

# Entering 5th grade suggested reading material-2025-2026

## Suggested Titles:

- *Wonder*, by R.J. Palacio
- *The One and Only Ivan*, by Katherine Applegate
- *Wish Tree*, by Katherine Applegate
- *The Crossover*, by Kwame Alexander
- *Because of Winn Dixie*, by Kate DiCamillo
- *Frindle*, by Andrew Clements
- *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* (series), by Rick Riordan
- *Out of My Mind*, by Sharon M. Draper
- *Smile*, by Raina Telgemeier
- *The Babysitters Club* (series), by Raina Telgemeier and Ann M. Martin
- *National Park Mystery* (series), by Aaron Johnson
- *Al Capone Does My Shirts*, by Gennifer Choldenko
- *Full of Beans*, by Jennifer L Holm
- *Titanic*, by Gordon Korman
- *Neon Aliens Ate My Homework*, by Nick Cannon
- *Poetry for Young People*, edited by various authors
- *Slacker*, by Gordon Korman
- *My Side of the Mountain*, by Jean Craighead George
- *Forest World*, by Margarita Engel
- *The Last Kids on Earth*, by Max Brallier

## To find an article try:

- Newsela.com
- Timeforkids.com
- Your local newspaper

## Resources

- For a list of Newbery Award winners, visit <https://abqlibrary.org/newbery/All>
- For a list of National Book award winners, visit [nationalbook.org](http://nationalbook.org) and click on young people's literature
- For a list of book selected and voted on by children and teens, visit [everychildareader.net](http://everychildareader.net)
  - Check with your local librarian
  - Find a novel on Youtube

## Some of our favorite authors are:

- Gary Paulsen
- Lois Lowry
- Andrew Clements
- Roald Dahl
- C.S. Lewis
- Mike Lupica
- Sharon Creech
- Rick Riordan

## Summer Reading Choice Board!

### Grades 3-6

This summer, we want you to have fun and that includes summer reading. So, we've made a game of it. All you need to do is complete any three (3) reading tasks on the board. Have your parents sign off that you have accomplished the 3 tasks and you've won the game. During our first week of school, every ELA classroom will be sharing their choice reading boards and will be rewarded for their accomplishments. We can't wait to see what you select to read this summer. Whatever it is, remember to have fun doing it!

Read a book in a series.	Read 4 poems or lyrics by the same author	Read 2 editorials from a newspaper. Do you agree with their opinion?
Read a book of historical fiction	Read a current events article from a newspaper. This can be an online newspaper.	Read a graphic novel-one you haven't read in class
Listen to a novel as an audio book	Read a book that won any award like the National Book Award or Newbury Award	Read a novel in a genre of your choosing

## Parent/Guardian Participation:

We encourage parents to engage in their child's summer reading. We have offered questions to help foster this discussion before you sign off on its completion. Feel free to join us in the Choice summer reading challenge. Maybe make it a game in your own home!

Why did you choose this series to read? Would you recommend it to a friend? Why or why not?	Do you enjoy reading poetry? Why or why not? Did you see any commonalities in the poems you chose?	Editorials are people's opinions. How would you respond to the author of the editorial? Do you agree with the opinion expressed?
What interesting facts did you learn about history? Would this book make you want to learn more about the event? Why or why not?	Discuss the current event topic selected by your student. Why did they choose to read it?	Share a passage from the graphic novel you really enjoyed. Look at the artwork from the book together.
Did you like listening to an audio book? What were some advantages and disadvantages of listening to a book rather than reading it?	Why do you think this book won an award? What rating would you give it and why?	Why do you prefer reading this type of genre? What is your least favorite genre and why?

I affirm that my child \_\_\_\_\_ has completed the summer reading choice challenge and we have discussed the tasks.

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