



# Summer Reading List

## *Students Entering Grade 5*



## Literature to Read

### The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

by Kate DiCamillo

### Hoot

by Carl Hiaasen

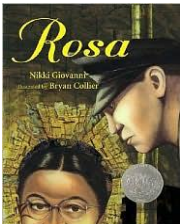


### Abel's Island

by William Steig

### The Year of the Dog

by Grace Lin



### Rosa

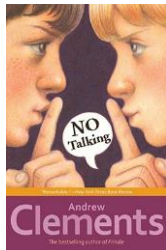
by Niki Giovanni

### Snow Baby: The Arctic Childhood of Robert E. Peary's Daring Daughter

By Katherine Kirkpatrick

### No Talking

by Andrew Clements



### Hurricanes:

### Earth's Mightiest Storms

By Patricia Lauber

Dear Parent(s) & Guardian(s):

Summer vacation is almost here! We hope that you make it a time to **REST, RELAX, READ**, but above all **ENJOY!** Reading, like a sport, involves practice and skill. Real skill building occurs when children read for pleasure, when children read “just right” books, and when children can explore books about those topics that interest them. The more they practice with someone’s encouragement, (just like in a sport), the better and more confident readers they will become.

Helping your child develop into a proficient reader is a gift that will last a lifetime. These few, simple strategies and actions during the summer months can make a significant difference in helping your child maintain and extend his/her literacy skills.

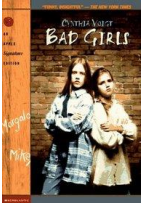
- **Read aloud together with your child every day.**
- **Take turns reading. Your child can read books to you, younger siblings, and older siblings.**
- **Read your child’s favorite book over and over again.**
- **Don’t forget to pack a book wherever you go this summer.**
- **Visit the public library regularly and have your child get his/her own library card if he/she doesn’t have one.**

In this handout you will find some suggested book titles for you and your child to enjoy. Please note that these suggestions represent only a small sampling of the many fun, interesting and thought-provoking books to be discovered by your child.

We hope this is the beginning of an enjoyable and enriching summer for your child and you!

**Happy Reading!**

# Books About Grade 5



## Bad Girls

by Cynthia Voigt

Two 5th grade girls' friendship portrayed through acts of loyalty, betrayal, mischief,

and kindness....

## Shredderman: Secret Identity

by Wendelin Van Draanen

This very funny book (first in a series) is about a nerdy 5<sup>th</sup> grader who uses his smarts and cyberspace to unmask a class bully.

## Joshua T. Bates Takes Charge

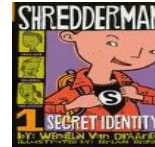
By Susan Shreve

Joshua becomes the target of 5th-grade bullies when he is partnered with the new kid in town.



## Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade

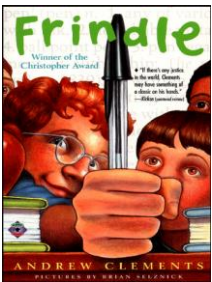
by Barthe DeClements



## Miss Alaineus: A Vocabulary Disaster

by Debra Frasier

# Favorite Books



## Frindle

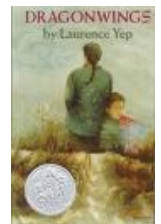
by Andrew Clements

## The Tale of Despereaux:

by Kate DiCamillo

## Dragonwings

by Laurence Yep



## Everything on a Waffle

by Polly Horvath

## The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate

by Jacqueline Kelly

## Rules

by Cynthia Lord



## Lemony Snicket's Unfortunate Events

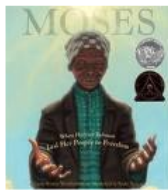
by Lemony Snicket

# Award Winning Books

## Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her

### People to Freedom

by Carole Weatherford



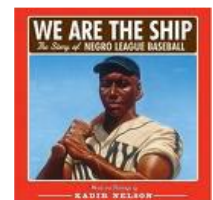
## Because of Winn-Dixie

by Kate DiCamillo



## We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball

by Kadir Nelson

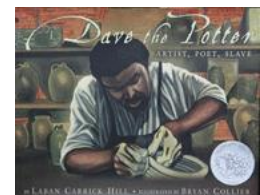


## Thunder Rose

by Jerdine Nolen

## Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave

by Laban Carrick Hill



## Maniac Magee

by Jerry Spinelli

## The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane

by Russel Freedman

## Pictures of Hollis Woods

by Patricia Reilly Giff

**Students entering Grade 5 are expected to read a "just right" book 30 minutes a day.**