

2007 Summer Reading List for Incoming Fifth Graders

Dear Parents,

Attached is a suggested reading list for incoming fifth graders. To help your child find their reading level, have them read a full page. Fewer than two mistakes indicate a comfortable read for your child. Please remember that the goal of summer reading is for enjoyment and to maintain reading skills. Therefore, we require students to turn in an assignment upon their return to school. We recommend that each child read a minimum of two books. Have your child choose their favorite book and complete the attached book summary. Also, encourage your child to share their opinion of the book with the family and to engage in some optional, post reading activities. Your child's homeroom teacher will collect the assignment during the first week of school to facilitate a Language Arts lesson. We hope you enjoy a safe summer vacation.

Sincerely,
Grade Five Teachers

Summer reading assignment –Please read at least three books of your choice and complete the summary below for your favorite book. Be prepared to discuss the book with your peers.

Mystic Middle School Fifth Grade Summer Reading List

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
Alcock	<i>A Kind of Thief</i>
Arnosky, Jim	<i>Gray Boy</i>
Banks,Lynn Reid	<i>The Fairy Rebel</i>
Bawden, Nina	<i>Henry</i>
Boyd	<i>Breadsticks and Blessing Places</i>
Burgess	<i>Oren Bell</i>
Clearly, Beverly	<i>Strider</i>
Collier, James Lincoln*	<i>My Brother Sam Is Dead</i>
Defoe, Daniel	<i>Robinson Crusoe</i>
Dingle, Derek	<i>First in the Field: Baseball Hero</i>
	<i>Jackie Robinson</i>
Elmore	<i>Susannah and the Blue House Mystery</i>
Fitzhugh	<i>Harriet the Spy</i>
Fleischmann	<i>The Burning Room</i>
Fritz, Jean*	<i>Explorers Who Got Lost</i>
Gaeddert, Lou Ann	<i>Breaking Free</i>
Gipson, Fred	<i>Old Yeller</i>
Greene	<i>Beat the Turtle Drum</i>
Hamilton	<i>The House of Dies Drear</i>
Hermes	<i>Kevin Corbett Eats Flies</i>
Hesse, Karen	<i>Letters from Rifka</i>
Hest, Amy	<i>The Private Notebook of Katie Roberts, Age 11</i>

Howe, James Konigsburg*	<i>Return to Holiday Inn</i> <i>From the Mixed Up Files of</i> <i>Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i> <i>Three Lives To Live</i>
Lindbergh Lowry, Lois Mahy McCloskey MacLachlan	<i>Anastasia Krupnik and the series</i> <i>Underrunners</i> <i>Homer Price</i> <i>The Facts and Fictions of</i> <i>Minna Pratt</i> <i>Stones In Water</i> <i>Shiloh</i>
Napoli, Donna Jo Naylor, Phyllis* Neville, Emily Paulsen, Gary Petersen, P.J. Rawls, Margorgie Sawyer	<i>It's Like This, Cat</i> <i>Mr. Tucket</i> <i>White Water</i> <i>Where The Red Fern Grows</i> <i>Roller Skates</i>
St. George, Judith Uchida Wells, Rosemary	<i>Sacagawea</i> <i>A Jar Of Dreams</i> <i>Mary on Horseback:</i> <i>Three Mountains</i>
Wilder , Laura Woodruff, Elvira	<i>Little House In the Big Woods</i> <i>The Orphan of Ellis Island:</i> <i>A Time-Travel Adventure</i>
<u>Non-fiction</u>	
Ballard, Robert 291 Hamilton, Virginia	<i>Ghost Liners</i> <i>In the Beginning: Creation Myths from</i> <i>Around the World</i>
301.45 Stanek 305.2 Freedman, Russell 325.1 Fisher	<i>We Came from Vietnam</i> <i>Children of the Wild West</i> <i>Ellis Island: Gateway to</i> <i>the New World</i>
355.8 Byam 362.4 Smith 398 Curry	<i>Arms and Armour</i> <i>A Guide Dog Goes to School</i> <i>Back in the Beforetime: Tales of the</i> <i>California Indians</i>
398 Lester	<i>How Many Spots Does</i> <i>a Leopard Have?</i>
591.4 Giblin 599.74 Patent 621.8 Zubrowski 629.45 Pogue 793 Caney 793.8 Broekel 796.357 Golenbock 920 Byars 930.1 Hackwell	<i>Inside the Whale and Other Animals</i> <i>Gray Wolf, Red Wolf</i> <i>Wheels at Work</i> <i>How Do You Go to the Bathroom in Space?</i> <i>Steven Caney's Kids' America</i> <i>Now You See It: Easy Magic for Beginners</i> <i>Teammates</i> <i>The Moon and I</i>
970.1 Freedman, Russell*	<i>Diving to the Pas : Recovering Ancient</i> <i>Wrecks</i> <i>Buffalo Hunt</i>

- *Indicates any title by the author is recommended*

We also recommended any former Nutmeg book award winners or nominees. Enclosed is a list of the Nutmeg nominees.

