

Summer Reading: 5th Grade

For the pleasure and for the academic benefits of literature, Nolan has an expectation for summer reading. Our hope is that children will find books they love and enjoy them deeply.

Beliefs about Summer Reading

- Reading during the summer should be a pleasure.
- We want you to read for you.
- You should have lots of **choices** in your reading.
- Developing a reading life has personal & academic benefits.

We want you and your children to experience some books in common so that you can talk about what you've read. That's why we have titles under Expected Reading.

Expected Reading (2 books—Choose one Fiction below AND one from Suggested Titles* on back)

Fiction

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt **or**
Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

Summer Reading Assignments

All students will complete in-class activities related to the two books during the first few weeks of the school year. We also want students to read a lot because it benefits the students and their school as a whole when they read voraciously. Of course, we want students to read books of their choice, which is why we have titles under *Suggested Reading*. Can students read books that are not listed here? OF COURSE! You and your child are in charge of their reading life. The important thing is read, read, read...and that you and your child enjoy it!

How to Tell if a Book is Just Right for You

When you start to read a book, ask yourself three questions:

- 1. Can I understand it?**
- 2. Can I talk about it?**
- 3. Do I love it?**

If you can say "yes" to all three questions, you should read the book! If you say "no" to one or more questions, it may be time to abandon the book and look for another one.

"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read." — Groucho Marx

"The things I want to know are in books. My best friend is the man who'll get me a book I haven't read." — Abraham Lincoln

Suggested Titles*

*Students may choose other “Just Right” books not listed here.

Narrative Texts

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| The Seer of Shadows | and books by | Avi |
| The Penderwicks | | Birdsall |
| The Seven Wonders of Sassafrass Springs | | Birney |
| Wonderstruck | and books by | Selznick |
| Walk Two Moons | and books by | Creech |
| Halfback Attack | and books by | Christopher |
| Salsa Stories | | Delacre |
| Tiger Rising | and books by | DiCamillo |
| Spiderwick Chronicles (series) | | DiTerlizzi |
| My Side of the Mountain | | George |
| Just Juice | and books by | Hesse |
| One Small Dog | | Hurwitz |
| The Year of the Dog | | Lin |
| Shiloh (series) | and books by | Naylor |
| Trumpet of the Swan | and books by | White |
| Nancy Drew (series) | | Keene |
| Hardy Boys (series) | | Dixon |
| The Mysterious Benedict Society | | Stewart |
| Hoot | and books by | Hiaasen |
| Holes | and books by | Sachar |
| The Watsons go to Birmingham | and books by | Curtis |
| Whittington | and books by | Armstrong |
| The Giant Rat of Sumatra | and books by | Fleishman |
| I Funny | and books by | Paterson |
| The Lightning Thief (series) | and books by | Riordan |
| Charlie Bone (series) | and books by | Nimmo |
| The Sisters Grimm (series) | and books by | Buckley |

Poetry Authors

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| Mary Ann Hoberman | Dean Walter Myers |
| Douglas Florian | X. J. Kennedy |
| Shel Silverstein | Jack Prelutsky |
| Calef Brown | Jane Yolen |

Informational Texts

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| The Everything Kids' Human Body Book | Amsel |
| Jurassic Poop: What Dinosaurs Left Behind | Berkowitz |
| How to Really Fool Yourself: Illusions for Senses | Cobb |
| The Book of Potentially Catastrophic Science | Connolly |
| The Book of Perfectly Perilous Math | Connolly |
| I Wish I Knew That Math: Cool Stuff You Need to Know | Goldsmith |
| Astronomy (Basher Science books) | Green |
| The Lives of Extraordinary Women | Hewitt |
| Unlikely Friendships (Animal Friendships) | Holland |
| Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story... | Fleischman |
| The American Flag | Landau |
| Survivor Kid: A Practical Guide to Wilderness Sur... | Long |
| Oh, Rats! The Story of Rats and People | Marrin |
| Marching for Freedom | Partridge |
| Behind the Blue and Gray | Ray |
| Chew on This | Schlosser |
| The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain | Sis |
| Wired | Suen |
| Chasing Lincoln's Killer | Swanson |
| You Just Can't Help It! (Wild, Wacky Human Behav...) | Szpirglas |
| Mummies: The Newest, Coolest, & Creepiest | Tanaka |
| Budgeting: How Economics Works | Donovan |
| Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inve... | Thimmesh |
| Insects: An Extraordinary World Revealed Up Close | Viewfinder |

Series of Informational Texts That Are Really Good

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| National Geographic Kids | Smithsonian |
| Interactive History Adventures | Stories of Great People |
| Time for Kids Biographies | Sterling Biographies |
| A Wicked History | The Split History of... |

Math Multiplication Study

All students must study their multiplication facts from 0s to 12s throughout the summer.