

Rising 5th and 6th Grade Summer Reading List - 2024

- Students are required to read one novel over the summer and complete the attached Book Review.
- Below are a few reading suggestions. These are in no way required, simply a few examples other 5th and 6th graders have enjoyed reading over summer break.
- Book Review should be brought back to school on Book Day. Any questions regarding a book choice, please contact me at kstackow@seeschool.com
- **Extra Credit Opportunity!**
Choose one additional grade level appropriate book to read over the summer and complete another book report using the form provided labeled “Extra Credit Report”

The One and Only Bob By Katherine Applegate Return to the unforgettable world of the Newbery Medal-winning and #1 *New York Times* bestselling novel *The One and Only Ivan*. *Bob sets out on a dangerous journey in search of his long-lost sister with the help of his two best friends, Ivan and Ruby. As a hurricane approaches and time is running out, Bob finds courage he never knew he had and learns the true meaning of friendship and family.*

Front Desk by Kelly Yang Recent immigrants from China and desperate for work and money, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel in Southern California, even though the owner, Mr. Yao is a nasty skinflint who exploits them; while her mother (who was an engineer in China) does the cleaning, Mia works the front desk and tries to cope with demanding customers and other recent immigrants--not to mention being only one of two Chinese in her fifth grade class, the other being Mr. Yao's son, Jason.

The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book 1) by Rick Riordan Percy Jackson is about to be kicked out of boarding school...again. And that's the least of his troubles. Lately, mythological monsters and the gods of Mount Olympus seem to be walking straight out of the pages of Percy's Greek mythology textbook and into his life. And worse, he's angered a few of them.

Escaping the Giant Wave: Peg Kehret

The worst vacation ever! Thirteen-year old Kyle thought spending a vacation on the Oregon coast with his family would be great. He'd never flown before, and he'd never seen the Pacific Ocean. Kyle's perfect vacation becomes a nightmare while he's babysitting his sister, BeeBee. An earthquake hits the coast and starts a fire in their hotel.

Liar and Spy: Rebecca Stead

The instant New York Times bestseller from the author of the Newbery Medal book *When You Reach Me*: a story about spies, games, and friendship. Seventh grader Georges moves into a Brooklyn apartment building and meets Safer, a twelve-year-old self-appointed spy. Georges becomes Safer's first spy recruit. His assignment? Tracking the mysterious Mr.

X, who lives in the apartment upstairs. But as Safer becomes more demanding, Georges starts to wonder: what is a lie, and what is a game?

Chasing Vermeer Blue Balliet This bewitching first novel is a puzzle, wrapped in a mystery, disguised as an adventure, and delivered as a work of art. When a book of unexplainable occurrences brings Petra and Calder together, strange things start to happen: Seemingly unrelated events connect; an eccentric old woman seeks their company; an invaluable Vermeer painting disappears. Before they know it, the two find themselves at the center of an international art scandal.

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler E.L.Konigsburg

When suburban Claudia Kincaid decides to run away, she knows she doesn't just want to run *from* somewhere, she wants to run *to* somewhere -- to a place that is comfortable, beautiful, and, preferably, elegant. She chose the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Knowing that her younger brother Jamie has money and thus can help her with a serious cash-flow problem, she invites him along.

Ghost Buddy: Zero to Hero Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver

Billy Broccoli is new to the neighborhood, and wants cool friends and a spot on the baseball team more than anything. But the one thing he never wanted is his own personal ghost. So imagine his surprise when he ends up sharing a room with Hoover Porterhouse, a funny ghost with a whole lot of attitude. When an obnoxious school bully sets out to demolish Billy, Hoover comes up with a plan for revenge. It's all in the Hooves's Rule Number Forty-Two: Stay cool. And like it or not, Billy and the Hoove have to stick together if Billy ever wants to get in style, get even, and conquer the school, Virginia **Readers' Choice Selection**

Storm Runners Roland Smith

Chase Masters and his father are "storm runners," racing across the country in pursuit of hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods. Anywhere bad weather strikes, they are not far behind. Chase is learning more on the road than he ever would just sitting in a classroom. But when the hurricane of the century hits, he will be tested in ways he never could have imagined.

VA Readers' Choice Selections 2013-2014

Spy School: Stuart Gibbs Ben Ripley may only be in middle school, but he's already pegged his dream job: C.I.A. or bust. Unfortunately for him, his personality doesn't exactly scream "secret agent." In fact, Ben is so awkward, he can barely get to school and back without a mishap. Because of his innate nerdiness, Ben is not surprised when he is recruited for a magnet school with a focus on science—but he's entirely shocked to discover that the school is actually a front for a junior C.I.A. academy. Could the C.I.A. really want *him*? Actually, no. There's been a case of mistaken identity—but that doesn't stop Ben from trying to morph into a supercool undercover agent, the kind that always gets the girl. And through a series of hilarious misadventures, Ben realizes he might actually be a halfway decent spy...if he can survive all the attempts being made on his life! Series with three books so far **virginia Readers' Choice 2014-2015**

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library (*Mr. Lemoncello Series #1* by Chris Grabenstein) Can you find your way out of what James Patterson calls the "coolest library in the world"? Can you find your way out of what James Patterson calls the "coolest library in the world"? Join gamer-fan Kyle Keeley as he competes in the escape game of a lifetime!

