



Summer Reading - 2015

Students Entering Grade 5

Please Note: All suggested summer reading titles are recommended for the 5th grade reading level.

Your Summer Reading Goal:

READ FOUR OR MORE BOOKS!

“Harvard University assistant education professor James Kim has found that students who read four or more at-level books over the summer do better than those who did not when they return to school in the fall.” – Scholastic Magazine

Top Suggestions!

Check them off as you read! See how many you can finish this summer!

___ *Wonder* – R. J. Palacio

August Pullman was born with a facial deformity that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face.

___ *The One and Only Ivan* – Katherine Applegate

***2013 Newbery Medal Winner!**

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

___ *Flora and Ulysses* – Kate DiCamillo

***2014 Newbery Medal Winner!**

A girl named Flora and a squirrel named Ulysses, whose life was saved by Flora after he was involved in an incident with a vacuum cleaner, team up to use Ulysses' superpowers to conquer villains and protect the weak.

___ *You Wouldn't Want to Be Series* – Varies

This best-selling series engages readers of all levels by making them part of the story. Readers will become the main character and can revel in the gory and dark sides of life throughout important moments in history.

___ *The Septimus Heap Series* – Angie Sage

Septimus Heap, the seventh son of the seventh son, and Jenna, the little girl Septimus's father found in the

snow the night Septimus was born and taken away, are threatened by the evil wizard DomDaniel, who intends to finish off the entire royal line.

___ *39 Clues Series* – Various Authors

Amy and Dan, members of the powerful Cahill family, try to uncover the thirty-nine clues which will reveal the secrets of their lineage and find out what really happened to their parents.

___ *Artemis Fowl Series* – Eoin Colfer

When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

___ *The Series of Unfortunate Events* – Lemony Snicket

After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune.

___ *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* – Brian Selznick

When Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toymaker, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

___ *The Mysterious Benedict Society* – Trenton Lee Stewart

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four

children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened.

Additional Suggested Titles

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___ *The Dolphins of Shark Bay* - Pamela S. Turner

Photographs and text recount the experiences of Janet Mann and her research team observing the dolphins of Shark Bay, in Western Australia, describing the discoveries they made about dolphin intelligence and behavior.

___ *Gregor the Overlander* – Suzanne Collins

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving humans, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

___ *The Lemonade War* – Jacqueline Davies

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands.

___ *A Wrinkle in Time* - Madeleine L'Engle

Meg Murry and her friends embark on a journey through space and time, assisted by three otherworldly women, when they set out to find Meg's father, a physicist who disappeared while experimenting with time travel.

___ *The Penderwicks* - Jeanne Birdsall

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.

___ *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* - Roald Dahl

Each of five children lucky enough to discover a ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.

___ *Regarding the Fountain* – Kate Klise

When the principal asks a fifth-grader to write a letter regarding the purchase of a new drinking fountain for their school, he finds that all sorts of chaos results.

___ *Holes* – Louis Sachar

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

___ *Harriet the Spy* – Louise Fitzhugh

Eleven-year-old Harriet keeps notes on her classmates and neighbors in a secret notebook, but when some of the students read the notebook, they seek revenge.

___ *The City of Ember* - Jeanne DuPrau

In the city of Ember, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

___ *The Doll People* - Ann M. Martin

A family of dolls that has lived in the same house for years is taken aback when a family of dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.

___ *Three Times Lucky* – Sheila Turnage

***2013 Newbery Honor Book**

Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a cafe and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder.

___ *How to Train Your Dragon* – Cressida Cowell

Chronicles the adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon.

___ *How to Eat Fried Worms* – Thomas Rockwell

Tells a story about a boy who sets out to eat fifteen worms in fifteen days in order to win a bet.

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