

# Summer Reading List

for rising

5<sup>th</sup>

graders

Please choose 10 of these books to read during your Summer Vacation.

## ❑ Harry Potter series

Orphan Harry learns he is a wizard on his 11th birthday when Hagrid escorts him to magic-teaching Hogwarts School. As a baby, his mother's love protected him and vanquished the villain Voldemort, leaving the child famous as "The Boy who Lived". With his friends Hermione and Ron, Harry has to defeat the returned "He Who Must Not Be Named".

❑ Chasing Redbird by Sharon Creech  
To Zinny Taylor, life is like trying to untangle spaghetti - she needs to escape the chaos of her family. So when she finds a long-forgotten trail in the wild woods near her home, she resolves to follow it. It's a journey that leads her to unravel the dark secrets of her aunt's life - and her own. And while Zinny chases ghosts in the woods, gorgeous Jake Boone is determined to chase her.

❑ Holes by Louis Sachar  
Stanley Yelnats is under a curse. A curse that began with his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-great-grandfather and has since followed generations of Yelnats. Now Stanley has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention center, Camp Green Lake, where the warden makes the boys "build character" by spending all day, every day, digging holes: five feet wide and five feet deep. It doesn't take long for Stanley to realize there's more than character improvement going on at Camp Green Lake. The boys are digging holes because the warden is looking for something.

❑ The Warm Place by Nancy Farmer  
When Ruva, a young giraffe, is captured and sent to a zoo in San Francisco, she calls upon two rats, a street-smart chameleon, a runaway boy, and all the magical powers of the animal world to return to "the warm place" that is home.

❑ Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
When Marty Preston comes across a young beagle in the hills behind his home, it's love at first sight—and also big trouble. It turns out the dog, which Marty names Shiloh, belongs to Judd Travers who drinks too much and has a gun—and abuses his dogs. So when Shiloh runs away from Judd to Marty, Marty just has to hide him and protect him from Judd. But Marty's secret becomes too big for him to keep to himself, and it exposes his entire family to Judd's anger. How far will Marty have to go to make Shiloh his?

❑ Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell  
In the Pacific there is an island that looks like a big fish sunning itself in the sea. Around it, blue dolphins swim, otters play, and sea elephants and sea birds abound. Once, Indians also lived on the island. And when they left and sailed to the east, one young girl was left behind. — This is the story of Karana, the Indian girl who lived alone for years on the Island of the Blue Dolphins.

❑ Matilda by Roald Dahl  
Matilda is a little girl who is far too good to be true. At age five-and-a-half she's knocking off double-digit multiplication problems and blitz-reading Dickens. Even more remarkably, her classmates love her even though she's a super-nerd and the teacher's pet. But everything is not perfect in Matilda's world.

❑ Mick Harte Was Here by Barbara Park  
He was the kid who freaked out his mom by putting a ceramic eye in a defrosted chicken, the kid who did a wild dance in front of the whole school—and the kid who, if only he had worn his bicycle helmet, would still be alive today. But now Phoebe Harte's twelve-year-old brother is gone, and Phoebe's world has turned upside down.

❑ My Daniel by Pam Conrad  
"All I want to find is one dinosaur," Daniel was saying. "And I'll find it right here. Like I do all my fossils." Wandering through the Natural History Museum with her grandchildren, Julia Creath feels the presence of her dead brother, Daniel, she remembers a time when fossil fever hit everyone, old and young -- a time when people would kill for those old bones under the ground. Julia becomes the Nebraska farm girl she once was, as she weaves together the story of the great dinosaur rush.

❑ The View from Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg  
How has Mrs. Olinski chosen her sixth-grade Academic Bowl team? She had a number of answers. But were any of them true? How had she really chosen Noah and Nadia and Ethan and Julian? And why did they make such a good team? It was a surprise to a lot of people when Mrs. Olinski's team won the sixth-grade Academic Bowl contest at Epiphany Middle School. It was an even bigger surprise when they beat the seventh grade and the eighth grade, too. And when they went on to even greater victories, everyone began to ask: How did it happen?

- ❑ Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery  
As soon as Anne Shirley arrives at the snug white farmhouse called Green Gables, she is sure she wants to stay forever . . . but will the Cuthberts send her back to the orphanage? Anne knows she's not what they expected—a skinny girl with fiery red hair and a temper to match. If only she can convince them to let her stay, she'll try very hard not to keep rushing headlong into scrapes and blurting out the first thing that comes to her mind. Anne is not like anyone else, the Cuthberts agree; she is special—a girl with an enormous imagination. This orphan girl dreams of the day when she can call herself Anne of Green Gables.
- ❑ Old Yeller by Fred Gipson  
At first, Travis couldn't stand the sight of Old Yeller. The stray dog was ugly, and a thieving rascal, too. But he sure was clever, and a smart dog could be a big help on the wild Texas frontier, especially with Papa away on a long cattle drive up to Abilene. Strong and courageous, Old Yeller proved that he could protect Travis's family from any sort of danger. But can Travis do the same for Old Yeller?
- ❑ The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman  
Lyra is rushing to the cold, far North, where witch clans and armored bears rule. North, where the Gobblers take the children they steal--including her friend Roger. North, where her fearsome uncle Asriel is trying to build a bridge to a parallel world. Can one small girl make a difference in such great and terrible endeavors?
- ❑ The Book of Three by Lloyd Alexander  
Taran wanted to be a hero, and looking after a pig wasn't exactly heroic, even though Hen Wen was an oracular pig. But the day that Hen Wen vanished, Taran was led into an enchanting and perilous world. With his band of followers, he confronted the Horned King and his terrible Cauldron-Born. These were the forces of evil, and only Hen Wen knew the secret of keeping the kingdom of Prydain safe from them. But who would find her first?
- ❑ Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson  
Jess Aarons' greatest ambition is to be the fastest runner in his grade. He's been practicing all summer and can't wait to see his classmates' faces when he beats them all. But on the first day of school, a new girl boldly crosses over to the boys' side and outruns everyone. That's not a very promising beginning for a friendship, but Jess and Leslie Burke become inseparable. Together they create Terabithia, a magical kingdom in the woods where the two of them reign as king and queen, and their imaginations set the only limits.
- ❑ Out of this wild night, a strange visitor comes to the Murry house and beckons Meg, her brother Charles Wallace, and their friend Calvin O'Keefe on a most dangerous and extraordinary adventure - one that will threaten their lives and our universe.
- ❑ Because of Mr. Terupt  
It's the start of fifth grade for seven kids at Snow Hill School. Only Mr. Terupt, their new and energetic teacher, seems to know how to deal with them all. He makes the classroom a fun place, even if he doesn't let them get away with much . . . until the snowy winter day when an accident changes everything—and everyone.
- ❑ The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare  
Orphaned Kit Tyler knows, as she gazes for the first time at the cold, bleak shores of Connecticut Colony, that her new home will never be like the shimmering Caribbean island she left behind. In her relatives' stern Puritan community, she feels like a tropical bird that has flown to the wrong part of the world, a bird that is now caged and lonely. The only place where Kit feels completely free is in the meadows, where she enjoys the company of the old Quaker woman known as the Witch of Blackbird Pond
- ❑ James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl  
When James accidentally drops some magic crystals by the old peach tree, strange things start to happen. The peach at the top of the tree begins to grow, and before long it's as big as a house. When James discovers a secret entrance way into the fruit and crawls inside, he meets wonderful new friends. After years of feeling like an outsider in his aunt's' house, James finally found a place where he belongs. With a snip of the stem, the peach household starts rolling away--and the adventure begins!
- ❑ Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli  
Jeffrey Lionel "Maniac" Magee might have lived a normal life if a freak accident hadn't made him an orphan. After living with his unhappy and uptight aunt and uncle for eight years, he decides to run--and not just run away, but run. This is where the myth of Maniac Magee begins, as he changes the lives of a racially divided small town with his amazing and legendary feats.
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- ❑ **The City of Ember** by Jeanne DuPrau  
 Many hundreds of years ago, the city of Ember was created by the Builders to contain everything needed for human survival. It worked...but now the storerooms are almost out of food, crops are blighted, corruption is spreading through the city and worst of all—the lights are failing. Soon Ember could be engulfed by darkness.
- ❑ **The Sign of the Beaver** by Elizabeth George Speare  
 Twelve-year-old Matt is left on his own in the Maine wilderness while his father leaves to bring the rest of the family to their new settlement. When he befriends Attean, an Indian chief's grandson, he is invited to join the Beaver tribe and move north. Should Matt abandon his hopes of ever seeing his family again and go on to a new life?
- ❑ **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon** by Grace Lin  
 In the valley of Fruitless Mountain, a young girl named Minli spends her days working hard in the fields and her nights listening to her father spin fantastic tales about the Jade Dragon and the Old Man of the Moon. Minli's mother, tired of their poor life, chides him for filling her head with nonsense. But Minli believes these enchanting stories and embarks on an extraordinary journey to find the Old Man of the Moon and ask him how her family can change their fortune.
- ❑ **Missing May** by Cynthia Rylant  
 Ever since May, Summer's aunt and good-as-a-mother for the past six years, died in the garden among her pole beans and carrots, life for Summer and her Uncle Ob has been as bleak as winter. Ob doesn't want to create his beautiful whirligigs anymore, and he and Summer have slipped into a sadness that they can't shake off. They need May in whatever form they can have her -- a message, a whisper, a sign that will tell them what to do next.
- ❑ **The Sisters Grimm series** by Michael Buckley  
 Welcome to Ferryport Landing, a community where fairy-tale creatures - the Everafters - live alongside humans in peace. Well, sometimes. When crime's afoot, it's up to the fairy-tale detectives, Sabrina and Daphne Grimm. to investigate the case.
- ❑ **Skellig** by David Almond  
 Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel.
- ❑ **The Incredible Journey** by Sheila Burnford  
 Instinct told them that the way home lay to the west. And so the doughty young Labrador retriever, the roguish bull terrier and the indomitable Siamese set out through the Canadian wilderness. Separately, they would soon have died. But, together, the three house pets faced starvation, exposure, and wild forest animals to make their way home to the family they love.
- ❑ **Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH** by Robert C. O'Brien  
 Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with four small children, must move her family to their summer quarters immediately, or face almost certain death. But her youngest son, Timothy, lies ill with pneumonia and must not be moved. Fortunately, she encounters the rats of NIMH, an extraordinary breed of highly intelligent creatures, who come up with a brilliant solution to her dilemma.
- ❑ **Wonder** by R.J. Palacio  
 August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face.
- ❑ **The Egypt Game** by Zilpha Keatley Snyder  
 The first time Melanie Ross meets April Hall, she's not sure they'll have anything in common. But she soon discovers that they both love anything to do with ancient Egypt. When they stumble upon a deserted storage yard behind the A-Z Antiques and Curio Shop, Melanie and April decide it's the perfect spot for the Egypt Game. Everyone thinks it's just a game, until strange things begin happening to the players. Has the Egypt Game gone too far?
- ❑ **Walk Two Moons** by Sharon Creech  
 As Sal entertains her grandparents with Phoebe's outrageous story, her own story begins to unfold — the story of a thirteen-year-old girl whose only wish is to be reunited with her missing mother.
- ❑ **The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle** by Avi  
 An ocean voyage of unimaginable consequences... Not every thirteen-year-old girl is accused of murder, brought to trial, and found guilty. But I was just such a girl, and my story is worth relating even if it did happen years ago.

