5th Grade
Required Summer Reading

Welcome to Fifth Grade!

To keep your reading muscles strong, you have required reading over the summer. **All students will purchase and read *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang.** You will also need to choose **three** additional books to read from the list below. Titles marked with an asterisk are available to read as eBooks on Sora. **After reading all four books, complete the Summer Reading Response and bring it with you on the first day of school.** You do not need to stress - just do your personal best!

HAPPY READING!

Ms. Osias

Required Book	
Front Desk by Kelly Yang* *(please purchase a copy of this book and bring it to school in August)*	
Additional Book Choices	
*Wonder** by R.J. Palacio	*Amina's Voice** by Hena Khan
*The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl** by Stacy McAnulty	*Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez** by Adrianna Cuevas
*Unsettled** by Reem Faruqi	*Manañaland** by Pam Muñoz Ryan
*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** by J.K. Rowling	*A Wrinkle in Time: The Graphic Novel* by Madeleine L'Engle
*Smile** by Raina Telgemeier	*President of the Whole Fifth Grade** by Sherri Winston
*The Gilded Girl** by Alyssa Coleman	*A Glasshouse of Stars** by Shirley Marr
*I Can Make This Promise** by Christine Day	*Keeper of the Lost Cities** by Shannon Messenger
*A Handful of Stars** by Cynthia Lord	*Allergic** by Megan Wagner Lloyd

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

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Summer Reading Response Instructions

- Read the prompt below.
- Before you start writing, give yourself time to reflect on the prompt. Notice that this assignment does not ask you to write a separate summary for each book. Instead, you are writing ONE response that refers to all four of the books you have read.
- On a separate sheet of notebook paper, write a response that answers all of the questions in the prompt below. You can write one paragraph or a three-paragraph essay; the choice is yours!
- Remember to write in complete sentences, using capitalization and punctuation.
- Add a title, your name, and the date!
- Answer the prompt to the best of YOUR ability. This assignment is completely independent and should be authentic student work. Be sure to pledge your work on the back of your written response: "I have neither given nor received help on this assignment."

Prompt

You know that at St. Mary's, you BELONG! But what exactly does it mean to belong? How do YOU define belonging? What does belonging look like? What does it feel like? How does the idea of belonging appear in each of your summer reading selections? What similarities do you notice between the four books you read? Do you feel a personal connection with any of the characters in these texts? If so, how? Do you think belonging is important? Why or why not? What can you do to cultivate belonging in 5th grade at St. Mary's?