

# Required 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading



## 2 BOOKS (1 required and 1 free choice)

Please choose books that have not been previously read.

**Each rising fifth grade student will be required to read Wonder, by R.J. Palacio. *Students should be ready to discuss, narrate and write about the book when they return to school in August.***

Each student should choose one additional book from the *Summer Reading List* attached or an appropriate Living Book. Please choose a book that has not been read in the past. Please return the reading log identifying the books that have been read.

It is important to give children dominion in the area of reading. This will contribute in important ways to their future success in, and enjoyment of the written word. Please keep in mind that a child's Listening Vocabulary is much higher than her Reading Vocabulary. Thus, you can read a book to him/her which is far above his/her own reading level, and he/she will be able to understand it. You may choose certain selections for family read-aloud. When reading to children, it is critical to keep the length appropriate. After reading a short passage, we suggest that you informally ask your child to tell back what he/she has heard, in order to improve comprehension, sequencing, synthesis, concentration, and enjoyment. You may also want to take a turn to narrate! Do not do this in a heavy-handed way, but rather with joy and enthusiasm, informally. Do not make it into a chore, or necessarily do it every time, or the child may come to not enjoy it. There are obviously many more good books that are available. This list is only the beginning! Your librarian can assist you if you tell the type of literature you desire. The terminology they will best understand is "classic literature." Remember, with regard to all book suggestions, that it is always your responsibility as the parent to assess a book's suitability for you and your family. We have included books which employ fantastical themes, due to the fact that we encourage children to enjoy the proper use of imagination. This is an important aspect of development, and one in which parents are urged to give their child guidance. That is, your child will be looking to you to help define the lines of fantasy verses reality and the proper guidelines therein. Some of these books may not be available in libraries, but it is always a good idea to request that they purchase them. There is a current trend in public libraries to purge many of the good, old classics. By requesting them, this is a way that we can change our culture for the good. If they are not in your local library, you may want to check used bookstores. Enjoy!

On the sheet enclosed, please keep track of the books your child reads, or those that you have read to him or her this summer. You will give this record to your child's teacher at the beginning of school. Thank you.



## Summer Reading List for Rising Fifth Grade Students

Aylward, Gladys  
Babbitt, Natalie  
Banks, Lynne Reid  
Barrie, J.M.  
Blackmore, Richard  
Blos, Joan  
Brady, Esther Wood  
Brink, Carol Rylie  
Burnett, Frances Hodgson  
Byars  
Caselli, Giovanni  
Coerr, Eleanor  
Cousins, Margaret  
Dahl, Ronald  
Dixon, Franklin  
Edmonds, Walter  
Enright, Elizabeth  
Estes, Eleanor  
Farley, Walter  
Fox, Paula  
George, Jean Craig  
Graham, Kenneth  
Guy, John  
Henry, Marguerite  
Hook, Jason  
Keene, Carolyn  
Knight, David  
Knight, Eric  
Krensky, Stephen  
**Latham, Jean Lee**  
Lasker, David  
  
Lewis, C.S.  
  
Lindgren, Astrid Eri  
Lofting, Hugh  
MacDonald, George  
Margeson, Susan M.  
McGovern, Ann  
Morey, Walk  
Morley, Jacqueline  
Nesbit, Edith

**Gladys Aylward: The Little Woman**  
**Tuck Everlasting**  
**The Indian in the Cupboard**  
**Peter Pan**  
**Lorna Doone**  
**A Gathering of Days**  
**Toliver's Secret**  
**Caddie Woodlawn**  
**The Secret Garden, Little Lord Fauntleroy**  
**Summer of the Swans**  
**The Middle Ages: History of Everyday Things**  
**Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes**  
**The Story of Thomas Alva Edison**  
**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**  
**Hunting for Hidden Gold**  
**The Matchlock Gun**  
**Then There Were Five, The Saturdays, The Four Story Mistake**  
**The Moffats**  
**The Black Stallion**  
**A Likely Place**  
**The Cry of the Crow** and other titles  
**The Wind and the Willows**  
**Viking Life**  
**King of the Wind and other titles**  
**The Vikings**  
**The Secret of the Old Clock**  
**Isaac Newton: Mastermind of Modern Science**  
**Lassie Come Home**  
**Conqueror and Hero: The Search for Alexander**  
**Carry On, Mr. Bowditch**  
**The Boy Who Loved Music: A Biography about Franz Joseph Haydn**  
**The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe, The last Battle** and other titles  
**Pippi Longstocking**  
**Voyages of Dr. Doolittle**  
**The Princess and Curdie, At the Back of the North Wind**  
**Viking**  
**Wanted Dead or Alive: The True Story of Harriet Tubman**  
**Gentle Ben**  
**How Would You Survive as a Viking?**  
**The Railway Children**

Norton, Mary  
O'Brien, Robert  
O'Dell, Scott  
Peet, Bill  
**Porter, Eleanor**  
Pyle, Howard  
Quakenbush, Robert  
Reit, Seymour

Roddy, Lee  
St. John, Patricia  
Sharp, Margery  
Sidney, Margaret  
Spear, Elizabeth  
Sperry, Armstrong  
Steig  
Sobol, Donald J.  
Tolkien, J.R.R.  
Twain, Mark  
Wiggin, Kate Douglas  
Wilde, Oscar

**The Borrowers**  
**Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh**  
**Island of the Blue Dolphin**  
**Bill Peet: An Autobiography**  
**Pollyanna**  
**The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood, Arabian Nights**  
**Ahoy! Ahoy! Are you There? A story of Alexander Graham Bell**  
**Guns for General Washington: A Story of the American Revolution**  
**The Secret of the Howling Case, America Adventure Series books**  
**The Tanglewoods' Secret, Star Light** and other titles  
**The Rescuers**  
**Five Little Peppers and the sequels**  
**Calico Captive, The Bronze Bow**  
**Call It Courage**  
**Abel's Island**  
**Encyclopedia Brown: Boy Detective**  
**The Hobbit**  
**A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court**  
**Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm**  
**The Happy Prince**