garden (#2)

The Vanderbeekers to the Rescue (#3)

& 2 more!



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Other Great Books

Miss Hickory by Carolyn Sherwin Bailey

Baby Island by Carol Ryrie Brink

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Ben and Me: An Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin by His Good Mouse

Amos by Robert Lawson

The Matchlock Gun by Walter D. Edmonds

The Cabin Faced West by Jean Fritz

A Lion to Guard Us by Clyde Robert Bulla

Phoebe the Spy by Judith Berry Griffin

Toliver's Secret by Esther Wood Brady

The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare

Miracles on Maple Hill by Virginia Sorensen

Frindle by Andrew Clements, Brian Selznick

The Summer of the Swans by Betsy Byars

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

The Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Paterson

Strawberry Girl by Lois Lenski

Twig by Elizabeth Orton Jones

Walking with Miss Millie by Tamara Bundy

Babe: The Gallant Pig by Dick King-Smith

Sounder by William H. Armstrong

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
by Kate DiCamillo

Mr. Revere and I: Being an Account of certain Episodes in the Career of Paul Revere, Esq. as Revealed by his Horse by Robert Lawson

Restart by Gordon Korman

Every Thing on It by Shel Silverstein

A Child's Anthology of Poetry by Elizabeth Hauge Sword, Victoria Fournoy McCarthy

Call It Courage by Armstrong Sperry

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

A Place to Hang the Moon by Kate Albus

TEACHER FAVORITES



Please note: These books are simply recommendations, listed in no particular order, for your convenience. We hope you will use these as a starting point to explore many new books together!



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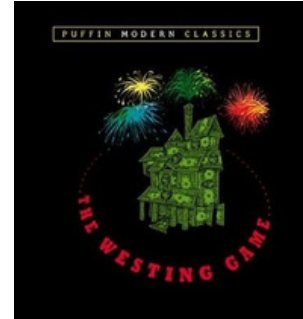
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The Invention of Hugo Cabret
by Brian Selznick



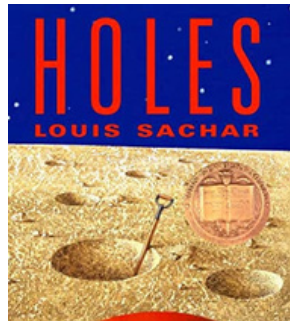
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by Natalie Babbitt



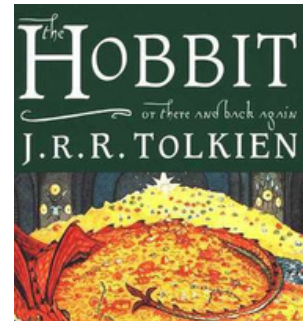
The Westing Game
by Ellen Raskin



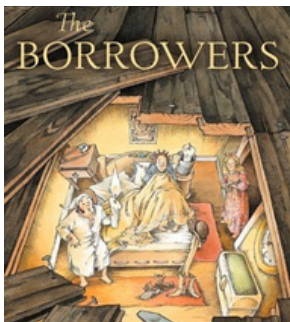
Esperanza Rising
by Pam Muñoz Ryan



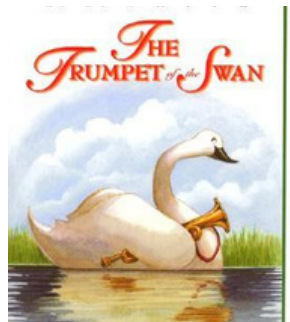
Holes
(Holes #1)
by Louis Sachar



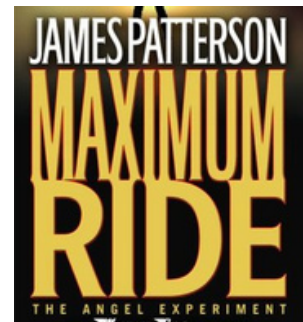
The Hobbit, or There and Back Again
by J.R.R. Tolkien



The Borrowers
(The Borrowers #1)
by Mary Norton



The Trumpet of the Swan
by E.B. White



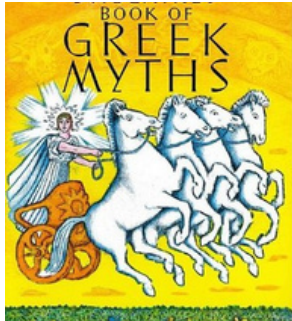
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by James Patterson



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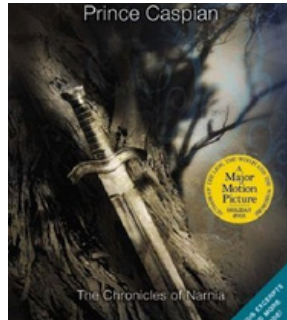
BOOKS WE WILL READ TOGETHER THIS YEAR

These titles should be avoided for summer reading, as they will be delivered with textbooks and read during the school year. We look forward to reading these together this year!



