



Rising 5th Grade Summer Reading

Dear Rising Fifth Grade Students and Parents,

Fifth grade is a busy, fun, and challenging year! In order to be prepared for fifth grade, please encourage your child to continue reading all throughout the summer. Attached is the recommended reading list for fifth grade. In addition to the ongoing support, please have your rising 5th grader complete the following required Summer Reading Assignment:

- Students are required to read two books: - *The Seven Wonders of Sasfras Springs* by Betty G. Birney and *The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare.
- Students will complete a Story Map (attached) for each of the two required books.
- In addition to the two required books, students must read two additional books. A Story Map is not required for these additional books.
- Keep track of all of your reading on the Reading Log provided. This will be turned in to your teacher along with your Story Maps the first week of school in August.
- Comprehension of the two required reading books will be assessed during the first few weeks of school.

Thank you for making reading a priority over your summer break. Have a blessed summer!

Sincerely,
Ms. Chaves

Name _____ Date _____

Story Map

Title:

Setting:

My Favorite Character (include at least two reasons why you chose this character):

Problem:

Important Events:

Outcome:

St. Ambrose Rising Fifth Grade Summer Reading List

Required Reading: *The Seven Wonders of Sassafrass Springs* by Betty G. Birney
The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare.

Other Fantastic 5th 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