



Entering Fifth Grade Summer Reading

Suggested Book Title	Author	Sneak Preview
Required Reading: No Talking	Andrew Clements Fiction	"You have the right to remain silent." However... The fifth-grade girls and the fifth-grade boys at Laketon Elementary don't get along very well. But the <i>real</i> problem is that these kids are loud and disorderly. Then one day Dave Packer, a certified loudmouth, bumps into an idea — a big one that makes him try to keep quiet for a whole day. But what does Dave hear during lunch? A <i>girl</i> , Lynsey Burgess, jabbering away. So Dave breaks his silence and lobs an insult. And <i>those</i> words spark a contest: Which team can say <i>the fewest words</i> during two whole days?
Amelia Earhart: Legend of the Lost Aviator	Shelley Tanaka Nonfiction	Ever since Amelia Earhart and her plane disappeared on July 2, 1937, people have wanted to know more about this remarkable woman. Amelia Earhart follows the charismatic aviator from her first sight of an airplane at the age of ten to the last radio transmission she made before she vanished. Illustrated with original artworks, contemporary photographs, quotes, and details, this is a great introduction to the famous pilot.
Barbed Wire Baseball	Marissa Moss Nonfiction	Barbed Wire Baseball is a book about Japanese American baseball player Kenich Zenimura. This is a story about how he built a baseball field from scratch in Gila River Japanese internment camp during WW2, bringing hopes and dreams to people even during the toughest of times.
Baseball in April and Other Stories	Gary Soto Fiction	Set in California, these stories are about a youth struggling with the successes and failures of growing up.
Because of Winn-Dixie	Kate DiCamillo Fiction	Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni's mother walked out on her seven years ago, and she's been asking about her ever since — so that she won't forget her mom. But when she moves to Naomi, Florida, and befriends a lively stray dog, the canine helps her meet some unusual characters who teach her about love, life, and forgiveness.
Confetti Girl	Diana Lopez	Apolonia "Lina" Flores is a sock enthusiast, a volleyball player, a science lover, and a girl who's just looking for answers. Even though her house is crammed full of books, she's having trouble figuring out some very big questions, like why her dad seems to care about books more than her, why her best friend's divorced mom is obsessed with making cascarones (hollowed eggshells filled with colorful confetti), and, most of all, why her mom died last year.
Becoming Babe Ruth	Matt Tavares Nonfiction	Before he is known as the Babe, George Herman Ruth is just a boy who lives in Baltimore and gets into a lot of trouble. But when he turns seven, his father brings him to the gates of Saint Mary's Industrial School for Boys, and his life is changed forever. At Saint Mary's, he's expected to study hard and follow a lot of rules. But there is one good thing about Saint Mary's: almost every day, George gets to play baseball. Here, under the watchful eye of Brother Matthias, George evolves as a player and as a man, and when he sets off into the wild world of big-league baseball, the school, the boys, and Brother Matthias are never far from his heart.
The Skirt	Gary Soto	Miata Ramirez has a problem that will strike a chord with many children: she forgets things. This particular Friday afternoon, she has left her folklorico skirt on the school bus, and she is supposed to dance in it on Sunday. She sees no alternative but to break into the bus and retrieve it. So, dragging along her shy friend, Ana, that is exactly what she does.

