Reading over the summer months is fun and also helps to keep your child ready for school in September. The list of books is only a suggested list to encourage reading throughout the summer. There are no assignments connected to summer reading. Feel free to pick a book from either grade level list based on your child’s interest. Also, reading together as a family is a great experience and highly encouraged. All of the local libraries can be a terrific resource. For an extensive list we recommend this source from the New York Public Library: https://www.nypl.org/books-more/recommendations/125/kids?f%5B0%5D=terms%3AAges%208-12

**Entering Grade 5 Reading List**

**Historical Fiction**
*Elephant in the Garden* by Michael Morpugo

**Adventure**
*James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl

**Realistic Fiction**
Crossover by Kwame Alexander

**Mystery**
*Coraline* by Neil Gaiman

*Al Capone Does My Shirts* (series)

**Biography**
*El Deafo* by Cici Bell

*Who Was/Who Is Series*

Many great titles including Jackie Robinson, Benedict Arnold, LEGO, Harriet Tubman

**Fantasy**
*Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate
Entering 6th Grade Reading List

NON-FICTION
Misunderstood: Why the Humble Rat May Be Your Best Pet Ever by Rachel Toor
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
How They Choked: Failures, Flops and Flaws of the Awfully Famous by Georgia Bragg
Kid Artists: True Tales of Childhood from Creative Legends by David Stabler
Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team that Changed a Town by Warren St. John

FICTION
Mayday by Karen Harrington (realistic fiction)
Pax by Sara Pennypacker (realistic fiction)
The Wild Robot by Peter Brown (realistic fiction)
Cloud and Wallfish by Anne Nesbit (historical fiction)
Saving Lucas Biggs by Marisa De Los Santos (fantasy)
The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill (fantasy)
The Gallery by Laura Marx Fitzgerals (mystery)
The Blackthorn Key by Kevin Sands (thriller)
Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell (adventure)
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander (sports)
The Contract by Derek Jetter (sports)
Hideout by Watt Key (mystery)
Loot by Jude Watson (mystery)
A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen (historical fiction)
Restart by Gordon Korman (historical fiction)