Suggested Summer Reading List for Students Entering 5th Grade

Note: The following books are only suggestions. Please feel free to add any books that are appropriate for your child. The staff in the children's section of the local library will also have many wonderful suggestions for you.

Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is time spent reading. Here are some titles to get your child started! Please note that the reading level of the books suggested varies. To see if a book is a good fit, have your child read a page of the book aloud to you. If they struggle with more than a few words on the page, it is probably too difficult for them to read independently, however, the book would still be a great book to read aloud with your child.

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<th>Great Reads</th>
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<td>• Nancy Drew Mysteries series by Carolyn Keene</td>
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<td>• Changes for Addy by Connie Rose Porter</td>
<td>• From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsberg</td>
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<td>(and other American Girl books)</td>
<td>• Granny Torrelli Makes Soup by Sharon Creech</td>
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<td>• I Survived Hurricane Katrina 2005 by Lauren Tarshis</td>
<td>• Hatchet by Gary Paulsen</td>
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<td>• Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder</td>
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<th>Award Winning Books</th>
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<td>• Freaky Friday by Mary Rodgers</td>
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<td>• The Cricket in Times Square by George Seldon</td>
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<td>• James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl</td>
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<td>• Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo</td>
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