

June 16, 2022

Dear Class of 2026 Families,

As I am packing up my classroom from this year, I am already thinking about and looking forward to our next school year and getting to know the incoming 5th graders even better. I hope you all enjoy your summer and that reading a few good books is also a part of it. Recreational reading is one of the most effective ways to develop verbal skills which help to ensure a student's success in school. The fifth grade summer reading program will foster these skills and ease the transition from summer back into school.

Prior to beginning fifth grade in the fall, students are required to read at least two books. They should be prepared to discuss the book's characters, main events and theme during the first week of school. I am attaching a list of grade appropriate books if your child would like to choose a book from here. On the list you will find books that I believe are engaging to 5th grade students at all reading levels. If your child finds another book to read that is not on the list, that is fine! I am always looking for new books to share with students.

In addition, I am attaching a digital copy of their Summer Math Skills packet. This is broken up into separate weeks so hopefully, it isn't overwhelming and can help keep their math skills fresh. Another important skill in math will be having their addition and subtraction math facts and times tables memorized. If this is an area of challenge for your child, there are many apps and games that they can play to help them with this.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. See you in September!

Sincerely,

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5th grade teacher

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5th Grade Summer Reading List with Reading Levels

- *From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E. L. Konigsburg (S)
- *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief (series)* by Rick Riordan (V)
- *The Mysterious Benedict Society Series* by Trenton Lee Steward (W)
- *Rules* by Cynthia Lord (R)
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson (T)
- *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate (S)
- *The Name of the Book is Secret* by Pseudonymous Bosch (U)
- *Artemis Fowl series* by Eoin Colfer (Y)
- *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander (S)
- *Blended* by Sharon L. Draper (S)
- *Into the Wild (Warrior Cat Series)* by Erin Hunter (T)
- *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls (X)
- *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai (U)
- *The Great Greene Heist* by Varian Johnson (U)
- *George* by Alex Gino (V)
- *The Worst Class Trip Ever* by Dave Berry (T)
- *Dragon's in a Bag* by Zetta Elliot (U)
- *How High the Moon* by Karyn Parsons (U)
- *Galaxy Games: The Challenger* by Greg Fishbone (S)
- *The Great Gilly Hopkins* by Katherine Paterson (S)
- *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell (V)
- *The Good Dog* by Avi (R)
- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulson (T)
- *Holes* by Louis Sachar (T)
- *The Tail of Emily Windsnap (Emily Windsnap series)* by Liz Kessler (S)
- *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen (U)
- *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster (T)
- *The View from Saturday* by E. L. Konigsburg (V)
- *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (V)
- *Ban This Book* by Alan Gratz (S)