

St. Ambrose Catholic School

Fifth Grade Summer Reading Assignment

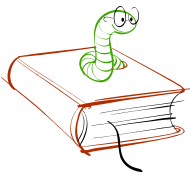
Attached you will find a list of books and authors that are for your incoming fifth grader. Please read three books from the list and complete the attached assignments. Have your child turn them into or submit them to the teacher by **AUGUST 22, 2014.**

Why Do Summer Reading?

- Increase reading level
- Increase language skills
- Build vocabulary
- Build interests
- Build fluency

Some tips for summer reading:

- Encourage your child to write and illustrate short stories.
- Visit your local library and make sure your child has his/her own library card. Sign up for the Summer Reading Program for more incentives to read.
- Help your child use the “I Pick Good Fit Books” method.
 - **I** look at a book
 - **P**urpose
 - **I**nterest
 - **C**omprehend
 - **K**now all the words
- Have plenty of books, books on C.D., magazines, and other written material around for your child to read.
- Connect reading with other summer activities.
 - For example: Read books about places you will go over the summer or things you will be doing.
- Vary the way your child reads.
 - Read to Self
 - Read to Others
 - Adult Read to Child
 - Child create their own recorded book
- Create a Parent-Child Book Club by reading and discussing the same book.
- Have fun with your child while reading!



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Suggested Reading List

A Ring of Tricksters: Animal Tales from
America, the West Indies, and Africa,
Virginia Hamilton

A Series of Unfortunate Events, Lemony
Snicket

Al Capone Does My Shirts, Jennifer
Choldenko

Albidaro and the Mischievous Dream, Julius
Lester

Because of Winn Dixie, Kate DiCamillo

Becoming Naomi Leon, Pam Munoz Ryan

Bud, Not Buddy, Christopher Paul Curtis

Charlotte's Web, E.B. White

Chronicles of Narnia Series, C.S. Lewis

Dear America Books Series

Harry Potter Series, J.K. Rowling

Hatchet, Gary Paulsen

Hoot, Carl Hiaasen

Hurricanes Have Eyes but Can't See: And
Other Amazing Facts about Wild
Weather, Melvin Berger

Little House on the Prairie Series

Maniac Magee, Jerry Spinelli

Number the Stars, Louis Lowry

**Shiloh, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Star in the Storm, Joan Hiatt Harlow

**Stewart Little, E.B. White

Three Samurai Cats: A Story from Japan,
Eric A. Kimmel

Unsung Heroes of World War II: The Story
of the Navajo Code Talkers, Deanne
Durrett

Woodsong, Gary Paulsen

Award Winning Books

Helen's Big World: The Life of Helen
Keller, Doreen Rappaport

Privateer's Apprentice, Susan Verrico
Wonder, R.J. Palacio

Freaky Fast Krankie Joe, Lutricia
Clifton

Capture the Flag, Kate Messner

Ordinary Magic, Caitlen Rubino-
Bradway

Pinch Hit, Time Green

The Five Lives of Our Cat Zook, Joanne
Rocklin

The Shadow Collector's Apprentice,
Amy Gordon

Chomp, Carl Hiaasen

The Young Healer, Frank N. McMillan
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The Mighty Miss Malone, Christopher
Paul Curtis

Liar and Spy, Rebecca Stead

The Invention of Hugo Cabret, Brian
Selznick

My Friend Rabbit, Eric Rohmann

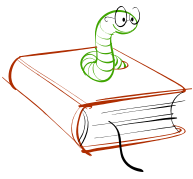
P.S. Be Elven, Rita Williams-Garcia

One Crazy Summer, Rita Williams-
Garcia

March: Book One, John Lewis

Darius & Twig, Walter Dean Myer

If you would like to choose another appropriate book, that is also acceptable.



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Assignments for Incoming 5th Graders

1. Required Basic Information: On a lined index card, write *Your Name, the Title, Author, Number of Pages, Main Character(s)*, and *two complete sentences about your favorite part of the book*. Write neatly in cursive and blue/black ink. Attach this card to your activity/project for each book.

Required: Read **TWO** books from the suggested list (or another appropriate, good-fit book).

2. Required: Pick one additional book from the suggested list (or another book on your level).

Complete an activity for this book (no written summaries). **Make sure your name is on the project.**

Choose from the following activities:

- Design a new book jacket (front and back cover) Include an **original** illustration, title, author, synopsis, and book reviews (your own creativity).
- Make a poster (size 22x17 or **smaller—please no full size posters—no room for them!**) to advertise this book so someone else will want to read it. Include the Title, Characters, and 3 important highlights of plot that will grab attention. Draw your own illustrations or find pictures in magazines or websites to make your poster colorful.

Assignment Completion Checklist:

Did you...

___ Read a book of your choice?

___ Write the Basic Information about the book on a lined index card?

___ Complete an activity from the list?

___ Write neatly in cursive?

___ Use a pen?

___ Put your name on ALL your reports/projects? (“no name” projects will not be graded)