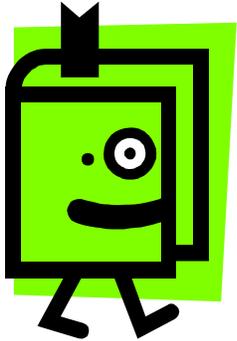


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Summer Reading Grade 5



Listed inside please find the reading choices for students entering Grade 5. Since children have a wide range of reading abilities, we have provided easy, grade level and challenge choices to accommodate student's abilities.

Each child should choose **one** book and read it before school starts in the fall. Students should also choose one of the project options. Projects can be turned into the homeroom teacher in September. Of course reading additional books from this list or others of interest is always appreciated.

Visit the school website for additional information and an extended book list.

<http://www.nns.org/index.php?do=>

Project Options

1. "Postcards From Afar"

Students need to create a postcard from one of the main characters to someone outside of the book. The postcard should contain a full detailed illustration on one side and writing on the opposite side. Writing should include the setting of the story and how the book is about surviving.

2. "A Day in the Life"

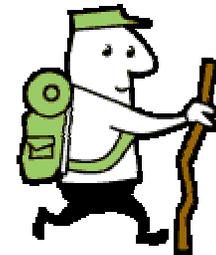
Students need to write a diary entry from one of the main characters. The entry should be at least 1 page typed double-spaced, if possible. It should contain feelings and thoughts from the main character's point of view.

3. "Coming Soon"

Students need to create an advertisement or brochure for their book. They must create a colorful and informational display of the book. The creation should entice people to read the book.

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The Summer Reading Theme is

"Survival"



Our goal:

Provide quality literature selections that will engage, expand, and challenge students reading and thinking abilities.

Challenging Your Thinking

Duprau, Jeanne. *The City of Ember*

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

Farmer, Nancy. *A Girl Named Disaster*

While fleeing from Mozambique to Zimbabwe to escape an unwanted marriage, Nhamo, an eleven-year-old Shona girl, struggles to escape drowning and starvation and in so doing comes close to the luminous world of the African spirits.

Roy, Jennifer Rozines. *Yellow Star*

From 1939, when Sylvia is four and a half years old, to 1945 when she has just turned ten, a Jewish girl and her family struggle to survive in Poland's Lodz ghetto during the Nazi occupation

Expanding Your Horizons

Clements, Andrew. *A Week in the Woods*

Mark is a newcomer to the Hardy Elementary School in New Hampshire, when he goes on a school outing in the woods and has unexpected lessons in fairness, loyalty and courage.

Haddix, Margaret. *Among the Hidden*

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.

McSwigan, Marie. *Snow Treasure*

In 1940, when the Nazi invasion of Norway reaches their village in the far north, twelve-year-old Peter and his friends use their sleds to transport nine million dollars worth of gold bullion past the German soldiers to the secret harbor where Peter's uncle keeps his ship ready to take the gold for safekeeping in the United States.

Engaging Your Interest

Kinsey-Warnock, Natalie. *The Canada Geese Quilt*

Worried that the coming of a new baby and her grandmother's serious illness will change her warm familiar life on her family's Vermont farm, ten-year-old Ariel combines her artistic talent with her grandmother's knowledge to make a very special quilt.

Scieszka, Jon. *Summer Reading Is Killing Me*

Joe, Sam, and Fred find themselves trapped inside their summer reading list, involved in a battle between good and evil characters from well-known children's books

Park, Barbara. *Skinny Bones*

For the smallest kid on the baseball team, Alex "skinny-bones" has a major league big mouth. But, not even Alex knows he's gone too far when he brags his way into a pitching contest with the best baseball player.