

## Rising 5th-Grade Summer Reading

*“There is no such thing as a child who hates to read;  
there are only children who have not found the right book.”*  
– Frank Serafini

**You are on your honor not to select books you have previously read independently or studied in any class.**

**Please read at least two of these books for the Battle of the Books.**

-Avi	<i>The Secret School</i>
-Dusti Bowling	<i>Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus</i>
-Kate DiCamillo	<i>The Tale of Despereaux</i>
-Jessica Day George	<i>Tuesdays at the Castle</i>
-Margaret Haddix	<i>Running Out of Time</i>
-Victoria Jamieson	<i>Roller Girl</i>
-Gordon Korman	<i>Slacker</i>
-C.S. Lewis	<i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i>
-Gill Lewis	<i>Wild Wings</i>
-Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	<i>Shiloh</i>
-Linda Sue Park	<i>The Kite Fighters</i>
-James Riley	<i>Half Upon a Time (Book #1)</i>
-Geoff Rodkey	<i>We’re Not from Here</i>
-Louis Sachar	<i>Sideways Stories from Wayside School</i>
-Sherry Shahan	<i>Frozen Stiff</i>
-Christina Soontornvat	<i>The Last Mapmaker</i>
-Trenton Stewart	<i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i>
-Linda Urban	<i>A Crooked Kind of Perfect</i>
-Padma Vinkatraman	<i>Bridge Home</i>
-Henry Cole	<i>A Nest for Celeste: a Story about Art Inspiration and the Meaning of Home</i>

**Please read at least one of these books for English class.**

-Winifred Conkling	<i>Sylvia &amp; Aki</i>
-Julia Alvarez	<i>Return to Sender</i>
-Sharon Draper	<i>Stella by Starlight</i>
-Alan Gratz	<i>Refugee</i>
-Kwame Alexander	<i>The Undefeated</i>
-Alain Serres	<i>I Have a Right to be a Child</i>
-Duncan Tonatiuh	<i>Soldier for Equality</i>
-Jean Craighead George	<i>One Day in the Tropical Rainforest</i>
-Eva Ibbotson	<i>Journey to the River Sea</i>
-Margarita Engle	<i>Silver People: Voices from the Panama Canal</i>
-Dona and William Rice	<i>Roberto Clemente</i>
-Kadir Nelson	<i>We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball</i>
-Lauren Tarshish	<i>I Survived the Children’s Blizzard, 1888</i>
-Seymour Simon	<i>Volcanoes</i>
-Peg Kehret	<i>Earthquake Terror</i>
-Peg Kehret	<i>Escaping the Giant Wave</i>

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-Malala Yousafzai with  
Patricia McCormick  
-Duncan Tonatiuh

*I am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and  
Changed the World (Young Readers Edition)*  
*Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's  
Fight for Desegregation*

-Marisa Moss

*Barbed Wire Baseball: How One Man Brought Hope to  
the Japanese Internment Camps of WWII*

-Rachel Swaby and Kit Fox

*Mighty Moe: The True Story of a Thirteen-Year-Old  
Women's Running Revolutionary*