

Dear Families,

As we head into summer, our biggest goal is simple: we want kids to love reading. That means we're encouraging students to choose books that truly interest them—stories they want to dive into, not ones they feel they have to read.

We believe all reading is valid reading. Graphic novels, novels in verse, chapter books, and anything that gets your child excited to turn the page is the right choice.

To help inspire your child, we're sending home a few fun reading prompts and activities:

- Walk a Mile in Someone Else's Shoes (stories that build empathy)
- Read Around the World (explore different cultures and settings)
- Try a New Series (find that next binge-worthy book)
- Read the Book, Watch the Movie (a fun family affair!)

We're asking students to **read and review at least three books** over the summer (see the attached book review sheets). Of course, reading more is always encouraged. In September, we'll celebrate all students who meet this goal with a special surprise.

Above all, we want reading to feel joyful, not like a chore. Let your child explore, sample, and find what sparks their imagination. Whether it's in a hammock, on a road trip, or during a quiet afternoon, books are always a good idea.

Happy reading and have a wonderful summer!

Warmly,
5th Grade ELA Teachers

WALK A MILE
in someone elses shoes

Choose Your Own



1. **Book about a family different from your own family.**
2. **Book about people who are of a different religion than you.**
3. **Book about people from another country other than the USA.**
4. **Book about immigrants or refugees.**
5. **Book about someone with a physical disability.**
6. **Book about someone living with an illness.**
7. **Book about someone with neurodiversity (autism, ADHD, OCD).**
8. **Book about someone with two dads or two moms.**
9. **Book about someone with divorced parents.**
10. **Book about someone with anxiety.**
11. **Book about someone living in a wheelchair.**
12. **Book about someone learning/speaking another language other than English.**
13. **Book about someone who is bullied/teased.**
14. **Book about someone who lost a parent or other family member.**
15. **Book about someone with a learning disability.**
16. **Book about someone in the LGBTQ+ community.**
17. **Book about someone of a skin color different than your own.**
18. **Book about someone who is Asian.**
19. **Book about someone who is a different gender than you.**
20. **Book about someone who lives in poverty.**
21. **Book about someone who is deaf.**
22. **Book about someone who is Muslim.**
23. **Book about someone who is Jewish.**
24. **Book about someone who is adopted or raised by foster family.**
25. **Book about someone who is Hispanic.**
26. **Book about someone who is living in a war zone.**
27. **Book about someone who is mixed race.**
28. **Book about someone raised by their grandparents.**
29. **Book about someone who lives in a rural area or a big city (whichever is opposite of where you live).**
30. **Book about someone who living in another time period.**

SUMMER READING WORLD TOUR

Visit the World Through Books



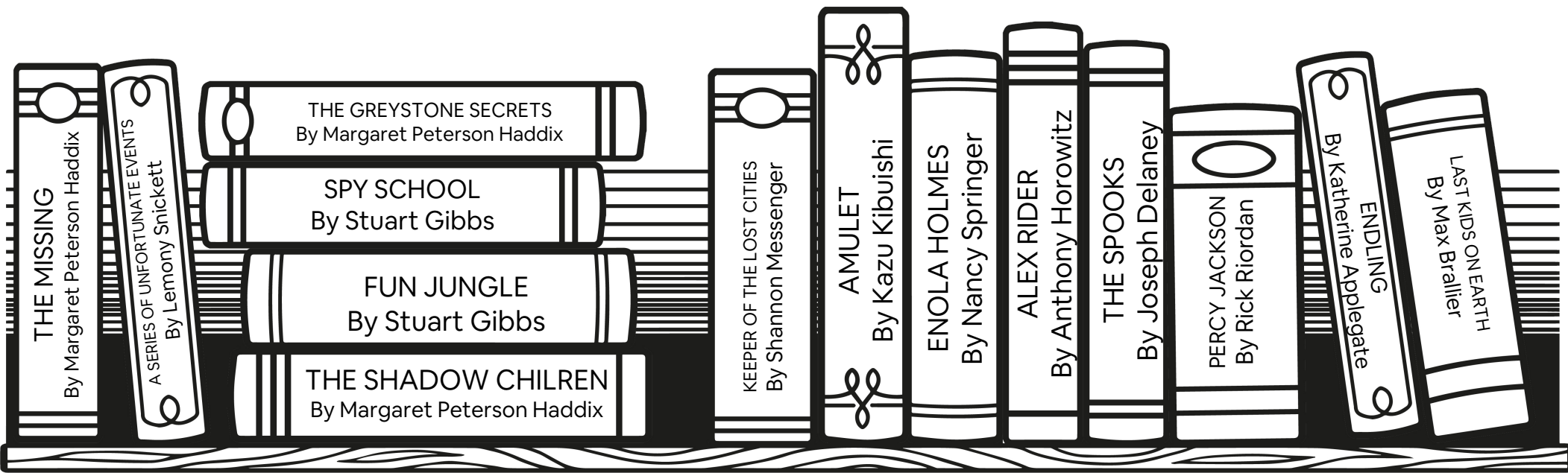
Kenya – When Stars Are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed
Ukraine – The Lost Year by Katherine Marsh
China – Room to Dream by Kelly Yang
India – Thirst by Varsha Bajaj
Japan – While I Was Away by Waka T. Brown
England – The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Germany – A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen
USA – Across the Desert by Dusti Bowling
Italy/France – The Mona Lisa Vanishes by Nicholas Day
Pakistan – A Thousand Questions by Saadia Faruqi

