

GRADE 5

SUMMER READING

EVERYONE MUST READ:

I Am Harriet Tubman by Grace Norwich, illustrated by Ute Simon
*An interesting biography about Harriet Tubman's struggles and success
for both civil and women's rights.*

Students, **please take detailed notes in a notebook about the characters, setting, plot, problems and ending of the books you read and bring your notebook to school on the first day that you return to school in August.** These notes will help you to complete an in-class writing assignment. In addition, students are encouraged to read other genres (folktales, news, biographies & mysteries).

PLEASE SELECT 2 OTHERS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

Masterpiece by Elise Broach

After Marvin, a beetle, makes a miniature drawing as an eleventh birthday gift for James, a human with whom he shares a house, the two new friends work together to help recover a Durer drawing stolen from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The Homework Machine by Dan Gutman

Meet the D Squad, a foursome of fifth graders at the Grand Canyon School made up of a geek, a class clown, a teacher's pet, and a slacker. They are bound together by one very big secret: the homework machine.

Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. It has never been easy for her to connect with anyone other than her adoptive parents, but then tragedy strikes and she has to learn how to push through the grief.

Olive's Ocean by Kevin Henkes

On a summer visit to her grandmother's cottage by the ocean, twelve-year-old Martha gains perspective on the death of a classmate, on her relationship with her grandmother, on her feelings for an older boy, and on her plans to be a writer.

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger

Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Includes instructions for making Origami Yoda. *(The book includes directions for making an Origami Yoda!)*

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.

Rules by Cynthia Lord

Meet Catherine, a twelve year old girl, whose family revolves around her brother with autism. But when Catherine meets Jason, a surprising, new sort-of friend, and Kristi, the next-door friend she's always wished for, it's her own shocking behavior that turns everything upside down and forces her to ask: What is normal?

GRADE 6

SUMMER READING

EVERYONE MUST READ

The Egypt Game by Zilpha Keatley Snyder

Melanie thought that she would not fit in with the other sixth-graders but she finds that there is another girl who shares her interest in Egypt. Before you know it, there are 6 children who develop a secret world of their own. Everyone thinks it's just a game until strange things start happening. Has The Egypt Game gone too far?

AND read 2 other books from the reading list. Students are encouraged to read other genres (folktales, news, biographies & mysteries). Don't limit your reading to 3 books. Keep track of your reading in a notebook – characters, ideas, problems that characters face, your opinions. Come back ready to write!

The Gadget by Paul Zindel

What are the scientists doing in the middle of the desert? What is that strange light and explosion? Stephen, a young boy, is living in a top secret American military base and discovers a secret.

Spy School by Stuart Gibbs

Twelve-year-old Ben Ripley leaves his public middle school to attend the CIA's highly secretive Espionage Academy, which everyone is told is an elite science school.

The Misadventures of Maude March by Audrey Couloubis

Orphans, young Maude and her sister Sallie, run away from a cruel family that treats them as servants. They travel the rough and wild frontier disguised as boys, trying to find their long lost uncle. What trouble will they get into along the way? Are they really villains as the papers say?

A Wrinkle In Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Meg Murry, her little brother Charles Wallace, and their mother are having a midnight snack on a dark and stormy night when an unearthly stranger appears at their door. She claims to have been blown off course, and tells them that there is such a thing as a "tesseract," which, if you didn't know, is a *wrinkle in time*. Do you like time travel?

Liar and Spy by Rebecca Stead

When 7th grader Georges moves into a Brooklyn apartment building, he meets Safer, a twelve-year-old coffee-drinking loner and self-appointed spy. Georges becomes Safer's first spy recruit. His assignment?

Travel Team by Mike Lupica

After he is cut from his travel basketball team--the very same team that his father once led to national prominence--12-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.

Redwall by Brian Jacques

When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

The Tiger Rising by Kate DiCamillo

Rob, who passes the time in his rural Florida community by wood carving, is drawn by his spunky but angry friend Sistine into a plan to free a caged tiger.

Flora and Ulysses - The Illuminated Adventures by Kate DiCamillo

The story begins with a vacuum cleaner and a squirrel who gets sucked into a Ulysses Super Suction wielded by Flora's neighbor. Flora performs CPR on the squirrel and names him Ulysses, and now Flora thinks perhaps he is a superhero like The Amazing Incandesto! This is a fun read!

GRADE 7

SUMMER READING

Please select and read 3 books during summer.

Chasing Lincoln's Killer
by James L. Swanson

Robinson Crusoe
by Daniel DeFoe

April Morning
by Howard Fast

Charley Skedaddle
by Patricia Beatty

Johnny Tremain
by Esther Forbes

The Ballad of the Civil War
by Mary Stolz

Hang A Thousand Trees With Ribbons
by Ann Rinaldi

To Be A Slave
by Julius Lester

Mr. Lincoln's Drummer
by G. Clifton Wisler

The Orphan Train Adventures
by Joan Lowery Nixon

Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry
by Mildred D. Taylor

Dear Austin
by Edith Morris Hemingway

Boston Jane
by Jennifer L. Holm

Color Me Dark
by Patricia C. McKissak

Dear America Series

GRADE 8

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Please select and read 3 books during summer.

And Then There Were None

Agatha Christie

**Brian's Winter or
Woods Runner**

Gary Paulsen

Hero

Mike Lupica

The Grimm Legacy

Polly Shulman

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Mark Twain

The Fault in our Stars

John Green

Million-Dollar Throw

Mike Lupica

The Giver

Lois Lowry

The Hobbit

J.R.R. Tolkien

The Running Dream

Wendelin Van Draanen

City of Orphans

Avi

**Flags of Our Fathers: Heroes of Iwo
Jima**

James Bradley

Peak

Roland Smith

The Edge

Roland Smith

The Outsiders

S. E. Hinton

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

John Boyne

The Mysterious Benedict Society

Trenton lee Stewart

Milkweed

Jerry Spinelli