



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

If you like Historical Fiction.....

- ***A Place to Hang the Moon*** by Kate Albus
- ***Lifeboat 12*** by Susan Hood
- ***Prairie Lotus*** by Linda Sue Park
- ***Brother's Keeper*** by Julie Lee
- ***Pony*** by R.J. Palacio
- ***Loyalty*** by Avi
- ***The War That Saved My Life*** (series) by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

If you like Adventures, you'll love.....

- ***Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation*** (series) by Stuart Gibb
- ***Explorer Academy: The Nebula Secret*** (series) by Trudi Trueit
- ***Alone*** by Megan E Freeman
- ***Masterminds*** (series) by Gordon Korman
- ***The Unforgettable Logan Foster*** by Shawn Peters

If you like Realistic Fiction, try reading one of these excellent books:

- ***Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key*** by Gantos
- ***Roll with It*** by Jamie Sumner
- ***Holes*** by Louis Sachar
- ***Unteachables*** by Gordon Korman
- ***Front Desk*** by Kelly Yang
- ***Summer of the Swans*** by Byars
- ***New Kid*** by Jerry Craft (graphic novel)
- ***Hatchet*** by Gary Paulsen
- ***Finally Seen*** by Kelly Yang
- ***Superfudge*** by Judy Blume
- ***Frindle*** by Andrew Clements
- ***Crossover*** by Kwame Alexander

If you like Mysteries, you'll love:

- ***Space Case*** (series) by Stuart Gibbs
- ***The Screaming Staircase*** (series) by Jonathan Stroud
- ***Nooks and Crannies*** by Jessica Lawson
- ***The Frame-Up*** by Wendy McLeod MacKnight
- ***The Case of the Left-Handed Lady: An Enola Holmes Mystery*** (series) by Nancy Springer

If you like Fantasy and Sci-Fi, you'll love:

- ***Amari and the Night Brothers*** (series) by B.B. Alston
- ***The Endling: The Last*** (series) by Katherine Applegate
- ***Travis Davenport for the Win!*** by Wes Molebash
- ***Race to the Sun*** by Rebecca Roanhorse
- ***Escape from Atlantis*** by Kate O'Hearn
- ***Pahua and the Soul Stealer*** by Lori Lee
- ***Daughter of the Deep*** by Rick Riordan
- ***Last Mapmaker*** by Christina Soontornvat

**Choose 3 books
that are just right
for you!**

If you like **Animal Stories**, you'll love:

- ***Katie the Catsitter*** by Colleen AF Venable (graphic novel)
- ***Always Clementine*** by Carlie Sorosiak
- ***The One and Only Ivan*** by Katherine Applegate
- ***Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*** by Robert C. O'Brien
- ***Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer*** (series) by Kelly Jones
- ***A Whale in the Wild*** by Rosanne Parry
- ***Cress Watercress*** by Gregory Maguire
- ***The Aquanaut*** by Dan Santat

If you like **Funny**, you'll laugh your way through these books:

- ***Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life*** (series) by James Patterson and Chris Tebbetts
- ***The Worst Class Trip Ever*** (series) by Dave Barry
- ***The Last Kids on Earth*** (series) by Max Brallier
- ***Pie in the Sky*** by Remy Lai
- ***The Last Last Day of Summer*** by Lamar Giles
- ***Once Upon a Tim*** by Stuart Gibbs
- ***Crabgrass Comic Adventures*** by Tauhid Bondia

What about

Nonfiction/Informational? Here are some great choices:

- ***Accidental Archeologists: True Stories of Unexpected Discoveries*** by Sarah Albee
- ***Two Truths and a Lie*** by Ammi-Joan Paquette and Laurie Ann Thompson, illustrated by Lisa K. Weber
- ***So You Want to Be a Ninja?*** by Bruno Vincent
- ***A Brief History of Underpants*** by Christine Van Zandt
- ***The Thrifty Guide to Ancient Rome*** by Jonathan Stokes
- ***Black Heroes of the Wild West*** by James Otis Smith (graphic novel)
- ***Human Body Learning Lab*** by Betty Choi, M.D.
- ***Almanac 2023*** National Geographic Kids
- ***The Biggest Stuff in the Universe*** by Mr. DeMaio
- ***Wild Life! a Look at Nature's Odd Ducks, Underfrogs, and Other At-Risk Species*** by Re:Wild and Syd Robinson

If you prefer **Sports**.....

- ***Babe Ruth Saves Baseball*** by Frank Murohy
- ***Amazing Athletes*** by multiple authors
- ***Ballpark Mysteries*** by David A. Kelly
- ***Victory School Superstars Series*** by various authors
- ***Playing with Purpose*** by Mike Yorkey
- ***Family Huddle*** by Manning brothers and Madsen
- ***The Football Genius Series*** by Tim Green
- ***Comeback Kids Series*** by Mike Lupica
- ***Home Team Series*** by Mike Lupica
- ***The Contract*** by Derek Jeter and Paul Mantell
- ***Who Was? Series*** by various authors
- ***Throw like a Girl*** by Jennie Finch and Ann Killion
- ***The Middle School Rules Series*** by Sean Jensen and various athletes
- ***John Madden's Heroes of Football*** by John Madden
- ***Cal Ripken, Jr.'s All-Star Series*** by Cal Ripken Jr. and Kevin Cowherd
- ***Big Book of Who*** series by editors of Sports Illustrated for Kids

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.
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

SUMMER READING BINGO

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Read a book...

Read while...

Explore Genres...

Try something new...

Connect with others...

...with a one-word title

...wearing your pajamas

...that make you laugh out loud

...by an author you've never heard of

...then talk about it with a family member

...that was made into a movie

...under a blanket fort

...that are nonfiction

...with a main character who is different than you

...and act out your favorite part

...loved by a friend

...outside

FREE SPACE

...that's a graphic novel

...by sharing your book with someone younger than you

...with a number in the title

...on a rainy day

...that are fantasy or sci-fi

...and draw a new cover for it

...and write a note to the author

...that takes place in another country

...using a flashlight

...that are part of a series

...written in verse or rhyme

...and share your favorite quote with someone

Rising 5TH GRADE

READING

KEY SKILLS TO FOCUS ON:

- **Summarize** chapters and explain how ideas connect across a text.
- Describe **characters' traits**, motivations, and changes throughout a story.
- Use **context clues** to determine word meanings and identify **similes, metaphors, and idioms**.
- Compare similar **themes, characters, or events** across different books.
- Identify the narrator's **perspective** and analyze how it shapes the story.
- Read **persuasive texts** and evaluate if the author's reasoning is strong.

FUN ACTIVITIES:

- **Book Character Bio:** Create a pretend social media profile for a book character. Include all the important information about them.
- **Read & Cook:** Read a book that mentions food, then ask an adult to help you make a dish inspired by it.
- **Podcast Book Review:** Record a podcast episode discussing your reactions and predictions of a book.
- **Reading Road Trip:** Read a book set in each state or country and track locations on a map.

WRITING

KEY SKILLS TO FOCUS ON:

- Use a mix of short and long sentences to improve **writing style**.
- Write well-structured **paragraphs** with clear **main ideas and supporting details**.
- Use **sensory details** and vivid words to paint a picture for the reader.
- Develop detailed **characters, settings, and conflicts** in short stories.
- Write persuasive essays with claims supported by **reasons and evidence**.
- Research and use **multiple sources** to write informative essays.

FUN ACTIVITIES:

- **Travel Brochure for a Fictional Place:** Create a brochure for a setting from a book inviting people to visit.
- **Writing in Another Perspective:** Rewrite a story from a different character's point of view.
- **Invent a Superhero:** Design a superhero and write a short story about where they came from.
- **One Sentence Story Challenge:** Write a complete, detailed story using only one sentence.

MATH

KEY SKILLS TO FOCUS ON:

- **Multiplication & division** with multi-digit numbers
- **Equivalent fractions**
- **Adding and subtracting** fractions
- **Place value** with larger numbers and decimals
- **Interpreting** line plots and bar graphs
- Finding **factors & multiples**
- Basic **geometry** (angles, lines, symmetry)

FUN ACTIVITIES:

- **Road trip math:** Calculate distances and time estimates for destinations around your city/town.
- **Sports statistics:** Use real-world sports data to create and interpret graphs.
- **Dream room design:** Measure and calculate the area and perimeter for a DIY bedroom makeover.
- **Budget challenge:** Provide a budget and calculate what can be purchased from any store.
- **Multiplication Challenge:** Using any two numbers around you.