Spain – All You Knead Is Love by Tanya Guerrero
Vietnam – Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
France - White Bird by R.J. Polacio
Australia – Where is the Great Barrier Reef by Nico Medina
Canada – Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
Sudan – A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
Mexico – Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Colombia – Digging for Words by Angela Burke Kunkle
Iceland – Stranded! A Mostly True Tale from Iceland by Ævar Þór Benediktsson
Cuba – Refugee by Alan Gratz

TRY A NEW SERIES

SUGGESTED AGES 9 - 12



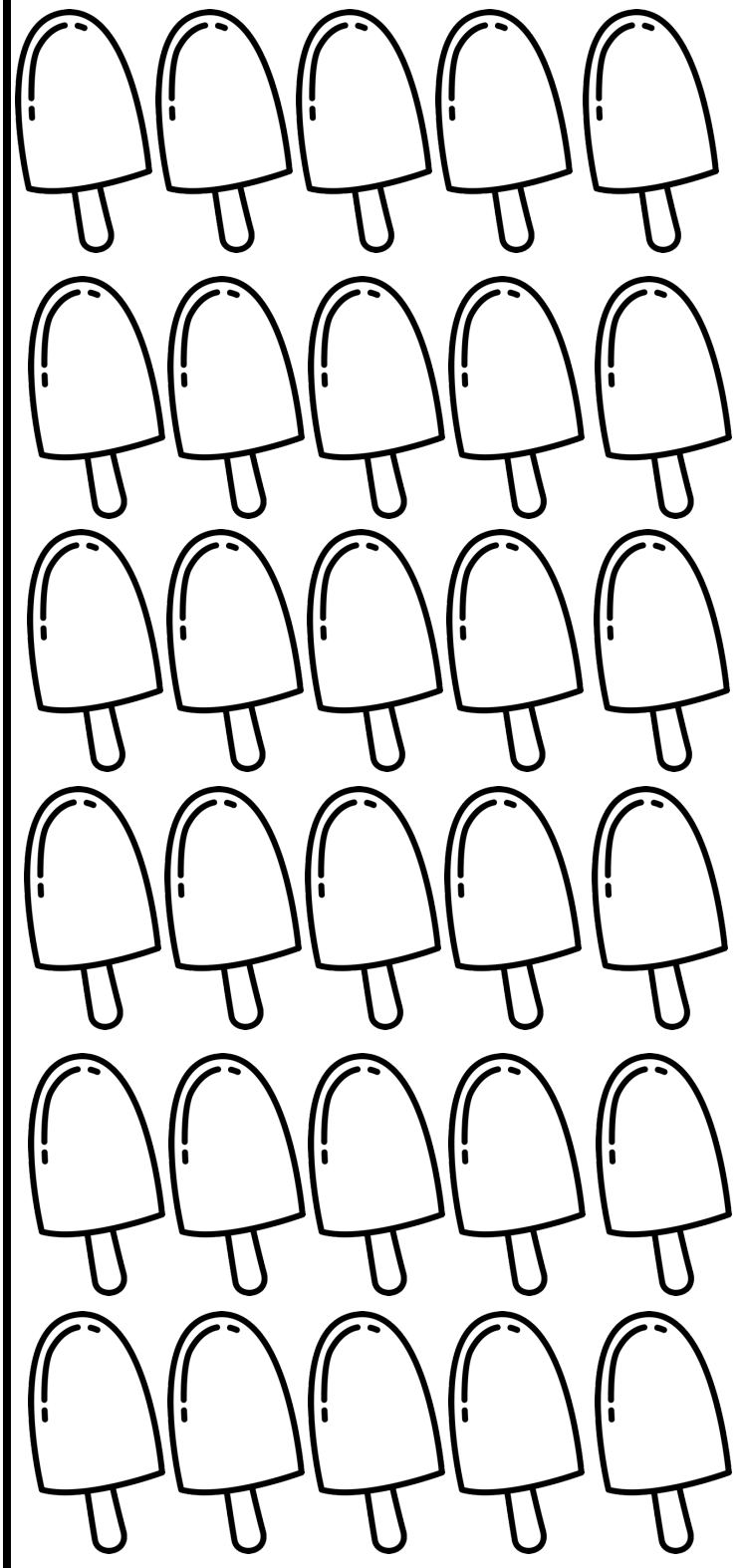


READ THE BOOK
WATCH THE MOVIE

- ❑ Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
- ❑ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
- ❑ Matilda by Roald Dahl
- ❑ Dear Dumb Diary by Jim Benton
- ❑ The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
- ❑ Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
- ❑ The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
- ❑ The BFG by Roald Dahl
- ❑ Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl
- ❑ James and the Giant the Peach by Roald Dahl
- ❑ Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine
- ❑ Flora and Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo
- ❑ The Princess Bride by William Goldman
- ❑ The Princess Diaries by Meg Cabot
- ❑ A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
- ❑ Coraline by Neil Gaiman
- ❑ Diary of A Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
