



## SUMMER READING 2022

Dear Incoming 5th Graders (and Parents),

Summertime is a delightful time for relaxing, exploring and READING! We are asking all incoming 5th graders to continue their practice of reading throughout this summer. Not only will this give you a pleasurable pastime, it will also keep your reading skills sharp. Please try to develop a simple summer reading program. It could be as simple as a quiet time set aside most days of the week for reading.

Each student should read several books this summer. At the end of this letter you will find links to book lists that can be used for ideas and guidance. Students should keep track of the books that they read on the attached grid. This sheet should be turned in to me when school starts in the fall. Students should be prepared to discuss/write about two chosen summer reading books on the first day of school.

We would ask that you NOT read any of the following titles, as they may be part of our coursework throughout the year:

- *Sophia's War*
- *Home of the Brave*
- *Esperanza Rising*
- *Wild Robot*
- *When You Reach Me*

To bring some fun and variety to the summer reading, there are two bingo cards at the end of this letter that you should consider trying out. The cards are to challenge you to read in different places as well as different types of books. The goal is to hit as many bingo spaces as possible, and also to have fun and try something unique. Simply mark off the spaces as you complete them, and bring the cards to school on the first day. Again, this is optional. I ask that students bring in the summer reading grid, the bingo cards if completed, and copies of their two favorite summer reading books on the first day of school.

Here are some book lists to help guide picking books:

<https://www.commonensemedia.org/lists/best-books-for-fourth-graders>

<https://www.commonensemedia.org/lists/best-books-for-fifth-graders>

<http://www.goodreads.com/genres/5th-grade-historical-fiction>

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberyhonors/newberymedal>

I've also attached list of books that are recommended by this year's 4/5 class.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Also, please get in touch if you're having a hard time finding books you like. I'm always more than happy to help with personal book recommendations.

I can be reached at [katiebrad@gmail.com](mailto:katiebrad@gmail.com). Wishing you all a happy and safe summer. See you in the fall!

- Katie





### Summer Reading Bingo Card #1

Here is a different way to keep track of the books you read this summer. The goal is to read as much as possible. Good luck and have fun!

Read a book longer than 300 pages.	Read a book about a person who lives differently/looks different than you.	Read a book set in a country other than the U.S.	Read a book that is part of a series.	Read a non-fiction book.
Read a book written by a local author.	Read a book checked out from the library.	Read a book you own, but have never read before.	Read a collection of short stories.	Read a picture book.
Read a poetry book.	Read a book that has been turned into a movie.	Read a book that has received an award. (For ex: Newbery Medal)	Read a book recommended by a friend.	Read a book written in verse. For example: <u>Inside Out</u> and <u>Back Again</u>
Read a graphic novel.	Re-read a favorite book.	Read a book outside of your comfort zone.	Read a book of your choice.	Read a book about someone overcoming a challenge.



### Summer Reading Bingo Card #2

Where will you read this summer? Here is a second unique way to keep track of where you read books. Be creative! Be unusual! Will you read in a tree house? Will you read while standing in line at the ice cream shop? Or do you plan to read while riding in a gondola? The goal is to read in as many places as possible.

Read under a tree.	Read by flashlight or under the moon.	Read with a parent.	Read aloud to another person-sibling, cousin, friend, etc.	Practice reading out loud.
Read while swinging.	Read on the couch.	Read in a fort.	Read in your pajamas.	Read to someone on the phone.
Read by a campfire.	Read while sitting on a beach towel.	Read at home ☺	Read under a table.	Read while lying in the grass.
Read somewhere where there's a beautiful view.	Read while eating something cold.	Read in your favorite place at home.	Read at the library (if it's open).	Read in a bookstore (if it's open).

## BOOKS RECOMMENDED BY THE CURRENT 4/5 CLASS

<b>Student</b>	<b>Book Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
Michael	<u>All the Harry Potter books</u>	JK Rowling
Michael	<u>The War that Saved My Life</u>	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Sabina	<u>Call of the Wild</u>	Jack London
Owen	<u>Auggie and Me</u>	RJ Palacio
Cal	<u>Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Big Shot</u>	Jeff Kinney
Ollie	<u>Auggie and Me</u>	RJ Palacio
Torben	<u>After the Shot Drops</u>	Randy Ribay
Henry	<u>Smile</u>	Raina Telgemeier
Ishwar	<u>Alex Rider series</u>	Anthony Horowitz
Gigi	<u>Short</u>	Holly Goldberg Sloan
Phoenix	<u>The Henry Reed series</u>	Keith Robertson
Hendrick	<u>Agatha Christie books</u>	Agatha Christie
Octavian	<u>The Hobbit</u>	JRR Tolkien
Octavian	<u>Lord of the Rings</u>	JRR Tolkien
Lila	<u>Call of the Wild</u>	Jack London
Liza	<u>White Fang</u>	Jack London
Haia	<u>The War that Saved My Life</u>	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley