

Grades 5 and 6 – Welcome to Summer Reading!

This summer, you will continue building your reading skills by exploring books that interest you. Reading over the summer helps keep your mind active, strengthens vocabulary, and prepares you for a successful start to the school year.

Your assignment includes:

1. Reading at least **two books** over the summer
2. Completing a reading log (due September 3, 2026)
3. Writing a short reflection (due September 3rd, 2026)
4. An IN SCHOOL project, based on one of the books you have read.

Part 1: Summer Reading Requirement

Read Two Books

Choose and read:

- **One fiction book** (story, adventure, fantasy, mystery, realistic fiction, etc.)
- **One nonfiction book** (biography, science, history, sports, animals, etc.)

Book Guidelines

- Books should be at your reading level.
- Each book should be at least 100 pages unless approved by a parent or teacher.
- You may listen to an audiobook while following along with the text, but not in place of the text.

Suggested Authors and Series

- Rick Riordan
- Kate DiCamillo
- Gordon Korman
- Raina Telgemeier
- Jerry Spinelli
- Roald Dahl
- Stuart Gibbs
- Margaret Peterson Haddix
- Alan Gratz
- Lauren Tarshis

Sports & Real-Life Stories

- Ghost by Jason Reynolds

- The Boys in the Boat Young Readers Edition by Daniel James Brown
- Undefeated by Steve Sheinkin
- No Summit Out of Sight by Jordan Romero
- Kid Athletes by David Stabler

History & Biography

- Who Was Harriet Tubman?
- Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
- Bomb by Steve Sheinkin
- Hidden Figures Young Readers' Edition by Margot Lee Shetterly
- I Am Malala: Young Readers Edition by Malala Yousafzai

Mystery & Humor

- Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett
- Framed! by James Ponti
- From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg
- Restart by Gordon Korman
- The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Adventure & Survival

- Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
- The Wild Robot by Peter Brown
- Refugee by Alan Gratz
- Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein
- The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau

Fantasy & Science Fiction

- Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
- Wonder by R. J. Palacio
- The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill
- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
- Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

Graphic Novels

- Smile by Raina Telgemeier
- Amulet by Kazu Kibuishi
- Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson
- Mexikid by Pedro Martín

Part 2: Written Reflection *this may be handwritten or typed*

After finishing your reading, answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Which book was your favorite and why?
2. Which character did you connect with the most?
3. What was one new thing you learned this summer?
4. Describe your favorite moment from one of your books.
5. What reading goal do you have for fifth grade?

Your reflection should be at least one full page, written or typed.

Optional Challenge Activities

Complete any of these for extra fun:

- Read outside in a new location.
- Read to a younger sibling or family member.
- Visit your local library.
- Read a book that has been made into a movie and compare the two.
- Try a genre you do not usually read.

