



5th Grade Summer Reading Book List and Assignment

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Title	Author	Summary
<i>A Week in the Woods</i>	Clements, Andrew	The fifth grade's annual camping trip in the woods tests Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to a teacher who seems out to get him.
<i>Ella Enchanted</i>	Levine, Gail Carson	In this novel based on <i>Cinderella</i> , Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.
<i>Fever 1793</i>	Anderson, Laurie Halse	Sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.
<i>Getting Air</i>	Gutman, Dan	After foiling a hijacking aboard their airplane, fourteen-year-old Jimmy, his younger sister, and two skateboarding friends crash-land the plane and try to survive in a forest wilderness until help arrives.
<i>Ida B. and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World</i>	Hannigan, Katherine	In Wisconsin, Ida B spends happy hours being home-schooled and playing in her family's apple orchard, until her mother begins treatment for cancer and her parents must sell part of the orchard and send her to public school.
<i>Jason's Gold</i>	Hobbs, Will	Fifteen-year-old Jason embarks on a ten thousand-mile journey in 1897 in hopes of making it big after hearing the news that gold has been discovered in Canada's Yukon Territory.
<i>Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key</i> or any other <i>Joey Pigza</i> book	Gantos, Jack	To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription medications wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired.
<i>Little House on the Prairie</i> or any other <i>Little House</i> book	Wilder, Laura Ingalls	Laura and her sister Mary have amazing adventures when their family moves to Kansas in a covered wagon during the 1800s. Life is hard and the family struggles to build a farm while dealing with sickness, fires, dangerous animals, and other problems.
<i>London Eye Mystery</i>	Dowd, Siobhan	When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.
<i>Maze of Bones</i> (<i>39 Clues series #1</i>) or any other <i>39 Clues</i> book	Riordan, Rick	When Amy and Dan's grandmother gives them a choice—take a million dollars, or the first clue in a dangerous scavenger hunt—Amy and Dan set out on an adventure to solve the mystery of the 39 Clues. If they can solve the mystery, they will be the most powerful people in the world. Their evil relatives are hunting for the clues too and they aren't afraid to kill Amy and Dan for the next clue!

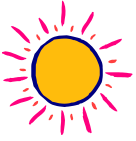


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<i>Ramona's World</i> or any other <i>Ramona</i> book	Cleary, Beverly	Ramona Quimby expects fourth grade to be the best year of her life; and although things do not go just as she had hoped, she still manages to have her share of adventures.
<i>Redwall</i> (<i>Redwall series #1</i>) or any other <i>Redwall</i> book	Jacques, Brian	When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny, Matthias, a young mouse, sets out on an adventure to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior. If he can find it, the sword will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy!
<i>Skeleton Man</i>	Bruchac, Joseph	After her parents mysteriously disappear and she is turned over to the care of a strange "great-uncle," Molly must rely on her dreams about an old Mohawk story for her safety and maybe even for her life.
<i>Smile</i>	Telgemeier, Raina	Middle school is even harder when you have braces and headgear! After losing some teeth in an accident, Raina tries to deal with her new "brace face" while being teased by her classmates and having a crush on a boy. Great graphic novel for visual learners!
<i>Stargirl</i>	Spinelli, Jerry	Stargirl, a teen who animates quiet Mica High with her colorful personality, suddenly finds herself shunned for her refusal to conform.
<i>Tale of Despereaux</i>	DiCamillo, Kate	The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.
<i>The Case of the Missing Marquess</i> (<i>Enola Holmes series #1</i>) or any other <i>Enola Holmes</i> book	Springer, Nancy	Enola Holmes, much younger sister of detective Sherlock Holmes, must travel to London in disguise to unravel the disappearance of her missing mother.
<i>The Lightning Thief</i> (<i>Percy Jackson series #1</i>) or any other <i>Percy Jackson</i> book	Riordan, Rick	Who stole Zeus' lightning bolt? After being accused of the theft, Percy (son of a mortal woman and a Greek god) and his new friends from Camp Half-Blood must go on a dangerous adventure to discover the real criminal before the gods destroy New York City!
<i>Varjak Paw</i>	Said, SF	Guided by the spirit of his legendary Mesopotamian ancestor, Jalal, Varjak Paw, a pure-bred cat, leaves his home and pampered existence and sets out to save his family from the evil Gentleman who took away their owner, the Contessa. Mystery in Paris!
<i>The Witches</i>	Dahl, Roald	A young boy and his Norwegian grandmother, who is an expert on witches, together foil a witches' plot to destroy the world's children by turning them into mice.



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WRITING ASSIGNMENT: You will complete a written book review in school on either the second or third day of school. Your teacher will review the process with you. A rubric will be used to grade your writing assignment. In addition, you will need to print out and complete the graphic organizer labeled “GO grades 4 & 5” located on this web site. Bring the graphic organizer to class the first day of school, Wednesday, September 7, 2011.