

West Milford Township Public Schools

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Dear Families and Incoming Fifth Grade Students:

Welcome to Fifth Grade! As you begin to enjoy summer, we encourage you to continue to make reading an important part of your family's activities. While reading instruction will be emphasized by your child's teacher throughout the school year, children need to continue to read during the summer months, not only for enjoyment, but also to sustain and strengthen skills they have already developed. We have provided a list of *suggested* titles appropriate for Fifth Grade-aged children to get you started with ideas, but **please feel free to read beyond** them! If needed, you can reach out to your child's teacher for additional guidance about appropriate book choices.

To support families on their annual Summer Reading journeys, we partner with the <u>West Milford</u> <u>Township Public Library</u>. The library has created <u>this special Summer Reading page</u> on their website just for our Program with <u>free resources</u> which can also be accessed remotely. We have also compiled a <u>Free Digital Book Access</u> resource for your convenience.

All of this information can be accessed on the District's website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Have a wonderful, word-filled summer!

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#### West Milford Township Public Schools Summer Reading *Suggested* Titles List Books to Share with Incoming FIFTH Grade Students Summer 2021

# Also consider reading:

- Books of personal interest
- Other books by the same authors
- Old favorites over and over!

## Students Entering Grade 5

- J BAK Baker, E.D. *The Frog Princess* U J BAN - Banks, Lynne Reid. *The Indian in the Cupboard* **R**
- J BUR Burnford, Sheila. *The Incredible Journey* V
- J BYA Byars, B. *The 18<sup>th</sup> Emergency* **R** YA CHO- Choldenko, Gennifer. *Al Capone Does*
- My Shirts T
- J CLE Clements, Andrew. Frindle R
- YA COL Colfer, Eoin. Artemis Fowl Series W-Y
- J CRE Creech, Sharon. Love That Dog T
- J DAH Dahl, Roald. James and the Giant Peach  ${\bf Q}$
- J J DAN Danziger, Paula. *The Cat Ate My Gymsuit* U J 636.08 DAV - Davis, Gibbs, Kathryn. *Wackiest White House Pets* **R**
- J DEC DeClements, Barthe. *Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade* **R**
- J DEF DeFelice, Cynthia. Weasel U
- J DIC DiCamillo, Kate. The Magician's Elephant S/T J FIT - Fitzhugh, Louise. Harriet the Spy T JB Various - Fradin, Dennis Brindell. Who Was Series YA GAI - Gaiman, Neil. The Graveyard Book U/V J GIL - Gilson, Jamie. Do Bananas Chew Gum? Q/R JB PARKS - Giovanni, Nikki. Rosa T Goodman, Susan. The Ultimate Field Trip Series J 629.45 GOO- Blasting off to Space Academy J 973.5 GOO- A Week in the 1800s S J 978.82 GOO- Stones, Bones, and Petroglyphs J GOS - Goscinny, Rene. Nicholas and the Gang X J GUT - Gutman, Dan. The Homework Machine Q
- J KAR Karr, Kathleen. The Great Turkey Walk S/T
- J KIN Kinney, Jeff. Wimpy Kid Series
- J KOR Korman, Gordon. Swindle T

## Finding a book that is right for you:

- Select a book you would like to read.
- Look through the book and read a page.
- Every time you come to a word you don't know, count it on your finger.
- If you use up five or more fingers by the end of the page, the book is too difficult for you to read independently, but read it with your parent.
- Select another book to read independently.
- A great resource to help you find books is: <u>www.readkiddoread.com</u>
  - JLAW Law, Ingrid. Saavy; Scumble
  - J LAW Lawson, Robert. Ben and Me S
  - J MAC MacLachlan, Patricia. Sarah, Plain and Tall R
  - J MAZ Mazer, Anne. The Amazing Days of Abby Hayes Series
  - J 516 NEU Neuschwander, Cindy. *Sir Cumference* Series

J PAR - Park, Barbara. *Mick Harte Was Here* **S**, *Skinnybones* **O/P** 

JB PAULSEN - Paulsen, Gary. My Life in Dog Years S J PEN - Pennypacker, Sara. The Talented

