Fifth Grade Summer Reading List
2019-2020

REQUIRED SUMMER READING: All incoming fifth-grade students must read at least three books:

1. Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH (O’Brien) OR Redwall (Jacques)
2. There’s a Boy in the Girls’ Bathroom (Sachar)
3. at least one from the general list

Most of these books are available in libraries or in paperback from local bookstores, although some of the newer choices may not have been released in paperback. If more than one edition is available, be sure to select an unabridged edition. In the fall, students will have assignments based on all three required books. Students will need to have a personal copy to bring to class.

We’ve worked to create lists that reflect a variety of styles, genres, and experiences—enjoy! If you’d like to learn more about these books, you can ask your English teacher or one of our librarians, look for descriptions on Amazon or Goodreads, or see what your friends might recommend. You can also find the books in our library catalog at this link: https://tinyurl.com/usn-srl-5. Happy reading!

Required Books:
O’Brien, Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH or Jacques, Redwall
Sachar, There’s a Boy in the Girls’ Bathroom

General List (choose one that you have not read yet):

Historical Fiction:
Curtis, Elijah of Buxton* (Newbery Honor)
Cushman, Catherine, Called Birdy (Newbery Honor)
Draper, Stella By Starlight* (social justice)
Hale, Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales (series) (graphic novel)
Lowry, Number the Stars (Newbery Award)
Pearsall, Trouble Don’t Last
Taylor, Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* (Newbery Award)
Tingle, How I Became a Ghost*
Williams-Garcia, One Crazy Summer* (social justice) (Newbery Honor)

Realistic Fiction/Mystery/Adventure:
Clements, No Talking
Corbett, Free Baseball
DeClements, Nothing’s Fair in Fifth Grade
George, Julie of the Wolves (Newbery Award)
Gibbs, Spy School (series)
Jamieson, Roller Girl (graphic novel) (Newbery Honor)
Korman, Ungifted
Lamana, Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere
Palacio, Wonder
Patron, *The Higher Power of Lucky* (Newbery Award)
Paulsen, *Hatchet* (Newbery Honor)
Ritter, *Fenway Fever*
Roberts, *The One Left Behind*
Russo, *House of Sports*
Sachar, *Holes* (Newbery Award)
Schumacher, *The Unbearable Book Club for Unsinkable Girls*
Spinelli, *Maniac Magee* (Newbery Award)
Stewart, *The Mysterious Benedict Society* (or any book from the series)
Stokes, *Addison Cooke and the Treasure of the Incas* (or any book from the series)
Williams-Garcia, *Clayton Byrd Goes Underground*

**Fantasy/Science Fiction/Mystery:**
Applegate, *The One and Only Ivan* (Newbery Award)
Barnhill, *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* (Newbery Award)
Barry & Pearson, *Peter and the Starcatchers*
Chainani, *The School for Good & Evil* (or any book from the series)
Clements, *Things Not Seen* (or follow up: *Things Hoped For*)
DiCamillo, *Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures* (Newbery Award)
DuPrau, *City of Ember* (or any book from the series)
Funke, *Inkheart*
Hunter, any of the *Warriors* series
Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* (or any book from the series)
Lowry, *Gossamer*
Mass, *13 Gifts: A Wish Novel*
Nielsen, *The False Prince*
O’Connor, *Olympians* (series) (graphic novel)
Selznick, *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*
Smith, *Hoodoo*
Whitley, *Princeless* (series) (graphic novel)

**Non-Fiction:**
Aronson, *The World Made New: Why the Age of Exploration Happened and How It Changed the World*  
Bell, *El Deafo* (graphic novel) (Newbery Honor)
Hillenbrand, *Unbroken* (young adult adaptation)
Jackson, *Looking for Life in the Universe: The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence***
Kamkwamba and Mealer, *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* (young adult adaptation)
McClafferty, *Something Out of Nothing: Marie Curie and Radium***
Murphy, *An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793*  
  (Newbery Honor)
Nelson, *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*  
Relf, *A Dinosaur Named Sue: The Story of the Colossal Fossil***
Schlosser, *Chew on This: Everything You Don’t Want to Know About Fast Food*
Siegel & Siegel, *To Dance* (graphic novel)
St. George, *The Duel: The Parallel Lives of Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr*
Thimmesh, *Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women*
Thimmesh, *Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon***

*Integrated English / social studies*

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