



Grade 5 Summer Reading List and Assignments 2025-26

Incoming fifth grade students are asked to choose **two books to read, ONE FROM EACH** list below. Each book must be from a different genre. Students are to complete **below assignment for each of the two books.** **All summer reading assignments are due to the language arts teacher by Friday, September 5, 2025.**

Fiction Titles (Choose ONE of these)

- Five Children and It by Edith Nesbit
- From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by EL Konigsburg
- Bud Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
- Call It Courage by Armstrong Sperry
- The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Non-Fiction Titles (Choose ONE of these)

- My Librarian is a Camel by Margriet Ruurs
- Arctic Lights, Arctic Nights by Debbie S. Miller
- Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates by Jonah Winter
- The Trail of Tears by Joseph Bruchac
- So You Want to Be an Inventor by Judith St, George

ASSIGNMENT:

You will write a **two to three-paragraph summary and review** for **each** of your chosen books. Both assignments should include the following:

- Student Name
- Book Title
- Book Author
- Book Illustrator (if applicable)
- Genre (science fiction, non-fiction, realistic fiction, fantasy, etc...)
- Number of pages
- Summary
 - For fiction: be sure to include the main characters, setting, main idea and most important details, and the theme (the message)
 - For non-fiction: be sure to explain the topic and why it is important or useful; provide some facts you learned about the topic
- Review – write your opinion of the book. Did you like it or not? Would you recommend it or not? What did you like, or dislike, about the book?