D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths

by Ingri d'Aulaire, Edgar Parin d'Aulaire



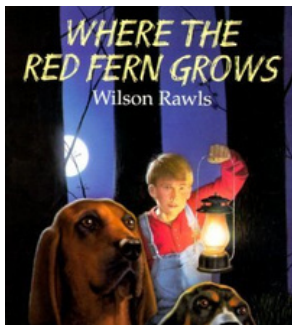
Prince Caspian

(*The Chronicles of Narnia* #4)
by C.S. Lewis



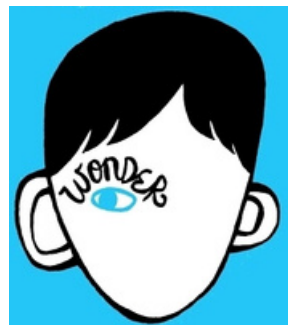
Stella by Starlight

by Sharon M. Draper



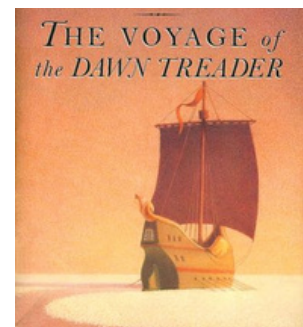
Where the Red Fern Grows

by Wilson Rawls



Wonder

(*Wonder* #1)
by R.J. Palacio



The Voyage of the Dawn Treader

(*The Chronicles of Narnia* #5)
by C.S. Lewis



5TH GRADE SUMMER READING MUSEUM

Students should bring four “artifacts” with them to the first day of school.

- Sketchbook of Impossible Things
- Book Jacket Redesign
- Character Suitcase
- Letter to the Author

SKETCHBOOK OF IMPOSSIBLE THINGS:

In *Fish in a Tree*, Ally keeps a sketchbook of impossible things with her at all times.

In the novel, Ally Nickerson says, “In my Sketchbook of Impossible Things, I can make anything happen.” Ally enjoys using art to express herself. You will create your own version of this sketchbook to demonstrate your understanding of how Ally “sees” the world.

You may use a small store-bought sketchbook or make one out of paper from home. Give your sketchbook a title page. It should be colorful, hand-drawn, and reflect your personality. Please write your name on your title page.

You must have five entries in your sketchbook, but you may have more if you’d like. Each page of your sketchbook must include a drawing and a reflection. The reflection should be three sentences explaining your drawing and thinking.

Entry #1: The Impossible Creature

- Mix three animals into one. Ally loves the unusual show her something nature never intended.

Entry #2: The Gravity Defier

- Draw a normal scene like a classroom, home, or a park where gravity has stopped working. What is floating?

Entry #3 The Moving Word

- Choose a word that is hard to spell or read. Draw the word so that the letters look like what the word means.

Entry #4 The Mind Movie

- Pick your favorite scene from *Fish in a Tree*. Draw it exactly how you pictured it in your mind while reading.

Entry #5 The Impossible Dream

- Draw a goal you have for 5th grade that feels “impossible” right now. How would Ally encourage you?

For every drawing, you must write a short reflection 3 sentences long at the bottom or on the opposite page. Your writing should answer these two questions:

- What is happening in this drawing?
- Why would Ally Nickerson find this “impossible” or meaningful?

Example Entry: Drawing: A penguin with dragon wings flying over a volcano. Caption: I drew a penguin that finally learned to fly because Ally feels like she is stuck on the ground sometimes. This represents the “impossible” feeling of finally getting a “silver dollar” moment in school.

Bring your completed sketchbook and novel to the first day of school!



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BOOK JACKET REDESIGN:

Design an original book jacket for one of your choice books! Using one or several pieces of white paper, create a custom wraparound paper book jacket for one of the books you chose. This should include a front cover with a completely original illustration capturing an important theme from the book without copying the original publisher's art. The cover should also include the title and author in bold, visible writing. The spine must also display the book's title and author clearly so it is shelf ready. The back cover will include a persuasive "hook" - a three sentence teaser introducing the main character and conflict to entice a new reader without giving too much away. Bring the book with the new book jacket to the first day of school!

CHARACTER SUITCASE:

For the Character Suitcase project, students will step into the shoes of a main character from one of their choice books to curate a collection of five essential items that the character would pack for a difficult journey. On the suitcase, students will illustrate these five objects and create a handwritten "luggage tag" to each one. Each tag must include a three sentence explanation identifying the item, describing its importance in the story, and providing evidence as to why the character considers it too valuable to leave behind.

Students should use a large piece of construction paper or a horizontal sheet of printer paper. They will draw a large, rectangular suitcase that fills most of the page. On the outside of the suitcase, they should write the book title, author, and the character's name. They can also add travel stickers representing the setting. Inside the suitcase, they should draw five specific items spread out so there is room for the luggage tags. Each item needs a string drawn from it leading to a rectangular luggage tag. Each of the five tags must follow this specific structure to ensure they are providing enough detail: what is the object, and why is it a must-pack item? What does it tell us about how the character?

LETTER TO THE AUTHOR:

In either a typed or handwritten letter, write to the author of one of your choice books. The letter should include three paragraphs. In the first paragraph, introduce yourself and tell about a specific scene or character from the book you connected with. In the second paragraph, ask two questions about unresolved parts of the plot or about the author's writing process. In the third paragraph, suggest an alternate ending or a specific creative change you would make to the story.



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Name _____

Date _____



Trace it ↓

Let everything that
has breath praise the
Lord. Praise the Lord!
Psalm 150:6

Write it &



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Name _____

Date _____



Trace it &

Give thanks in all
circumstances; for this
is God's will for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Write it &



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Name _____

Date _____



Trace it &

Let the horse come

and then let the horse come

home again

Let the horse come

Write it &



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Name _____

Date _____



Trace it ↓

I can do all this
though him who gives

me strength

Philippians 4:13

Write it ↓



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Name _____

Date _____



Trace it &

The heavens declare
the glory of God; the
skies proclaim his
works. Psalm 19.

Write it &