- ❑ Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Rick Riordan
- ❑ Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling
- ❑ The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
- ❑ The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
- ❑ Wonder by R.J. Polacio
- ❑ Better Nate Than Ever by Tim Federle
- ❑ The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
- ❑ Holes by Louis Sachar
- ❑ The Witches by Roald Dahl
- ❑ Are You There God? It's Me Margaret by Judy Blume
- ❑ Enola Holmes by Nancy Springer
- ❑ Alex Rider by Anthony Horowitz
- ❑ Sounder by William H. Armstrong
- ❑ The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick
- ❑ Lyle, Lyle Crocodile by Bernard Waber
- ❑ Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey
- ❑ Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
- ❑ A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
- ❑ City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
- ❑ Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbiit
- ❑ The Giver by Lois Lowry
- ❑ Hoot by Carl Hiassen
- ❑ Inkheart by Cornelia Funke
- ❑ Ivy and Bean by Annie Barrows
- ❑ The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier
- ❑ The Magician's Elephant by Kate DiCamillo
- ❑ Ramona and Beezus by Beverly Cleary
- ❑ A Tale Dark and Grimm by Adam Gidwitz
- ❑ The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart
- ❑ Goosebumps by R.L. Stine
- ❑ Stargirl by Jerri Spinelli
- ❑ Jumanji by Chris Van Allsburg
- ❑ How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

