

5th Grade Summer Reading for 2026



Dear Parents and New 5th Graders,

This year I am not requiring you to create summer projects with your reading, however, I am requiring ALL students to read **ONE** novel over the summer. You may pick one of these:

1. Wonder, by R.J.Palacio.
2. Escape from Mr.Lemoncello's Library, by Chris Grabenstein
3. Al Capone Does My Shirts, Gennifer Choldenko
4. Wild River, Rodman Philbrick

When we return in August, we will use this book to create a Book Report Poster. Please be ready that first week of school.

I HIGHLY recommend that you keep reading over the summer. Practice your fluency by reading aloud to someone. I also recommend you practice writing by writing stories, comic books, writing in a diary, and writing letters. Send postcards to your family when you travel. Keep a summer fun journal and keep track of all your fun adventures! This is not required, just a recommendation. Have a great summer!

Parent information:

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/raise-a-reader-blog/summer-slide.html>

<https://www.edsurge.com/news/2018-07-12-what-summer-slide-actually-means-and-5-ways-to-fight-it>

<https://www.waterford.org/education/summer-slide-and-educational-inequality/>