Bridge to Terabithia	Katherine Paterson Fiction	In this classic novel, fifth grader Jesse Aaron's dreams of becoming the fastest runner in his class are dashed when newcomer Leslie Burke outruns everybody, even him. But Jess and Leslie begin a friendship, and soon they discover a magical kingdom in the forest, where they reign as king and queen. The friendship between young Jess and Leslie grows as they meet in Terabithia — their secret hiding place — and only ends with the tragic death of one of them.
Bud, Not Buddy	Christopher Curtis Fiction	A young boy named Bud (not Buddy!) Caldwell, who has been an orphan since he was six, runs away after being abused in a foster home. He sets out to find his father, a man named Herman E. Calloway, a bandleader in Michigan during the Depression. He has many adventures along the way and learns many lessons he can take with him in his life. Reading Olympic Book 2017
Can You Survive Storm Chasing: An Interactive Adventure	Elizabeth Raum Nonfiction	You're a meteorology student fascinated by storms. But Mother Nature can be unpredictable. Situations can quickly turn deadly when extreme weather is involved. What do you do when, You're in a van full of people and a tornado suddenly appears to be headed right for you? A hurricane gains strength along the Florida coast but you're unable to convince people to leave their homes? A flash flood suddenly strikes, putting you and your friends and family in mortal danger? Experience the life or death dilemmas that face storm chasers. YOU CHOOSE what you'll do next. The choices you make will either lead you to safety or to doom.
Crazy Weekend	Gary Soto Fiction	After their photograph of a robbery is published in the newspaper, Hector and Mando find themselves pursued by two goofy thieves.
Diary of a Wimpy Kid --choose any book in the series	Jeff Kinney Fiction	It's a new school year, and Greg Heffley finds himself thrust into middle school, where undersized weaklings share the hallways with kids who are taller, meaner, and already shaving. The hazards of growing up before you're ready are uniquely revealed through words and drawings as Greg records them in his diary.
Drizzle	Kathleen Van Cleve Fiction	Polly Peabody knows her family's world-famous rhubarb farm is magical. The plants taste like chocolate, jewels appear in the soil, bugs talk to her, and her best friend is a rhubarb plant named Harry. But the most magical thing is that every single Monday, at exactly 1:00, it rains. Until the Monday when the rain just stops. Now it's up to Polly to figure out why—and whether her brother's mysterious illness and her glamorous aunt Edith's sudden desire to sell the farm have anything to do with it.
Finding Winni: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear	Lindsay Mattick Nonfiction	In 1914, Harry Colebourn, a veterinarian on his way to tend horses in World War I, followed his heart and rescued a baby bear. He named her Winnie, after his hometown of Winnipeg, and he took the bear to war. Harry Colebourn's real-life great-granddaughter tells the true story of a remarkable friendship and an even more remarkable journey--from the fields of Canada to a convoy across the ocean to an army base in England. Reading Olympic 2017
Fourteenth Goldfish (6th)	Jennifer L. Holm Fiction	Eleven-year-old Ellie has never liked change. She misses fifth grade. She misses her old best friend. She even misses her dearly departed goldfish. Then one day a strange boy shows up. He's bossy. He's cranky. And weirdly enough he looks a lot like Ellie's grandfather, a scientist who's always been slightly obsessed with immortality. Could this gawky teenager really be Grandpa Melvin? Has he finally found the secret to eternal youth? Reading Olympic 2017

Frindle	Andrew Clements Fiction	Is Nick Allen a troublemaker? He really just likes to liven things up at school -- and he's always had plenty of great ideas. When Nick learns some interesting information about how words are created, suddenly he's got the inspiration for his best plan ever, the frindle. Who says a pen has to be called a pen? Why not call it a frindle? Things begin innocently enough as Nick gets his friends to use the new word. Then other people in town start saying frindle. Soon the school is in an uproar, and Nick has become a local hero. His teacher wants Nick to put an end to all this nonsense, but the funny thing is frindle doesn't belong to Nick anymore. The new word is spreading across the country, and there's nothing Nick can do to stop it.
Gold Cadillac	Mildred Taylor Fiction	Lois and Wilma are proud of their father's brand-new gold Cadillac, and excited that the family will be driving it all the way from Ohio to Mississippi. But as they travel deeper into the rural South, there are no admiring glances for the shiny new car; only suspicion and anger for the black man behind the wheel. For the first time in their lives, Lois and her sister know what it's like to feel scared because of the color of their skin. Reading Olympic Book 2017
Granny Torrelli Makes Soup	Sharon Creech Fiction	Twelve-year-old Rosie and her best friend, Bailey, are upset with each other. With the help of Rosie's Granny Torrelli, the two overcome their differences as they help Granny in the kitchen.
Hank Zipzer: Day of the Iguana or any book in the series	Henry Winkler Fiction	Will Hank's cable box science project survive an iguana laying eggs in it? He'd better find out before he loses his television privileges forever!
Hidden Talents	David Lubar Fiction	In this novel, Martin Anderson arrives at Edgeview Alternative School where he has been sent because he has been thrown out of multiple schools in his home district. Martin immediately makes friends with a group of misfits, each of whom has had discipline problems for reasons they do not fully understand. Martin soon realizes that each of his friends has a special talent that they are unaware of. With Martin's help, each student will learn how to control his talent.
Holes	Louis Sachar Fiction	Stanley Yelnats has had awful luck his whole life -- he's overweight, kids tease him, his family is poor, and now he's accused of a crime he didn't commit.
How Basketball Works	Keltie Thomas Nonfiction	This book retells the story of the game, provides information to help readers become better players, shares anecdotes about legendary players, and has many lively illustrations, diagrams, and photographs that interest readers.
Honus & Me: A Baseball Card Adventure	Dan Gutman Fiction	Joe Stoshack lives for baseball. He knows everything there is to know about the game -- except how to play well. His specialty is striking out. Stosh feels like a real loser, and when he takes a low-paying job cleaning a bunch of junk out of his neighbor's attic, he feels even worse -- until he comes across a little piece of cardboard that takes his breath away. His heart is racing. His brain is racing. He can hardly believe his eyes. Stosh has stumbled upon a T-206 Honus Wagner -- the most valuable baseball card in the world! And he's about to find out that it's worth a lot more than money. Reading Olympic Book 2017
A Boy Named FDR: How Franklin D. Roosevelt Grew Up to Change America	Kathleen Krull Nonfiction	This well researched biography details the life of our only four-term president. From his privileged childhood to his bout with polio, FDR's political ambitions and accomplishments are showcased. Timelines and quotations are included.
Landry News, The	Andrew Clements Fiction	The bad news is that Cara Landry is the new kid at Denton Elementary School. The worse news is that her teacher, Mr. Larson, would rather read the paper and drink coffee than teach his students anything. So Cara decides to give Mr. Larson something else to read -- her own newspaper, <i>The Landry News</i> . Before she knows it, the whole fifth-grade class is in on the project. But then the principal finds a copy of <i>The Landry News</i> , with unexpected results. Tomorrow's headline: Will Cara's newspaper cost Mr. Larson his job? Reading Olympics 2017

