



Required 5th Grade Summer Reading

2 BOOKS

Please choose books that have not been previously read.

It is important to give children dominion in the area of reading. This will contribute in important ways to their future success in, and enjoyment of the written word. Please keep in mind that a child's Listening Vocabulary is much higher than her Reading Vocabulary. Thus, you can read a book to her which is far above her own reading level, and she will be able to understand it. You may choose certain selections for family read-aloud. When reading to children, it is critical to keep the length appropriate. After reading a short passage, we suggest that you informally ask your child to tell back what he or she has heard, in order to improve comprehension, sequencing, synthesis, concentration, and enjoyment. You may also want to take a turn to narrate! Do not do this in a heavy-handed way, but rather with joy and enthusiasm, informally. Do not make it into a chore, or necessarily do it every time, or the child may come to not enjoy it. There are obviously many more good books that are available. This list is only the beginning! Your librarian can assist you if you tell the type of literature you desire. The terminology they will best understand is "classic literature." Remember that, with regard to all book suggestions, it is always your responsibility as the parent to assess a book's suitability for you and your family. We have included books which employ fantastical themes, due to the fact that we encourage children to enjoy the proper use of imagination. This is an important aspect of development, and one in which parents are urged to give their child guidance. That is, your child will be looking to you to help define the lines of fantasy verses reality and the proper guidelines therein. Some of these books may not be available in libraries, but it is always a good idea to request that they purchase them. There is a current trend in public libraries to purge many of the good, old classics. By requesting them, this is a way that we can change our culture for the good. If they are not in your local library, you may want to check used bookstores. Enjoy!

On the sheet enclosed, please keep track of the books your child reads, or those that you have read to him or her this summer. You will give this record to your child's teacher at the beginning of school. Thank you.



Summer Reading List for Rising Fifth Grade Students

Aylward, Gladys
Banks, Lynne Reid
Barrie, J.M.
Blackmore, Richard
Blos, Joan
Brady, Esther Wood
Brink, Carol Rylie
Burnett, Frances Hodgson
Byars
Caselli, Giovanni
Coerr, Eleanor
Cousins, Margaret
Dahl, Ronald
de Angeli, Marguerite
Dixon, Franklin
Dubois, William Rene
Edmonds, Walter
Enright, Elizabeth
Estes, Eleanor
Farley, Walter
Fox, Paula
George, Jean Craig
Graham, Kenneth
Guy, John
Henry, Marguerite
Hook, Jason
Keene, Carolyn
Knight, David
Knight, Eric
Krensky, Stephen
Latham, Jean Lee
Lasker, David

Lewis, C.S.

Lindgren, Astrid Eri
Lofting, Hugh
MacDonald, George

Gladys Aylward: The Little Woman
The Indian in the Cupboard
Peter Pan
Lorna Doone
A Gathering of Days
Toliver's Secret
Caddie Woodlawn
The Secret Garden, Little Lord Fauntleroy
Summer of the Swans
The Middle Ages: History of Everyday Things
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes
The Story of Thomas Alva Edison
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
The Door in the Wall
Hunting for Hidden Gold
The Twenty-One Balloons
The Matchlock Gun
Then There Were Five, The Saturdays, The Four Story Mistake
The Moffats
The Black Stallion
A Likely Place
The Cry of the Crow and other titles
The Wind and the Willows
Viking Life
King of the Wind and other titles
The Vikings
The Secret of the Old Clock
Isaac Newton: Mastermind of Modern Science
Lassie Come Home
Conqueror and Hero: The Search for Alexander
Carry On, Mr. Bowditch
The Boy Who Loved Music: A Biography about Franz Joseph Haydn
The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe, The last Battle and other titles
Pippi Longstocking
Voyages of Dr. Doolittle
The Princess and Curdie, At the Back of the North Wind

Margeson, Susan M.
McGovern, Ann
Morey, Walk
Morley, Jacqueline
Nesbit, Edith
Norton, Mary
O'Brien, Robert
Peet, Bill
Porter, Eleanor
Pyle, Howard
Quakenbush, Robert
Rawls, Wilson
Reit, Seymour

Roddy, Lee
St. John, Patricia
Sharp, Margery
Sidney, Margaret
Spear, Elizabeth
Sperry, Armstrong
Steig
Sobol, Donald J.
Tolkien, J.R.R.
Twain, Mark
Wiggin, Kate Douglas
Wilde, Oscar

Viking
Wanted Dead or Alive: The True Story of Harriet Tubman
Gentle Ben
How Would You Survive as a Viking?
The Railway Children
The Borrowers
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh
Bill Peet: An Autobiography
Pollyanna
The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood, Arabian Nights
Ahoy! Ahoy! Are you There? A story of Alexander Graham Bell
Where the Red Fern Grows
Guns For General Washington: A Story of the American
Revolution
The Secret of the Howling Case, America Adventure Series books
The Tanglewoods' Secret, Star Light and other titles
The Rescuers
Five Little Peppers and the sequels
Calico Captive, The Bronze Bow
Call It Courage
Abel's Island
Encyclopedia Brown: Boy Detective
The Hobbit
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm
The Happy Prince