

Summer Reading List for Grade 5 and 6

Required Reading

Grade 5: Sign of the Beaver, by Elizabeth George Speare

Grade 6: Rifles for Watie, by Harold Keith

Students are required to read the book listed above for their grade level and 1 (one)

book from the lists below. It should be read completely by **the first day of school**. As the students complete the book, they should take the AR quiz. (Summer access to AR quizzes is available!)

The list is divided into these categories:

Grade 5 and 6 Biography and Science, and Poetry

Grade 5 Literature

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Grade 5 Supplemental

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Biography and Science

*Of Courage Undaunted: Across the Continent with Lewis and Clark, by James Daugherty

Passion for the Impossible: The Life of Lilius Trotter, by Miriam Huffman Rockness

Carry a Big Stick: The Uncommon Heroism of Teddy Roosevelt, by George Grant

Trial and Triumph, by Richard Hannula (collection of brief biographies of Christians throughout history)

The Story of My Life, by Helen Keller

God's Smuggler, by Brother Andrew and John Sherrill

Never Give In (about Winston Churchill), by Stephen Mansfield

Christian Heroes: Then and Now series, by Janet and Geoff Benge. Choose any: Jacob DeShazer, Nate Saint, Louis Zamperini, Brother Andrew, Corrie Ten Boom, William Wilberforce, D.L. Moody, Amy Carmichael.

Escape from Slavery: the Boyhood of Frederick Douglass in His Own Words, by Michael McCurdy

The Endless Steppe: Growing Up in Siberia, by Esther Hautzig

Jungle Pilot: The Life and Witness of Nate Saint, Martyred Missionary to Ecuador, by Russel T. Hitt

Albert Einstein and the Theory of Relativity, by Robert Cwiklik

Archimedes and the Door of Science, by Jeanne Bendick

Galileo and the Magic Numbers, by Sidney Rosen

*The Mystery of the Periodic Table, by Benjamin Wiker

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Poetry

Rudyard Kipling, any collection such as Poetry for Young People, Rudyard Kipling, ed. Eileen Gillooly

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, any collection such as Poetry for Young People, Longfellow, ed

Grade 5

Literature

Tales of the Greek Heroes, by Roger Lancelyn Green

King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table, by Roger Lancelyn Green

The Children's Homer, by Padraic Collum

The Treasure Seekers, by Edith Nesbit

The Wouldbegoods, by Edith Nesbit

Little Women, by Louisa May Alcott

Black Beauty, by Anna Sewell

The Wind in the Willows (Unabridged), by Kenneth Grahame

The Jungle Books (Unabridged), by Rudyard Kipling

Just So Stories, by Rudyard Kipling

The Long Winter, by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Little Town on the Prairie, by Laura Ingalls Wilder

These Happy Golden Years, by Laura Ingalls Wilder

The First Four Years, by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm, by Kate Douglas Wiggin

Hans Brinker, or The Silver Skates, by Mary Mapes Dodge

The House of 60 Fathers, by Meindert de Jong

Carry On, Mr. Bowditch, by Jean Lee Latham

The King's Fifth, by Scott O'Dell

Snow Treasure, by Marie McSwigan; true story of Norwegian children who spirited away gold for the resistance right under the Nazi's eyes

Also good, and easier:

Matchlock Gun, Walter D. Edmonds

The Good Master, The White Stag, The Singing Tree and others, by Kate Seredy

Across Five Aprils, by Irene Hunt

Star of Light, by Patricia St. John

Mrs Frisby and the rats of NIMH, by Robert C. O'Brien

The Rescuers, and others in the series by Margery Sharp

Homer Price, by Robert McCloskey

The Great Brain, by John D. Fitzgerald, particularly interesting to boys

The Mysterious Benedict Society, by Trenton Lee Stewart

Redwall, and others, by Brian Jacques

Five Little Peppers and How They Grew, by Margaret Sidney

Grade 6

Literature

Mythology, by Edith Hamilton or Tales of the Greek Heroes, by Roger Lancelyn Green

The Hobbit, by J. R. R. Tolkien

The Fellowship of the Ring, by J.R.R. Tolkien

Anne of Green Gables, by Lucy Maud Montgomery

*Oliver Twist, by Charles Dickens

*Kim, by Rudyard Kipling

Puck of Pook's Hill, by Rudyard Kipling

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, by Mark Twain

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, by Mark Twain

The Prince and the Pauper, by Mark Twain

Where the Red Fern Grows, by Wilson Rawls; 20th century

Letters from Rifka, by Karen Hesse ; very literary story of a Jewish Immigrant to post WWI America

The Ark, by Margot Benary-Isbert; refugee family attempts survival in post WWII Germany

The Chestry Oak by Kate Seredy; The effects of WWII on a young Hungarian prince

Call of the Wild, by Jack London

Around the World in Eighty Days, by Jules Verne

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea, by Jules Verne

A Little Brother to the Bear, by William J. Long

Swallows and Amazons, and other titles in series, by Arthur Ransome

Call it Courage, by Armstrong Sperry

Tales of Shakespeare, by Charles and Mary Lamb

My Life and Hard Times, by James Thurber

Freckles by Gene Stratton-Porter

Girl of the Limberlost and others by Gene Stratton-Porter

Heidi (Unabridged) by Joanna Spyri

Jim Davis by John Masefield

Kidnapped, by Robert Louis Stevenson, illustrated by Wyeth

Treasure Island, by Robert Louis Stevenson