Summer Reading 5th Grade



Below you will find the summer reading book list for 2015-2016 incoming fifth grade students. Parents, although your child is now reading independently, it is important that you continue to play a role in supporting their summer reading adventures. It is recommended that you set aside reading time and discuss the book your child is reading. Important topics of discussion include tone, theme, mood, author's point of view, and comparisons in the same genre. In discussing the book ensure that your child can support their comments with evidence from the text. Discuss figurative language such as metaphors and similes. You could even have your child complete a project based on the story you are reading.

Summer Reading List:

- *11 Birthdays,* by Wendy Mass
- *Ameila Earhart: Young Air Pioneer,* by Jane Moore Howe
- *A Single Shard,* by Linda Sue Park
- *Encounter*, by Jane Yolen
- *The Just So Stories,* by Rudyard Kipling
- *The Homework Machine,* by Dan Gutman
- *Hoot,* by Carl Hiaasen
- *The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane*, by Russell Freedman
- *Harriet the Spy,* by Louise Fitzhugh
- *Hitler Youth,* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
- *Goosebumps* (Series), by R.L. Stine
- *Allergic to Camping, Hiking, and Other Natural Disasters*, by Lenore Look
- *Teammates,* by Tiki Barber
- *Sideways Stories from Wayside School* (Series), by Louis Sachar
- *The Sweetest Fig*, by Chris Van Allsburg
- *A maze me: Poems for Girls*, by Naomi Nye
- *Can it Rain Cats and Dogs?* by Melvin Berger
- *Our Eleanor*, by Candace Fleming
- *The Butterfly,* by Patricia Polacco
- *The Lenape Indians,* by Josh Wilker
- *The Man Who Made Time Travel*, by Kathryn Lasky
- *Through My Eyes,* by Ruby Bridges

Ideas for a book based project:

- Create a show box diorama of your favorite scene. Include at least 5 major components and symbols from the novel. Write a two paragraph summary explaining the significance of the scene and the items you have selected for the shadow box.
- Cereal Box: Create a cereal box based on your book. Name and decorate the cereal box to represent the book you have read. Include things that are really on a cereal box. Remember to include the title, summary, characters, and author in your cereal box design.
- Create a film poster: Imagine your book has been made into a movie. Create a poster that shows something significant about the plot, tone, and/or theme of the story while simultaneously attracting a big audience.
- Book Jacket: Create a book jacket with a 12 X 12 sheet of construction paper. (1) Fold the paper in half then fold each end of the paper in about two inches to make the inside flaps of the book jacket. (2) On the front cover include the author and title of your book, draw and color a picture that describes your book that is different from the one on the real book cover. (3) On the front inside flap, write a paragraph about the author. (4) On the back inside flap, write two paragraphs that summarize the novel.
- Write your own ending: If you were the author, how would you rewrite the ending of your selected book?