

Dear soon-to-be 5<sup>th</sup> grader,



Mrs. Clayton here! Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Colvin, or I will be your 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading teacher next year. We **LOVE** to read. We are looking forward to a summer break exploring new characters, new worlds, and taking adventures that only words can create. Our hope is to instill this love of reading in you and help you take your reading experience to a whole new level.

This summer we would like for you to do some enjoyable reading and log it on the attached reading log. You will turn this reading log in on the first day of school. This log will help us, as your new teachers, to get to know you as readers. We will use this information to choose books that will interest you and help you to grow.

In addition to reading for enjoyment, we would also like to encourage you to complete an **optional** Summer Reading Assignment. The assignment is to choose a book from the attached list and create a book report that shows your understanding and interpretation of what you have read. The way you choose to create your book report is up to you! You can write a traditional paper over the book, create a cereal box book report, a diorama, a brochure, poster...**ANYTHING!** All we ask is that you show us your creative side and have fun! You can turn your book report in on the first day of school and we will display them in the library! **(Remember, this is completely optional and meant to be fun!)** You will want to make sure that you include details on the following:

- Plot
- Setting
- Characters (main and supporting)
- Climax
- Resolution
- And, would you recommend the book to others?

Again, have fun with this! Any of the books on this list are bound to entertain you. We hope you have a safe and fun-filled **summer** and look forward to meeting you in **August!**

Your reading teachers,

Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Colvin, and Mrs. Watson

# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Book List

Choose just 1 book from this list and create a book report that can be displayed the first week of school!

Left Out by Tim Green

Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

Wishtree by Katherine Applegate

Jackie and Me, A Baseball Card Adventure by Dan Gutman

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe  
by C.S. Lewis

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

Trumpet of the Swans by E.B. White

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Loser by Jerry Spinelli

# SUMMER READING LOG

DATE	TITLE	PAGES

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