

Popular/Suggested 5th Grade Reading List Book

Teachers have not read all of these books on the list, so please review the book before your child begins reading a story to see if it's appropriate for him/her. The staff at Politics and Prose is always helpful and ready to give suggestions, too!

Happy Summer Reading!

1. *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli
2. *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman
3. *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl
4. *The Neverending Story* by Michael Ende
5. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling
6. *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin
7. *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster
8. *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
9. *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
10. *Lunch Money* by Andrew Clements
11. *No Talking* by Andrew Clements
12. *A School Story* by Andrew Clements
13. *The Homework Machine* by Dan Gutman
14. *The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau
15. *The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare
16. *Fairy Tale Reform School* series by Jen Calonita
17. *Eddie Red Undercover* series by Marcia Wells
18. *Rules* by Cynthia Lord
19. *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein
20. *Save Me a Seat* by Gina Weeks and Gita Varadarajan
21. *Titanic* by Deborah Hopkinson
22. *Candymakers* by Wendy Mass
23. *The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid
24. *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen
25. *Nightmares* by Jason Segel and Kirsten Miller (Fiction)
26. *Spy School* by Stuart Gibbs
27. *Masterminds* by Gordon Korman
28. *The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
29. *Space Case* by Stuart Gibbs
30. *Get a Grip Vivy Cohen* by Sarah Kapit
31. *The Terrible Two* by Mac Barnett and Jory John
32. *Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish* by Pablo Cartaya
33. *City Spies* by James Ponti
34. Any Mary Downing Hahn books (ghost stories)
35. Any Alan Gratz books (historical fiction; typically about WWII)
36. *Roll With It* by Jamie Sumner
37. *My Life as a Potato* by Arianne Costner
38. *A Wish In The Dark* by Christina Soontornvat
39. *Scratch Scratch* by Lindsay Currie

2021 Summer Reading Instructions for Incoming 5th Graders

Hello Rising Fifth Grader!

In addition to the Math work you will be doing this summer, you will also be reading one book of your choice, which is at least 150 pages long. It can be fiction or nonfiction, but it should be a book you have not previously read. No graphic novels will be accepted for this assignment (example: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*). (Of course we hope you will read several books over your summer holiday, but you only need to report on one of them.)

Assignment:

After you read each chapter, write a short summary (2-3 sentences). When you have finished reading the whole book, write a **three paragraph** summary of the book. Be sure to check spelling and punctuation. You should create a fun cover page (using at least 5 colors and have a full hand-drawn picture) and staple everything together. Your report should be written in cursive or typed. This is due on the first day of school, August 31, 2021. *For every day the assignment is late, 2 points will be deducted.

Have fun, enjoy reading, and see you in August!!

Your Fifth Grade Team

5th Grade Summer Book Report

Student Name: _____

CATEGORY	10 points	8 points	6 points	4 points
Cover Page	Book cover is creative, neat, and demonstrates the reader's understanding of the topic.	Book cover is creative, shows some effort, and demonstrates the reader's understanding of the topic.	Book cover shows minimal effort and an incomplete understanding of the topic.	Project submitted but book cover is not included.
Whole Book Summary	Directions were followed and the book summary is very organized with well-constructed paragraphs.	Directions were mostly followed and book summary is generally organized with well-constructed paragraphs.	Directions were not followed entirely and book summary is not properly organized.	The information appears to be disorganized and directions were not followed.
Chapter Summary	All chapters summarized using 2-3 informative sentences.	Most chapters summarized using 2-3 sentences.	Some chapter summaries missing or poorly written.	No chapter summaries included.
Mechanics	Almost no grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.	A few grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors	Obvious grammatical spelling, or punctuation errors.	Significant grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.
Colors and Picture	There are at least 5 colors and a full picture on the title page.	There are at least 4 colors and a picture that takes up 75% of the title page.	There are at least 3 colors and a picture that takes up 50% of the title page.	There are 2 or less colors and a small picture on the title page.
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