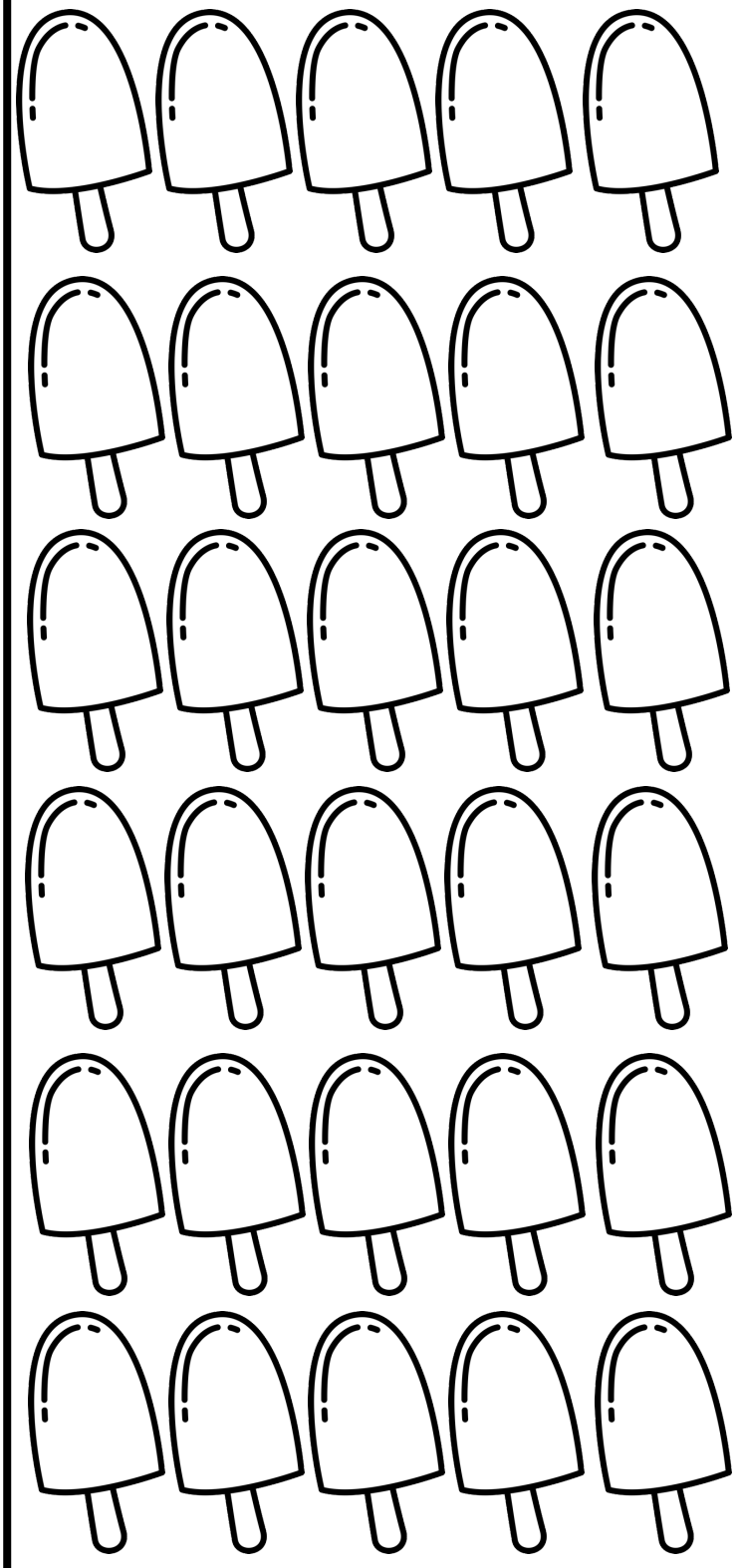
JULY SUMMER READING

Color in one popsicle for each day you read 30 minutes or more.



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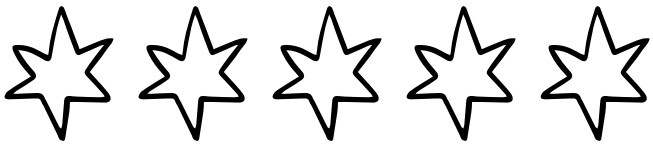
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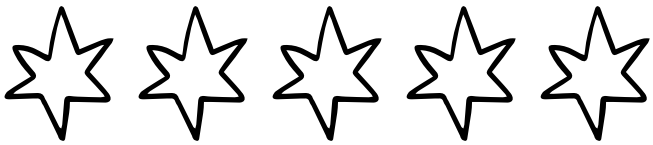
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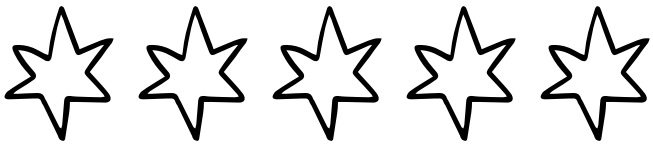
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