

5th Grade Summer Reading List

Aligned to Wit & Wisdom

Dear Families of Rising 5th Graders,

We are so excited to welcome you into 5th grade! To help your child do their best and prepare for the 5th grade, we ask that you spend some time this summer reading as many of the selected texts below. All of these texts are aligned to our ELA curriculum, which will help prepare your child for all of the 5th grade units in the curriculum. Many of the texts listed below include a Lexile level, however, please do not worry too much about each text's level, and allow your child to read the books that most interest them.

On the last page, you will find a summer reading tracker. Encourage your child to read new books by keeping track of books they read this summer. Please have your child bring back their tracker to discuss with classmates on the first day of school!

Grade 5: Cultures in Conflict

Historical Texts:

- Sacajawea, Joseph Bruchac
- Trail of Tears, Joseph Bruchac
- A History of US: The New Nation: 1789-1850, Joy Hakim
- How We Crossed the West: The Adventures of Lewis and Clark, Rosalyn Schanzer
- Only the Names Remain: The Cherokees and the Trail of Tears, Alex W. Bealer

Novels:

- (690L) Seaman's Journal: On the Trail with Lewis and Clark, Patricia Eubank
- (790L) Zia, Scott O'Dell
- (820L) Sing Down the Moon, Scott O'Dell
- (860L) Julie of the Wolves, Jean Craighead George
- (970L) The Birchbark House, Louise Erdrich
- (1000L) Island of the Blue Dolphins, Scott O'Dell
- (N/P) Salt: A Story of Friendship in a Time of War, Helen Frost

Stories

- (1160L) *As Long as the Rivers Flow: Stories of Nine Native Americans*, Paula Gunn
- Allen and Patricia Clark Smith
- (N/A) American Indian Stories, Zitkala-Sa

Grade 5: Word Play

Historical/Scientific/Technical Accounts

- (590L) The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus, Jen Bryant and Melissa Sweet
- (AD820L) A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams, Jen Bryant and Melissa Sweet

Novels

- (660L) The Dreamer, Pam Muñoz Ryan and Peter Sís
- (720L) The BFG, Roald Dahl
- (720L) Rain Reign, Ann M. Martin

Poetry

- (NP) Lemonade and Other Poems Squeezed from a Single Word, Bob Raczka

Picture Books

- (NP) C B D!, William Steig

Grade 5: A War Between Us**Historical Account**

- (980L) Chasing Lincoln's Killer, James Swanson
- (N/A) Gardner's Photographic Sketchbook of the Civil War, Alexander Gardner

Novel

- (760L) Red Moon at Sharpsburg, Rosemary Wells
- (810L) Bull Run, Paul Fleischman
- (820L) With Every Drop of Blood, James Collier and Christopher Collier
- (860L) How I Found the Strong, Margaret McMullan
- (950L) The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg, Rodman Philbrick
- (1000L) Soldier's Heart, Gary Paulsen
- (1070L) Elijah of Buxton, Christopher Paul Curtis
- (1100L) Across Five Aprils, Irene Hunt

Stories

- (1160L) Civil War Stories, Ambrose Bierce
- (NP) Unspoken: A Story from the Underground Railroad, Henry Cole

Grade 5: Breaking Barriers**Biographies**

- (580L) America's Champion Swimmer: Gertrude Ederle, David Adler
- (610L) A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin, Jen Bryant
- (AD730L) Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman, Kathleen Krull
- (800L) Who Was Roberto Clemente?, James Buckley, Jr.
- (800L) Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates, Jonah Winter
- (810L) Ada Lovelace, Poet of Science: The First Computer Programmer, Diane Stanley
- (AD880L) Jesse Owens: Fastest Man Alive, Carole Boston Weatherford
- (1060L) Babe Didrikson Zaharias: The Making of a Champion, Russell Freedman
- (N/A) Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille, Jen Bryant

Historical Accounts

- (1280L) Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom (With a Few Flat Tires Along the Way), Sue Macy
- (N/A) Mr. Matisse and His Cutouts, Annemarie van Haeringen

Novels

- (AD700L) The Bat Boy and His Violin, Gavin Curtis
- (730L) In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson, Bette Bao Lord

Stories

- (870L) America Street: A Multicultural Anthology of Stories, Anne Mazer

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