



21st Century Public Academy 5th Grade (Incoming) Summer Reading List

Contemporary, Realistic, and Historical Fiction	
The Penderwicks	<i>Birdsall</i>
Superfudge	<i>Blume</i>
The Summer of Swans	<i>Byars</i>
Love That Dog	<i>Creech</i>
Bud, Not Buddy	<i>Curtis</i>
Because of Winn-Dixie	<i>DiCamillo</i>
Bandit's Moon	<i>Fleischman</i>
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key	<i>Gantos</i>
Nory Ryan's Song	<i>Giff</i>
My One Hundred Adventures	<i>Horvath</i>
Hot Hand	<i>Lupica</i>
Yang the Eldest and His Odd Jobs	<i>Namioka</i>
Saving Shiloh	<i>Naylor</i>
The Best School Year Ever	<i>Robinson</i>
The Year of Miss Agnes	<i>Hill</i>
Our Only May Amelia	<i>Holm</i>
Year of the Dog	<i>Lin</i>
Number the Stars	<i>Lowry</i>
Julia Gillian (and the Art of Knowing)	<i>McGhee</i>
Run Away Home	<i>McKissack</i>
Sarah Plain and Tall	<i>MacLachlan</i>
Seesaw Girl	<i>Park</i>
Dear America or Royal Diaries	<i>various authors</i>

Featured Author: Andrew Clements	
Frindle	The Report Card
The Landry News	Jake Drake Series
The Janitor's Boy	No Talking
The School Story	Lunch Money
A Week in the Woods	Room One: A Mystery or Two
The Jacket	Lost and Found

Fantasy and Science Fiction	
Whales on Stilts	<i>Anderson</i>
Artemis Fowl	<i>Colfer</i>
The Boggart	<i>Cooper</i>
The Tale of Despereaux	<i>Dicamillo</i>
City of Ember	<i>DuPrau</i>
Ella Enchanted	<i>Levine</i>
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	<i>Lewis</i>
I Was a Rat!	<i>Pullman</i>
The Lightning Thief	<i>Riordan</i>
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	<i>Rowling</i>
Summer Reading is Killing Me	<i>Scieszka</i>
Calling All Dragon: The Enchanted Forest...	<i>Wrede</i>
Wizard's Hall	<i>Yolen</i>

Biography	
Lou Gehrig: The Luckiest Man	<i>Adler</i>
Through My Eyes (Ruby Bridges)	<i>Bridges</i>
I'm Still Scared: A 26 Fairmont Avenue Book	<i>dePaola</i>
Always Inventing (Alexander G. Bell)	<i>Matthews</i>
They Called Her Molly Pitcher	<i>Rockwell</i>
The Remarkable Benjamin Franklin	<i>Harness</i>
John Muir: America's First Environmentalist	<i>Lasky</i>
Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor	<i>McCully</i>
Make Your Mark, Franklin Roosevelt	<i>St. George</i>
John Smith Escapes Again	<i>Schanzer</i>
Anne Frank	<i>Poole</i>
A Woman for President: The Story of Victoria Woodhull	<i>Krull</i>

Nonfiction Information	
Ballpark: The Story of America's Baseball Fields	<i>Curlee</i>
Liberty	<i>Curlee</i>
Knut: How One Little Polar Bear Captivated the World	<i>Hatkoff</i>
My Senator and Me	<i>Kennedy</i>
Outside and Inside Mummies	<i>Markle</i>
Slippery, Slimy Baby Frogs	<i>Markle</i>
Now & Ben: the Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin	Barretta
Big Alaska: Journey Across America's Most Amazing State	<i>Miller</i>
Boy, Were We Wrong About Dinosaurs!	Kudlinski
Spiders	<i>Simon</i>
Horses	<i>Simon</i>
The Journey of the One and Only Declaration of Independence	<i>St. George</i>
How Sweet It Is (and Was): The History of Candy	<i>Swain</i>
Math-terpieces	<i>Tang</i>
A Drop of Water	<i>Wick</i>

Choose 3 books that are just right for you!

5th Grade ELA Summer Reading

1. Choose **THREE** "just right" books to read. For ideas, select a title from the list, a different title written by any of the authors on the list, a Newbery Medal winner, or a book recommended by a teacher or a librarian.
2. Write the three titles and authors in the box below or on another piece of paper. Also, have your parent/guardian sign his or her name. Choose 1 book to complete your report.
3. Bring your list to school so that you can share your super, sensational, summer reading with other readers.

Name:		Grade:
Title	Author	Parent/Guardian Signature

5th Grade ELA Summer Reading Report

Directions: Please complete this for one book you read this summer. You may complete it directly on this form or write it on your own paper.

TITLE: _____

AUTHOR: _____

GENRE: What kind of story is it? _____

- ❖ Realistic fiction: a fictional story with characters and events that could have taken place
- ❖ Historical fiction: a fictional story set in the past with characters that take part in actual historical events
- ❖ Science fiction: imaginative, fictional story involving actual or futuristic scientific happenings
- ❖ Mystery: a fictional story with characters that try to solve a crime.
- ❖ Fantasy/Fairytale: a fictional story set in make-believe worlds, often with non-human characters and magic.

SETTING: When (time period) and where (places) did the story take place?

TIME: _____

PLACE: _____

Directions: Answer the following questions using complete sentences. (2 sentences at the least).

PROTAGONIST: Who is the main character in the story? This is the person that the story is mainly about. Most stories have one main character, although some have more than one.

CONFLICT: Every story has one, most stories have many. Choose the big problem that affects the main character in the beginning of the story and does not get resolved until the end. Be sure to include the main character in the problem. _____

CLIMAX/TURNING POINT: This is almost at the end of the story when the action changes and the problem begins to be resolved. After this point the loose ends are tied up. Often it is easier to figure out the resolution and then go back and ask, "When did an important change occur that led to the problem being solved?"

Remember: almost the end! _____

RESOLUTION: Go back to the problem and explain how it was resolved _____
