



SUMMER READING

5th and 6th Grade – Summer 2023

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2nd St. Campus

For rising fifth graders, the required reading is:

- *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan
- TWO choice books from the independent reading list.

For rising sixth graders, the required reading is:

- *The Night Diary* by Veera Hiranani
- TWO choice books from the independent reading list

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For rising fifth graders, the required reading is:

- *Lion: A Long Way Home: Young Readers Edition* by Saroo Brierley with Larry Buttrose
- TWO choice books from the independent reading list.

For rising sixth graders, the required reading is:

- *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* by Kwame Mbalia
- TWO choice books from the independent reading list

Independent Reading List

Non-Fiction

Who Got Game?: Baseball: Amazing But True Stories by Derrick Barnes

Blue: A History of the Color as Deep as the Sea and as Wide as the Sky by Nana Ekuia Brew-Hammond, illustrated by Daniel Minter

This Is Your Time by Ruby Bridges

(+) *Backyard Bears: Conservation, Habitat Changes, and the Rise of Urban Wildlife (Scientists in the Field)* by Amy E. Cherrix

Give Us the Vote: Over 200 Years of Fighting for the Ballot by Susan Goldman Rubin

(+) *The Mayflower (History Smashers)* by Kate Messner, illustrated by Dylan Meconis

Strange Nature: The Insect Portraits of Leon Bliss by Gregory Mone

(+) *Who Is Kentanji Brown Jackson?* by Sheila P. Moses, illustrated by Dede Putra

Suffragette: The Battle for Equality by David Roberts

(+) *If a Tree Falls: The Global Impact of Deforestation (Orca Currents)* by Nikki Tate

Genius Under the Table: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain by Eugene Yelchin

Ancient World & Mythology

(+) *The Iliad* by Gillian Cross, illustrated by Neil Packer

Lugalbanda: The Boy Who Got Caught Up in a War by Kathy Henderson, illustrated by Jane Ray

The Magical Monkey King: Mischief in Heaven by Ji-Li Jiang, illustrated by Hui Hui Su-Kennedy

(+) *Treasury of Egyptian Mythology* by Donna Jo Napoli, illustrated by Christina Balit

(+) *Mark of the Thief* by Jennifer Nielsen

Dreamtime: Aboriginal Stories by Oodgeroo, illustrated by Bronwyn Bancroft

Dragonfly Song by Wendy Orr

Aesop's Fables by Jerry Pinkney

Prince of Fire: The Story of Diwali by Jatinder Nath Verma, illustrated by Nilesh Mistry

Historical Fiction

Full Cicada Moon by Marilyn Hinton

Ahimsa by Supriya Kelkar

War Stories by Gordon Korman

Brother's Keeper by Julie Lee

Different: A Story of the Spanish Civil War by Mónica Montañés, illustrated by Eva Sánchez Góme

(+) *White Bird: A Wonder Story* by R.J. Palacio

Prairie Lotus by Linda Sue Park

Becoming Muhammad Ali by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Dawud Anyabwile

(+) *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor

My Year in the Middle by Lila Quintero Weaver

Echo Mountain by Lauren Wolk

Before the Ever After by Jacqueline Woodson

Realistic Fiction

Once Upon an Eid edited by S.K. Ali and Aisha Saeed

(+) *Isaiah Dunn Is My Hero* by Kelly J. Baptist

Rez Dogs by Joseph Bruchac

Confessions of a Class Clown by Arienne Costner

Starfish by Lisa Fipps

Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year by Nina Hamza

When Stars Are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

(+) *Amina's Voice* by Hena Khan

The Season of Styx Malone by Kekla Magoon

(+) *From the Desk of Zoe Washington* by Janae Marks

(+) *Merci Suárez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina

(+) *Accidental Trouble Magnet* by Zanib Mian, illustrated by Nasaya Mafaridik

The Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Moore

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

The First Rule of Punk by Ceclia C. Pérez

A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramée

How to Win a Slime War by Mae Respicio

Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds

Towers Falling by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Pay Attention, Carter Jones by Gary D. Schmidt

The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman

(+) *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang

Adventure, Survival and Sports

A High Five for Glenn Burke by Phil Bildner

Final Season by Tim Green

Jayla Jumps In by Joy Jones

(+) *Power Forward* by Hena Khan

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

A Wolf Called Wander by Roseanne Parry, illustrated by Mónica Armijo

Wildfire by Rodman Philbrick

Derby Daredevils: Kenzie Kickstarts a Team by Kit Rosewater

(+) *Holes* by Louis Sachar

Ana on the Edge by A.J. Sass

Takedown by Laura Shovan

Horror, Mystery and Suspense

(+) *Small Spaces* by Katherine Arden

Trace by Pat Cummings

The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson

The Disappearance of Aidan S. (as told to his brother) by David Levithan

Too Bright to See by Kyle Lukoff

Don't Turn Out the Lights: A Tribute to Alvin Schwartz's Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark edited by Jonathan Maberry

The Owls Have Come to Take Us Away by Ronald L. Smith

Me and Sam-Sam Handle the Apocalypse by Susan Vaught

Fantasy

Samira & Hamza: The War to Save the Worlds by Samira Ahmed

(+) *Amari and the Night Brothers* by B.B. Alston

The Marvellers by Dhonielle Clayton, illustrated by Khadijah Khatib

(+) *Girl Giant and the Monkey King* by Van Hoang

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton K. Juster, illustrated by Jules Feiffer

When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller

(+) *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis

Ikenga by Nnedi Okorafor

(+) *The Dactyl Hill Squad* by Daniel Jose Older

(+) *The Witch Boy* by Molly Knox Ostertag

(+) *Forest of Wonders* by Linda Sue Park, illustrated by James Madsen

(+) *Anya and the Dragon* by Sofiya Pasternack, illustrated by Celeste Knudsen

(+) *Kingston and the Magician's Lost and Found* by Moses Rucker and Theo Gangi

Solimar: The Sword of the Monarchs by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Science Fiction

Maya and the Robot by Eve L. Ewing, illustrated by Christina Almeda

(+) *The Last Last-Day-of-Summer* by Lamar Giles, illustrated by Dapo Adeola

(+) *Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* by Carlos Hernandez

(+) *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle

(+) *Tiger Honor* by Yoon Ha Lee, illustrated by Vivienne To

(+) *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

We're Not From Here by Geoff Rodkey

Leonard (My Life as a Cat) by Carly Sorosiak

A Rover's Story by Jasmine Warga