- ❑ **Alabama Moon by Watt Key**  
 For as long as ten-year-old Moon can remember, he has lived out in the forest in a shelter with his father. They keep to themselves, their only contact with other human beings an occasional trip to the nearest general store. When Moon's father dies, Moon follows his father's last instructions: to travel to Alaska to find others like themselves. But Moon is soon caught and entangled in a world he doesn't know or understand, apparent property of the government he has been avoiding all his life.
- ❑ **I am the Ice Worm by MaryAnn Easley**  
 Fourteen year-old Allison from suburban California is in a bush-plane flying to visit her mom in a small village in Alaska--and the plane crashes with her as the sole survivor.
- ❑ **Kit's Wilderness by David Almond**  
 The Watson family moves to Stoneygate, an old coal-mining town, to care for Kit's recently widowed grandfather. When Kit meets John Askew, another boy whose family has both worked and died in the mines, Askew invites Kit to join him in playing a game called Death. As Kit's grandfather tells him stories of the mine's past and the history of the Watson family, Askew takes Kit into the mines, where the boys look to find the childhood ghosts of their long-gone ancestors.
- ❑ **The Light Princess by George McDonald**  
 A princess doomed by a witch to lose her "gravity" results in a silly heroine that has neither physical nor spiritual weight.
- ❑ **Homeless Bird by Gloria Whelan**  
 Like many girls her age in the India of her time period, thirteen-year-old Koly is getting married. Full of hope and courage, she leaves home forever. But Koly's story takes a terrible turn when in the wake of the ceremony, she discovers she's been horribly misled about exactly what she is marrying into. Her future, it would seem, is lost. Yet this rare young woman, bewildered and brave, sets out to forge her own exceptional future.
- ❑ **Ranger's Apprentice Book One: The Ruins of Gorlan by John Flanagan**  
 They have always scared him in the past — the Rangers, with their dark cloaks and shadowy ways. The villagers believe the Rangers practice magic that makes them invisible to ordinary people. And now 15-year-old Will, always small for his age, has been chosen as a Ranger's apprentice. What he doesn't yet realize is that the Rangers are the protectors of the kingdom. Highly trained in the skills of battle and surveillance, they fight the battles before the battles reach the people. And as Will is about to learn, there is a large battle brewing.
- ❑ **The Mystery of Rascal Pratt by Robbie Scott and Gary Cianciarulo**  
 Set on the shores of San Francisco Bay in 1866, this adventure tale tells the story of twelve year old Emma Green who finds her world turned upside down when her father takes his first assignment as a lighthouse keeper at Point Bonita, a remote rock on the California coast. Despite Emma's isolation, she manages to make friends with the son of a powerful rancher and with the granddaughter of an American Indian. When a mysterious shipwreck survivor - a feverish boy who claims improbably to be a pirate - washes into their cove, secrets that have been hidden across generations are threatened.
- ❑ **The Shakespeare Stealer by Gary Blackwood**  
 Widge is an orphan with a rare talent for shorthand. His fearsome master has just one demand: steal Shakespeare's play "Hamlet" -- or else. Widge has no choice but to follow orders, so he works his way into the heart of the Globe Theatre, where Shakespeare's players perform.
- ❑ **From the Mixed up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by 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.

