



SUMMER 2009

Fifth Grade Summer Reading Requirements and Suggestions

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss

Required Fifth Grade Reading

The fifth graders are required to read the following novel this summer. We will use this novel as an introduction to our class reading and social studies discussions.

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

"But before I begin relating what happened, you must know something about me as I was in the year 1832- when these events transpired. At the time my name was Charlotte Doyle. And though I have kept the name I am not –for reasons you will soon discover- the same Charlotte Doyle." -Avi

Suggested Reading

The fifth graders must read at least two books of their choice this summer. They are encouraged to consider their interests when selecting novels. We will draw upon these novels to complete a writing activity. The following is a list of book suggestions. The first list includes recommendations from teachers. The second list includes recommendations from the former fifth grade students. Please encourage your child to stop by the fifth grade classroom before the end of the school year or during the first four weeks of summer camp. Books may be borrowed from our classroom library.

Teacher Recommended

Savvy by Ingrid Law
The City of Ember by Jeanne Duprau
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
Toliver's Secret by Esther Wood Brady
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
Washington at Valley Forge by Russell Freedman
The Cruise of the Artic Star by Scott O'Dell
Golden Mountain Chronicles by Laurence Yep
 Dragon's Gate
 Dragonwings
 The Earth Dragon Awakes

Student Recommended

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
 Peter and the Starcatchers by Ridley Pearson and Dave Barry
Heat by Mike Lupica
The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart
Shadow Children Series by Margaret Peterson Haddix
The Underneath by Kathi Appelt