2019 SUMMER READING  
Rising 5th Grade Summer Reading List

This summer, rising 5th graders are required to read a total of three books. The first two books are required for all rising 5th graders. The third book is a choice novel. Students may choose any book from the choices given. For all three of these books, the students will complete a book report form that can be found under the “Related Forms” section of this website. Be sure you have the correct form as there is a Fiction form and a Non-fiction form.

Two required books for Language Arts: Assessment instructions can be found under the “Related Forms” section of this website.

Going, K. L.  
*The Liberation of Gabriel King*

Gabriel and Frita decide to overcome their many fears together as they enter fifth grade in Georgia in 1976. This novel has been chosen as the required read due to its excellent use of the literary elements taught throughout fifth grade language arts.

AND

Buyea, Rob  
*Because of Mr. Terupt*

Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut tell how their lives are changed by a "rookie teacher," Mr. Terupt.

Third required book: Choose 1 from the list below: Assessment instructions can be found under the “Related Forms” section of this website. Be sure you have the correct form.

Applegate, Katherine  
*The One and Only Ivan*

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.

Armstrong, William  
*Sounder*

Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young black boy grows in courage and understanding with the help of the devoted dog Sounder.
Birdsall, Jeanne  

*The Penderwicks: a Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy*

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.

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Clements, Andrew  

*The School Story*

After twelve-year-old Natalie writes a wonderful novel, her friend Zoe helps her devise a scheme to get it accepted at the publishing house where Natalie's mother works as an editor.

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Dahl, Roald  

*Boy: Tales of Childhood*

Presents humorous anecdotes from the author's childhood, including his summer vacations in Norway and life at an English boarding school. (Non-fiction)

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DuPrau, Jeanne  

*City of Ember*

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

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Hale, Shannon  

*The Princess Academy*

While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with the other girls from her mountain village, fourteen year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.

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Hiaasen, Carl  

*Hoot*

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.
Lupica, Mike  
*The Big Field*

When fourteen-year-old baseball player Hutch feels threatened by the arrival of a new teammate named Darryl, he tries to work through his insecurities about both Darryl, and his remote and silent father, who was once a great ballplayer too.

Mikaelson, Ben  
*Stranded*

Twelve-year-old Koby, who has lost a foot in an accident, sees a chance to prove her self-reliance to her parents when she tries to rescue two stranded pilot whales near her home in the Florida Keys.

Morgenstern, Susie  
*Secret Letters from 0 to 10*

Ernest lives a very quiet life in Paris with his grandmother until Victoria arrives in his school and turns life into an exciting adventure.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds  
*The Fear Place*

When he and his older brother Gordon are left camping alone in the Rocky Mountains, twelve-year-old Doug faces his fear of heights and his feelings about Gordon—with the help of a cougar.

Paterson, Katherine  
*Bridge to Terabithia*

The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

Riordan, Rick  
*The Lightning Thief* (or any books from the series you have not read)

Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon, and is sent to Camp Half Blood, a place for other kids like himself.
Snyder, Zilpha Keatley   
*The Egypt Game*

Melanie Ross and April Hall both love anything to do with ancient Egypt. When they stumble upon a deserted storage yard, they decide it’s the perfect spot for the Egypt Game. Everyone thinks it’s just a game until strange things start happening.

Turnage, Sheila   
*Three Times Lucky*

Moses LoBeau lives in the small town of Tupelo Landing, NC, where everyone's business is fair game and no secret is sacred. When a lawman comes to town asking about a murder, Mo and her best friend, Dale, set out to uncover the truth in hopes of saving the only family Mo has ever known.