Fifth Grade Summer Reading List  
2020-2021

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

1. Required text: *There’s a Boy in the Girls’ Bathroom* (Sachar)
2. at least two books 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 take part in a variety of activities and assignments based on all three required books. Students will need to have personal copies 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 Book:
Sachar, *There’s a Boy in the Girls’ Bathroom*

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

**Historical Fiction:**
Curtis, *Elijah of Buxton*  
Cushman, *Catherine, Called Birdy*  
Draper, *Stella By Starlight*  
Hale, *Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales*  
Pearsall, *Trouble Don’t Last*  
Taylor, *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*  
Tingle, *How I Became a Ghost*  
Williams-Garcia, *One Crazy Summer, P.S. Be Eleven,* or *Gone Crazy in Alabama*

**Realistic Fiction/Mystery/Adventure:**
Clements, *No Talking*  
Corbett, *Free Baseball*  
Gibbs, *Spy School*  
Holt, *Knock Out*  
Jamieson, *Roller Girl*  
Jones, *Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer*  
Korman, *Ungifted*  
Levy, *The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher*  
Paulsen, *Hatchet*  
Reynolds, *Ghost*  
Ritter, *Fenway Fever*
Rylander, The Fourth Stall
Sachar, Holes
Spinelli, Maniac Magee
Stewart, The Mysterious Benedict Society*
Stokes, Addison Cooke and the Treasure of the Incas*
Winston, President of the Whole Fifth Grade
Yang, Front Desk
Yoo, The Detention Club

Fantasy/Science Fiction/Mystery:
Barnhill, The Girl Who Drank the Moon
Barry & Pearson, Peter and the Starcatchers
Chainani, The School for Good & Evil*
Clements, Things Not Seen (or follow up: Things Hoped For)
DiCamillo, Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures
DuPrau, The City of Ember*
Elliott, Dragons in a Bag
Funke, Inkheart
Giles, The Last Last-Day-of-Summer
Hunter, Warriors*
Lewis, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*
Lin, Where the Mountain Meets the Moon
O’Connor, Olympians*
Riazi, The Gauntlet
Selznick, The Invention of Hugo Cabret
Smith, Hoodoo
Whitley, Princeless*

Non-Fiction:
Aronson, The World Made New: Why the Age of Exploration Happened and How It Changed the World
Bell, El Deafo
Brown & Mone, The Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team’s Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics**
Hillenbrand, Unbroken: An Olympian’s Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive**
Jackson, Looking for Life in the Universe: The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence
Kamkwamba & Mealer, The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind**
Marianiss, Strong Inside**
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
Nelson, We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball
Reif, 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
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

*You may choose to read any book from this series
**Young readers’ adaptation