Long Shot	Mike Lupica Fiction	Eleven-year-old Pedro finds himself at odds with a teammate on the basketball court when he decides to run against him for sixth-grade class president.
Loser	Norristown Author Jerry Spinelli Fiction	Daniel Zinkoff is a loser, but he doesn't know it. Even when his classmates discover it, Zinkoff is too busy experiencing life to listen to them.
Love That Dog	Sharon Creech Fiction	<i>Love That Dog</i> is the story of Jack, his dog, his teacher, and words. The story develops through Jack's responses to his teacher, Miss Stretchberry, over the course of a school year. At first, his responses are short and cranky: "I don't want to" and "I tried. Can't do it. Brain's empty." But as his teacher feeds him inspiration, Jack finds that he has a lot to say and he finds ways to say it. Jack becomes especially fond of a poem by Walter Dean Myers titled "Love That Boy," and it is this poem that gives Jack a way to tell the story of his beloved dog, Sky.
Masters of Disaster	Gary Paulsen Fiction	Henry Mosley decides that he and his pals Riley and Reed have got to liven things up. They need to go on some earth-shaking adventures and make a name for themselves. Henry is the mastermind; Riley's the cautious researcher who's prepared for anything. And somehow fearful Reed always ends up with the scariest, craziest assignments.
Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	Kate DiCamillo Fiction	Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.
Ranger's Apprentice Book One: The Ruins of Gorlan	John Flanagan Fiction	Will's dream is to attend battle school and serve the kingdom but he is assigned as a Ranger's apprentice because he is too small. Will's bravery and skills eventually enable him to achieve his dream and serve the kingdom.
Riding Freedom	Pam Muñoz Ryan Fiction	A girl grows up as an orphan. She must live her life disguised as a boy to succeed facing every challenge that comes her way.
Roller Girl	Victoria Jamieson Fiction Graphic Novel	For most of her twelve years, Astrid has done everything with her best friend Nicole. But after Astrid falls in love with roller derby and signs up for derby camp, Nicole decides to go to dance camp instead. And so begins the most difficult summer of Astrid's life as she struggles to keep up with the older girls at camp, hang on to the friend she feels slipping away, and cautiously embark on a new friendship. As the end of summer nears and her first roller derby bout (and junior high!) draws closer, Astrid realizes that maybe she is strong enough to handle the bout, a lost friendship, and middle school... in short, <u>strong enough to be a roller girl.</u> Reading Olympic Book 2017
The Skirt	Gary Soto Fiction	Miata Ramirez has forgotten the forklórico shirt she must wear to participate in a special dance. It belonged to her mother as a child and now Miata must find a way to get the skirt back in time for the special dance.
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