Mystery In Rocky Mountain National Park: A Mystery Adventure in the National Parks (National Park Mystery Series)

by [Aaron Johnson](#)

Before Jake's grandfather died, he was on the trail of a centuries-old mystery. And he has entrusted that mystery to Jake, leaving behind a set of hidden codes, riddles, maps, and other clues that lead Jake and his friends on a scavenger hunt into the heart of Colorado's wild and rugged Rocky Mountain National Park.

Through twists and turns, the mystery unfolds while Jake, Amber, and Wes learn about survival skills, natural history, integrity, character, and friendship.

While camping in Rocky Mountain National Park, they discover they are not the only ones on this quest. An elusive shadow group is close on their heels.

The Hero Two Doors Down: Based on the True Story of Friendship Between a Boy and a Baseball Legend

by [Sharon Robinson](#)

Based on the true story of a boy in Brooklyn who became neighbors and friends with his hero, Jackie Robinson.

Stephen Satlow is an eight-year-old boy living in Brooklyn, New York, which means he only cares about one thing—the Dodgers. Steve and his father spend hours reading the sports pages and listening to games on the radio. Aside from an occasional run-in with his teacher, life is pretty simple for Steve. But then Steve hears a rumor that an African American family is moving to his all-Jewish neighborhood. It's 1948 and some of his neighbors are against it. Steve knows this is wrong. His hero, Jackie Robinson, broke the color barrier in baseball the year before. Then it happens—Steve's new neighbor is none other than Jackie Robinson! Steve is beyond excited about living two doors down from the Robinson family. He can't wait to meet Jackie. This is going to be the best baseball season yet! How many kids ever get to become friends with their hero?

The Lemonade War (The Lemonade War Series) by [Jacqueline Davies](#)

Here is a clever blend of humor, math wizardry, and business know-how. As it captures the one-of-a-kind bond between brother and sister, this poignant novel also subtly explores how arguments can escalate beyond anyone's intent.

For a full hour, he poured lemonade. The world is a thirsty place, he thought as he nearly emptied his fourth pitcher of the day. And I am the Lemonade King.

Evan Treski is people-smart. He's good at talking with people, even grownups. His younger sister Jessie, on the other hand, is math-smart—but not especially good at understanding people. She knows that feelings are her weakest subject.

With just five days left of summer vacation, Evan and Jessie launch an all-out war to see who can sell the most lemonade before school starts. As the battleground heats up, there really is no telling who will win—and even more important, if their fight will ever end.

The six books in this fun-to-read series are:

- *The Lemonade War*
- *The Lemonade Crime*
- *The Bell Bandit*
- *The Candy Smash*
- *The Magic Trap*
- *The Bridge Battle*

The Unteachables by Gordon Korman

A hilarious new middle grade novel from beloved and bestselling author Gordon Korman about what happens when the worst class of kids in school is paired with the worst teacher—perfect for fans of *Ms. Bixby's Last Day*. A good choice for summer reading or anytime!

The Unteachables are a notorious class of misfits, delinquents, and academic train wrecks. Like Aldo, with anger management issues; Parker, who can't read; Kiana, who doesn't even belong in the class—or any class; and Elaine (rhymes with pain). The Unteachables have been removed from the student body and isolated in room 117.

Their teacher is Mr. Zachary Kermit, the most burned-out teacher in all of Greenwich. He was once a rising star, but his career was shattered by a cheating scandal that still haunts him. After years of phoning it in, he is finally one year away from early retirement. But the superintendent has his own plans to torpedo that idea—and it involves assigning Mr. Kermit to the Unteachables.

Book Report

Title: _____

Author: _____

Genre: (fiction, non fiction, mystery, etc.) _____

Setting: (time and place): _____

One sentence summary of the book: _____

Main Character: _____

4 Physical Traits:

4 Personality Traits (intelligent, brave, generous)

How has the main character changed throughout the story? _____

Be sure to write in complete sentences for the rest of these questions.

Plot

Beginning: _____

Middle: _____

End: _____

What does the book teach the reader?

What is your opinion of this book? Why?

Extra Credit Book Report

Title: _____

Author: _____

Genre: (fiction, non fiction, mystery, etc.) _____

Setting: (time and place): _____

One sentence summary of the book: _____

Main Character: _____

4 Physical Traits:

4 Personality Traits (intelligent, brave, generous)

How has the main character changed throughout the story? _____

Plot

Beginning: _____

Middle: _____

End: _____

What does the book teach the reader?

What is your opinion of this book? Why?