# Reading Bowl List

Students in grades 3-5 may apply to join the Elementary Reading Bowl academic team. Third graders do not compete on the team, but may participate in the club and other academic aspects in order to gain experience and a competitive edge for their fourth grade year. Students who apply for the Elementary Reading Bowl are required to read the full book list before submitting applications. Reading these books counts toward the Summer Reading Log Choice Board requirements.

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Reading Bowl books for the 2020-2021 year are as follows:

1. Creech, Sharon. Saving Winslow.
2. DiCamillo, Kate. Louisiana's Way Here.
3. Kelly, Lynne. Song for a Whale.
4. Korman, Gordon. The Unteachables.
5. Magoon, Kekla. Season of Styx Malone.
6. McDunn, Gillian. Caterpillar Summer.
7. Raúf, Onkali Q. The Boy at the Back of the Class.
8. Savage, Melissa. Lemons.
9. Swender, Jennifer. Solving for M.
10. Watson, Renée. Some Places More than Others.

# Summer Reading Choice Board

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Choose at least 10 activities to do with the books you chose to read. Each activity should be completed with a different book. Turn into your 5th grade teacher to earn a popsicle party and Dress Down Day!

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<p>Choose a character from your book and pretend to be them. Write a poem about yourself or someone else in your life. Be descriptive and detailed.</p>	<p>Design a new video game, app, or line of toys to help promote this book.</p>	<p>Write a postcard to a family member telling them about the book you read.</p>	<p>Consider how the author's life may have influenced how he/she wrote the text. What do you think led the author to write this book?</p>	<p>Choose a problem from the book. Was the problem solved? How? Write a different solution for the problem.</p>	<p>List parts of the text that appeal to each of the five senses: see, hear, smell, taste, touch.</p>
<p>You will be traveling to the place where your novel took place. Create an itinerary for your trip.</p>	<p>Write a letter to the main character in the book. Give them advice on how to solve the main problem they are facing.</p>	<p>Pretend you are interviewing a character in your book. Write down 5 questions you would ask, and predict what their answers might be.</p>	<p>Research a person or event from the text. Make an informational poster to explain what you found.</p>	<p>Make a hypothesis about what may have changed if a character were in a different setting.</p>	<p>Choose a character and imagine he/she had to pack a suitcase for a trip. What would you find in it and why?</p>
<p>You have been asked to write a sequel to the novel. The main characters should be included. What new conflict will your character face? Will they apply the lessons they learned from the first novel or make the same mistakes?</p>	<p>Choose a scene from the novel and prepare an acting script. Make sure you list which character is speaking and any non-verbal cues the actors need to know about.</p>	<p>Choose a character in your book to run for president. What are some campaign promises that you could make in order to secure their vote? Write a persuasive speech asking the characters for their votes.</p>	<p>Choose two characters from your book. Create a conversation between them. Determine a setting and write dialogue for how you think they would interact.</p>	<p>Write an email to the author describing your opinion of the book or a specific part of the book. Tell him/her one thing you enjoyed, one thing you would change, and one question you still have.</p>	<p>Create a timeline that details the main events, in order in the book. Include specific dates when you can.</p>