Clementine O

YA RIO - Riordan, Rick. *Percy Jackson* Series **S/T** J ROC - Rockwell, Thomas. *How to Eat Fried Worms* **R** J SCI - Scieszka, Jon. *The Time Warp Trio* Series

J SCI - Math Curse P

J 811 SCI - Science Verse

YA SCH - Schmidt, G. D. *The Wednesday Wars* X/Y J SEL - Selden, George. *The Cricket in Times Square* **S** 

J SEL - Selznick, Brian. *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* **W** J 811 SIL - Silverstein, Shel. *A Light in the Attic* J STE - Stead, Rebecca. *When You Reach Me* **S/T** 

- J WHI White, E. B. *Charlotte's Web* R
- J WIN Winthrop, Elizabeth. *The Castle in the Attic* **R**
- J WIL Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *Little House* Series
- Various Authors. Dear America Series

#### Students Entering Grade 6

JB BALLARD - Archbold, Rick. Deep-Sea Explorer: The Story of Robert Ballard, Discoverer of the Titanic Z J BAK - Baker, E.D. The Frog Princess U J BAS - Baskin, Nora Raleigh. Anything but Typical J BAL - Balliet, Blue. Chasing Vermeer S J 597 CER - Cerullo, Mary M. Sharks: Challengers of the Deep T J CLE - Cleary, Beverly. Strider R J CLE - Clements, Andrew. A Week in the Woods T, The School Story R YA CRE - Creech, Sharon. The Wanderer V, Granny Torrelli Makes Soup R J DLA - d'Lacey, Chris. The Last Dragon Chronicles T-Y J DEA - de Angeli, Marguerite. The Door in the Wall U J DIC - DiCamillo, Kate. The Tale of Despereaux U J FRA - Fraiser, Debra. Miss Alaineus J GAI - Gaiman, Neil. Coraline W J GEO - George, Jean Craighead. My Side of the Mountain U Goodman, Susan. The Ultimate Field Trip... Series J 629.45 GOO - Blasting off to Space Academy J 973.5 GOO - A Week in the 1800s S J 978.82 GOO - Stones, Bones, and Petroglyphs J GUT - Gutman, Dan. The Baseball Card Adventure Series J HIG - Higgins. F.E. The Black Book of Secrets J HOU - Houston, James. Long Claws T J 937.7 HUM - Humphrey, Kathryn Long. Pompeii: Nightmare at Midday Y J JUS - Juster, Norton. *Phantom Tollbooth* **W** J KEH - Kehret, Peg. Earthquake Terror X

- J KON Konigsburg, E.L. *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* **S**
- J LEW Lewis, C. S. The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe **T**

YA MIL - Miller, Sarah. Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller YA MOR - Morris, Paula, Ruined Z J MYE - Myers, W. D. Mop, Moondance, and the Nagasaki Knights S J 796.357 NEL - Nelson, K. We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball J PAT - Paterson, Katherine. The Great Gilly Hopkins S JB PAULSEN - Paulsen, Gary. Guts X J PEC - Peck, Richard. A Season of Gifts YA PEC Peck, Richard. Here Lies the Librarian S YA POT - Potter, Ellen. Slob J 811.54 - Prelutsky, Jack. My Dog May Be A Genius YA RIO - Riordan, Rick. Percy Jackson Series S/T J ROW - Rowling, J.K. Harry Potter Series J SAC - Sachar, Louis. Holes V J SHA - Shalant, Phyllis. Beware (of Kissing Lizard Lips) J 811 SIL - Silverstein, Shel. Falling Up J 591.6 SIM - Simon, Seymour. Animals Nobody Loves Q J SNI - Snickett, Lemony. A Series of Unfortunate Events Series J SPI - Spinelli, Jerry. Maniac Magee W J STE - Steward, T.L. Mysterious Benedict Society Series J 973 SAI - St. George, Judith. So You Want to Be President S J YEP - Yep, Lawrence. Dragonwings W, The Starfisher S