

St. Ambrose  
Fifth Grade Summer Reading List  
2020 - 2021

**Required Reading:**

*The Seven Wonders of Sassafrass Springs* by Betty G. Birney

*The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare.

**Other Fantastic 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Books:**

Realistic Fiction:

*Listening for Lions*, by Gloria Whelan

*Nory Ryan's Song*, by Patricia Rielly Giff

*Fair Weather*; a novel by Richard Peck

*Hey You, Sister Rose* by Eileen W. Strauch

*Missing May* by Cynthia Ryland

*Night of the Twisters*, by Ivy Ruckman

*Shiloh*, by Phyllis R. Naylor

*Anastasia Krupnik*, by Lois Lowry

*The Great Brain* by John D. Fitzgerald

*Harriet the Spy*, by Louise Fitzhugh

*Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade*, by Barthe DeClements

*My Daniel* by Pam Conrad

*Summer of the Swans*, by Betsey Byars

*Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk

Adventure:

*Abel's Island*, by William Steig

*Call it Courage*, by Armstrong Sperry

*Ghost Canoe*, Downriver by Will Hobbs

*Hatchet, The River*, by Gary Paulsen

*Indian Captive*, by Lois Lenski

*Snow Treasure*, by Marie McSwiggan

*The Twenty-one Balloons*, by William Pene DuBois

*Down River*, by Will Hobbs

Humor:

*My Life as a Fifth Grade Comedian*, by Elizabeth Levy

*The Great Brain*, by John D. Fitzgerald

*The Whipping Boy*, by Sid Fleishman

*Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days*, by Stephen Manes

*Chocolate Fever*, by Robert Smith

Biography:

*Escape- The Story of the Great Houdini*, by Sid Fleishman

*Out of Darkness; The Story of Louis Braille*, by Russell Freedman

*Rosa Parks: My Story*, by Rosa Parks

*Bill Peet*, an Autobiography, by Bill Peet

*Thank You, Dr. Martin Luther King*, by Eleanora Tate

*Voice That Challenged a Nation; Marian Anderson*, by Russell Freedman

Fantasy:

Children of Green Knowe series, by L.M. Boston

*Dragon Rider, The Thief Lord, Inkheart, Inkspell*, by Cornelia Funke

The Borrowers series, by Mary Norton

The Narnia Series, by C.S. Lewis

*Percy Jackson series* by Rick Riordan

Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling

