

## Incoming Fifth Grade Summer Reading 2025

This summer you are being asked to read for pleasure and keep track of what you read on the attached *Reading Log*. You must read a *minimum of three books* from the list below, although you may of course read more! You will bring in your completed reading log on the first day of school. Your teacher will randomly select a title from your reading log and ask you to write a summary of the book.

This is the list of recommended books for incoming Fifth Graders:

<i>A Dog's Life</i>	Ann M. Martin
<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i>	Christopher Paul Curtis
<i>Calico Bush</i>	Rachel Field
<i>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</i>	James L. Swanson
<i>The Great Gilly Hopkins</i>	Katherine Paterson
<i>Hello, Universe</i>	Erin Entrada Kelly
<i>The Hero Two Doors Down</i>	Sharon Robinson
<i>Immigrant Kids</i>	Russell Freedman
<i>Maniac Magee</i>	Jerry Spinelli
<i>Nelson Mandela "No Easy Walk to Freedom"</i>	Barry Denenberg
<i>Number the Stars</i>	Lois Lowry
<i>One Crazy Summer</i>	Rita Williams-Garcia
<i>Pax</i>	Sara Pennypacker
<i>Save Me a Seat</i>	Sara Weeks/Gita Varadarajan
<i>Soar</i>	Joan Bauer
<i>Stargirl</i>	Jerry Spinelli
<i>Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson</i>	Barry Denenberg

Please note that we will read the following books as a class during the course of the 2025-26 school year, so you might want to avoid reading them this summer. If you already have read one or more of them, that's fine. Rereading a book with more in-depth literary analysis is a good exercise!

<i>Hatchet</i>	Gary Paulsen
<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	Pam Muñoz Ryan
<i>Rules</i>	Cynthia Lord
<i>My Brother Sam is Dead</i>	J. L. Collier and C. Collier
<i>Flora and Ulysses</i>	Kate DiCamillo
<i>Chains</i>	Laurie Halse Anderson

Happy reading! See you in August!

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Book Title	Author	# of Pages	Date Completed

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_