

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading List for Summer 2014**

**All students are encouraged to read throughout the summer.** Please keep a log of all that you read! You can download the *5<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Log* from the library website, or create a journal of your own. **Students entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade are to read at least 3 books.**

1. Please read the following book for English:

**Babbitt, Natalie. *Tuck Everlasting***

The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing any older.

2. Choose 2 more books to read: at least one should be from the following list:

**Alexander, Lloyd. *The Book of Three (The Chronicles of Prydain series)*.** - Taran, the Assistant Pig Keeper in the mythical kingdom of Prydain, sets out with the warrior Gwydion to save his country from evil.

**Baskin, Nora Raleigh. *Anything But Typical*.** - Jason is a boy with autism. Kids at school think he is “weird” and usually avoid him. Jason finally finds friendship with a girl in his online writing group. Will a face-to-face meeting change their friendship?

**Bridges, Ruby. *Through My Eyes*.** - In 1960, all of America watched as a six-year-old black girl, surrounded by federal marshals, walked through a mob of screaming segregationists and into her school. This is her story complete with photographs of the events.

**Broach, Elise. *Masterpiece*.** - After Marvin, a beetle, makes a miniature drawing as an eleventh birthday gift for James, a human with whom he shares a house, the two new friends work together to help recover a Durer drawing stolen from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

**Burnett, Frances Hodgson. *The Little Princess*.** - An imaginative, wealthy, good little girl retains her royal composure even when banished to the attic as a charity pupil after her English boarding school mistress hears that her father has died in poverty.

**Byars, Betsy Cromer. *Moon and I*.** – Betsy Byars recounts the humorous results of her recent encounter with a very large, slightly mysterious black snake. It becomes a springboard for tracing her lifelong love of animals, and also her likes and dislikes, successes and failures as a writer.

**Cushman, Karen. *Alchemy and Meggy Swann*.** - In 1573, the crippled, scorned, and destitute Meggy Swann goes to London, where she meets her father, an impoverished alchemist, and eventually discovers that although her legs are bent and weak, she has many other strengths.

**Dahl, Roald. *Boy: Tales of Childhood*.** - Presents humorous anecdotes from the author's childhood which includes summer vacations in Norway and an English boarding school.

**DiCamillo, Kate. *The Magician's Elephant*.** - When ten-year-old orphan Peter Augustus Duchene encounters a fortune teller in the marketplace one day and she tells him that his

sister, who is presumed dead, is in fact alive, he embarks on a remarkable series of adventures as he desperately tries to find her.

**Fitzhugh, Louise. *Harriet the Spy*.** - Eleven-year-old Harriet, who is a spy, plans to be a writer and keeps a secret notebook filled with thoughts and notes on her schoolmates and people she observes on her after-school spy route. Her classmates find out, read her notebook, and retaliate. Harriet learns that writing is not to be used against your friends.

**Fox, Paula. *One-Eyed Cat*.** - Eleven-year-old Ned disobeys his parents and sneaks the air rifle his uncle has given him out of the attic to take just one shot, but he is overcome with guilt when a one-eyed cat turns up at an elderly neighbor's woodshed and Ned is sure he is responsible for its sorry condition.

**Fritz, Jean. *Homesick: My Own Story*.** – The author's Newbery Honor-winning memoir of growing up in China in 1920's.

**Funke, Cornelia. *Dragon Rider*.** - After learning that humans are headed toward his hidden home, Firedrake, a silver dragon, is joined by a brownie and an orphan boy in a quest to find the legendary valley known as the Rim of Heaven. Encountering friendly and unfriendly creatures along the way, they struggle to evade the relentless pursuit of an old enemy.

**Giff, Patricia Reilly. *Eleven*.** - When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past, and, with the help of a new friend at school and the castle they are building for a school project, his questions are eventually answered.

**Hiassen, Carl. *Scat*.** - Nick and Marta are both suspicious when their biology teacher, the feared Mrs. Bunny Starch, disappears, and try to uncover the truth despite the police and headmaster's insistence that nothing is wrong.

**Holm, Jennifer L. *Turtle in Paradise*.** – It's 1935 and 11-year-old Turtle moves to Key West to live with her Aunt Minnie. Her mom is a live-in housekeeper, and her new employer does not want children around. Key West turns out to be fascinating, complete with a Diaper Gang, hidden pirates' treasures, and first cousins named Beans, Buddy, and Kermit. (2011 Newbery Honor)

**Jacques, Brian. *Redwall (series)*.** -When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

**Kelly, Jacqueline. *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*.** - In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather, the latter of which leads to an important discovery. (2010 Newbery Honor)

**Konigsburg, E. L. *The View from Saturday*.** - Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

**Lai, Thanhha. – *Inside Out & Back Again*.** - Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

**Lord, Cynthia. *Rules*.** – Twelve-year-old Catherine just wants a normal life. That's near impossible when you have a brother with autism and a family that revolves around his disability. She's spent years trying to teach David the rules from "a peach is not a funny-looking apple" to "keep your pants on in public. The summer Catherine meets Jason, a surprising, new sort-of friend, and her life changes: she has to ask "What is normal?"

**Lowry, Lois. *The Willoughbys*.** - The Willoughby's—Timothy; his twin brothers, Barnaby A and Barnaby B; and their little sister, Jane—are old-fashioned children who adore old-fashioned adventures. Little do they know that their neglectful mother and father are hatching an evil plan to get rid of them! Not to worry—these resourceful adventurers have a few plans of their own.

**Mass, Wendy. *Eleven Birthdays*.** - Amanda and Leo, best friends with the same birthday, had a falling out on their tenth birthday and have not spoken since, but peculiar things begin to happen as the day of their eleventh birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again.

**Naylor, Phillis Reynolds. *Shiloh series*.** - When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.

**O'Dell, Scott. *Island of the Blue Dolphins*.** – Based on a true story about a young Native American girl who lives alone on an island for eighteen years.

**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.

**Park, Linda Sue. *Project Mulberry*.** - While working on a project for an after-school club, Julia, a Korean American girl, and her friend Patrick learn not just about silkworms, but also about tolerance, prejudice, friendship, patience, and more.

**Riordan, Rick. *Any of the Olympian or Percy Jackson series***

**Ryan, Pam Muñoz. *The Dreamer*.** - A fictionalized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who grew up a painfully shy child, ridiculed by his overbearing father, but who became one of the most widely-read poets in the world.

**Selznick, Brian. *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*.** – When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toy seller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.