

Rising 5th Grade Summer Reading List

***All students are required to read Flush, by Carl Hiaasen and complete the **3 attached activities**. The **sequence chart** should be completed while reading. The **book review** and **book cover** should be completed after finishing the novel.

We will begin our year with discussions of literary elements using this novel so it is essential they read this book carefully and complete the assignments attached. **It also might be a good idea to take notes as they read.**

The second book is their choice. I have provided some books students in previous years have read and enjoyed. If there is another book your child would like to read just email me the title of the book and author and I will send you an email confirming that the choice has been approved.

Included is a short **book review** to complete on that book.

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. While fighting their way through smoke and flame, Kyle remembers seeing a sign at the beach that said after...

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 chooses 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.

Tuesdays at the Castle

Jessica Day George

Princess Celie loves Tuesdays at Castle Glower, because every Tuesday the castle adds a new room, a turret, or sometimes a whole new wing, and Celie likes to map the changes to the castle, but when her parents, King and Queen Glower are taken captive, it falls to Celie and her knowledge of the castle to defend their home and save the kingdom. **Virginia Readers' Choice Selections 2014-2015**

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, the Hoove comes up with a plan for revenge. It's all in the Hoove'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 Selections 2013-2014

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**

One for the Murphys

Lynda Mullaly Hunt

A moving debut novel about a foster child learning to open her heart to a family's love Carley uses humor and street smarts to keep her emotional walls high and thick. But the day she becomes a foster child, and moves in with the Murphys, she's blindsided. This loving, bustling family shows Carley the stable family life she never thought existed, and she feels like an alien in their cookie-cutter-perfect household. Despite her resistance, the Murphys eventually show her what it feels like to belong--until her mother wants her back and Carley has to decide where and how to live. She's not really a Murphy, but the gifts they've given her have opened up a new future.

Virginia Readers' Choice 2014-2015

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**

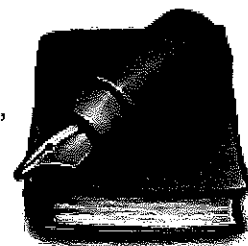
Sequence Chart

List the main events of **Flush** in the order in which they occurred.

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A Book Review

Now is your chance to share the novel with others. Write a review of ***Flush*** describing in no more than one paragraph an outline of the plot, and then in another paragraph how you enjoyed the novel (or didn't) and why. (Please don't give away the ending!) This review can be posted to a website like www.amazon.com for others to enjoy.

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A Book Cover

Create a **book cover** for *Flush*. Be sure to include the title, author, and a picture that will make other students want to read the novel.



Name: _____

Book Report Helper

Title: _____

Author: _____

Circle one: Fiction Nonfiction

Setting: (Where does the story take place?)

Character

Names: _____

Describe the main character. What kind of person is he or she?

The story begins with

The events in the story are: (include details)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

The story ends with

I learned that

I really liked

I didn't like when

