

Incoming Fifth Grade Summer Reading 2026

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** this summer (although you may of course read more!). Two texts are required; the third book you may select from the list below. You will bring in your completed reading log on the first day of school and complete written exercises based on the three books you read.

1. Required Reading for all Upper School students:

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (Young Readers Edition) by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer

2. Required Reading for all rising 5th Grade students:

Front Desk by Kelly Yang

3. Your third book can be any of the following texts:

A Dog's Life by Ann M. Martin

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson

Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly

The Hero Two Doors Down by Sharon Robinson

Immigrant Kids by Russell Freedman

Nelson Mandela "No Easy Walk to Freedom" by Barry Denenberg

Pax by Sara Pennypacker

Save Me a Seat by Sara Weeks/Gita Varadarajan

Soar by Joan Bauer

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson by Barry Denenberg

A Boy Called Bat by Elana K. Arnold

The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

Note: we will read texts from the following list as a class during the 2026-2027 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!

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Happy reading! See you in August!

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Student Name: _____

Summer Reading Log

Book Title	Author	# of Pages	Date Completed

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____