## **Entering Grade 5 Summer Reading:**

All incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade students must read at least TWO books on this list. Choose books you have not read before. Students are encouraged to choose more than two books. All students should bring a list of the books they read into school on the first day.

The Terrible Two by Barnett (Series)
Belly Up by Gibbs (Fun Jungle Series)
The Brixton Brothers by Barnett (series)
A Duet for Home by Karina Yan Glaser
The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George
Speare

Lily's Crossing by Patricia Reilly Giff
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
Peter Pan by J.M Barrie
History Smashers Series by Kate Messner
Daughter of the Mountains by Louise Rankin
Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly
The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
Rascal by Sterling North
Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh
Redwall by Brian Jacques (or another in the series)

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson Any from the Crispin Series by Avi King of the Wind by Margaret Henry My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

The Great Turkey Walk by Kathleen Karr

A Tree in the Trail by Holling Clancy Hollings
(or any by this author)

Any in **The Narnia Chronicles** by C.S. Lewis (except **The Silver Chair**)

**Ella Enchanted** by Gail Carson Levine **The Lightning Thief** by Rick Riordan (or another in the series)

**The Phantom Tollbooth** by Norton Justin **The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P Figg** by Rodman Philbrick

A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck
Caddie Woodlawn by Carol R. Brink
Anne of Green Gables LM Montgomery
The Road to Paris by Nikki Grimmes
Whales on Stilts by M.T. Anderson
Snow Baby by Katherine Kirkpatrick
Penderwick Series by Jeanne Birdsall
Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks
Cornelia and the Audacious Escapades of
the Somerset Sisters by Lesley Blume
The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963
by Christopher Paul Curtis

Gertie's Leap to Greatness by Kate Beasley
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William
Kamkwamba

Teresa of Calcutta: Serving the Poorest of the **Poor** by D. Jeanene Watson

The assignment is to choose **one** of the books and **create** a *Paper Bag Book Report*. You will bring this in on the first day of school. The paper bag must be decorated in the theme of the book and must include the title, author, and your name. Inside the bag, you must include seven objects that relate to the story. The objects can be real or you can make them yourself. The items should be varied in nature.

You also need to write a three-paragraph book report. In the first paragraph, please give a summary of the plot. The second paragraph should give descriptions of the main characters. The last paragraph tells if you liked the book, why or why not. Reports must be typed and double spaced.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL READING CHALLENGE!

If you like to read and are up for a challenge, get ready! All students, who read **five or more** <u>additional</u> books from this list, will have a pizza party lunch. These five additional books are books that you have not previously read from this list. You and your parents must sign a book log. Bring your signed log to school on the first day.

## **Entering Grade 6 Summer Reading:**

All incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students must read at least TWO books on this list. Choose books you have not read before. Students are encouraged to choose more than two books. All students should bring a list of the books they read in to school on the first day.

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (or another Paulsen book)

Amos Fortune, Freeman by Elizabeth Yates

The Incredible Journey by Shelia Burnford

Call it Courage by Armstrong Sperry

Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery (or

another in the series)

**Esperanza Rising** by Pam Munoz Ryan

Half Magic by Edward Eager

The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke

Homeless Bird by Gloria Whelan

**Project Mulberry** by Linda Sue Park

Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief by Wendelin Van

Draanen

Mara, Daughter of the Nile by Eloise Jarvis McGraw

The Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American

Team's Epic Journey... by Daniel James Brown

The War That Saved My Life

by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Pay Attention Carter Jones by Schmidt

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Grabenstein

Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series by Rick Riordan

Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton

**Everything on a Waffle** by Polly Horvath

The Penderwicks on Gardam Street by Jeanne Birdsall

Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verne

The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPra

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

The Inquisitor's Tale by Hatem Aly

Nory Ryan's Song by Patricia Reilly Giff

Shakespeare Stealer by Gary Blackwood

100 Cupboards by N.D. Wilson

Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff

Rain Reign by Ann Martin

Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate

Matilda by Roald Dahl

Inkheart by Cornelia Funke

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

The assignment is to choose **one** of the books and **create** a *Paper Bag Book Report*. You will bring this in on the first day of school. The paper bag must be decorated in the theme of the book and must include the title, author, and your name. Inside the bag, you must include seven objects that relate to the story. The objects can be real or you can make them yourself. The items should be varied in nature.

You also need to write a one-page summary of the book including descriptions of the main characters, the main plot, and a description of the theme of the book. Include a paragraph that tells whether you liked the book or not and why. Reports must be typed and double spaced.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL READING CHALLENGE!

If you like to read and are up for a challenge, get ready! All students, who read **five or more** <u>additional</u> books from this list, will have a pizza party lunch. These five additional books are books that you have not previously read from this list or were pre-approved by your teacher. You and your parents must sign a book log. Bring your signed log to school on the first day.

**Choose your own adventure!** If you would like to choose your own summer reading, feel free to make your own list. Please choose books at or above your grade level. Submit the typed list to your current LA teacher for pre-approval.