

# Rising 5<sup>th</sup> Graders: Summer Reading Assignments

Dear rising 5<sup>th</sup> Graders,

Your teacher would like you to choose at least two books to read and summarize this summer. For the first book, please choose between one of the required titles (below). For the second book, you can choose from the long list below. For each book, you should read, enjoy, and summarize in the form of a letter to your future teacher. You will present these summaries to your classmates during the first week of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Also keep a reading log to track all of your summer reading. Include all of the books, magazines, poems, and articles you read on the log, not just the required reading! Your summaries and your log will be graded!

1. Book one: Required book (please choose one of the following titles):
  - My Louisiana Sky by Kimberly Willis Holt
  - The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman
  - The Watsons Go to Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis
2. Book two: Choose one title (it can be fiction or nonfiction) from the list below:

## FICTION

- The Shakespeare Stealer by Gary Blackwood
- The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis
- Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Ronald Himler
- Blackbird Fly by Erin Entrada Kelly
- Alabama Moon by Watt Key
- Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
- The Light Princess by George MacDonald
- The Dreamer by Pam Munoz Ryan
- Bread and Roses, Too by Katherine Paterson
- Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

## NONFICTION TITLES

- Everything Kids' Environment Book by Sheri Amsel
- Mythology by Lady Hestia Evans
- Do Not Open: An Encyclopedia of the World's Best Kept Secrets by John Farndon
- A Hot Planet Needs Cool Kids: Understanding Climate Change and What You Can Do About It by Julie Hall
- Pick Me Up: Stuff You Need to Know by Jeremie Leslie and David Roberts
- How Basketball Works by Keltie Thomas
- Hurricane Force: In the Path of America's Deadliest Storms by Joseph B. Treaster

