



Fifth Grade Summer Reading List 2008-2009

Required Summer Reading: Each student entering fifth grade is required to read at least three books: *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* (O'Brien), *Sixth-Grade glommers, norks, and me* (Papademetriou), and **one from the general list**. Most of these books are available in libraries or in paperback from local bookstores, although some of the newer choices may not have been released in paperback. If more than one edition is available, be sure to select an unabridged edition. In the fall, all three required books will be discussed in English and social studies. Students will need to have a personal copy to bring to class. Happy reading!

Required Books:

O'Brien, *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*

Papademetriou, *Sixth-Grade glommers, norks, and me*

General List (choose one that you have not read yet):

Historical Fiction:

Anderson, *Fever 1793**

Balliett, *Chasing Vermeer*

Curtis, *Elijah of Buxton** (Newbery Honor Book 2008)

Curtis, *The Watsons go to Birmingham, 1963**

Cushman, *Catherine, Called Birdy*

Fletcher, *Shadow Spinner*

Lowry, *Number the Stars*

Mikaelson, *Red Midnight*

Park, *Project Mulberry*

Pearsall, *Trouble Don't Last*

Robinet, *Washington City is Burning**

Taylor, *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry!** (Book I)

Yep, *Dragonwings*

Realistic Fiction/Mystery:

Blume, *Cornelia and the Audacious Escapades of the Somerset Sisters*

Clements, *No Talking*

Creech, *Walk Two Moons*

DeClements, *Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade*

George, *Julie of the Wolves*

Henkes, *Olive's Ocean*

Martin, *A Corner of the Universe*

Patron, *The Higher Power of Lucky*

Paulsen, *Hatchet*

Roberts, *The One Left Behind*

Russo, *House of Sports*

Sachar, *Holes*

Spinelli, *Stargirl*
Stewart, *The Mysterious Benedict Society* (or its sequel)
Taylor, *The Cay*
Yee, *Millicent Min, Girl Genius*

Fantasy/Science Fiction/Mystery:

Barry & Pearson, *Peter and the Starcatchers*
Clements, *Things Not Seen* (or follow up: *Things Hoped For*)
Coombs, *The Runaway Princess*
DuPrau, *City of Ember* (or any book from series)
Funke, *Inkheart*
Hahn, *The Old Willis Place: A Ghost Story*
Higson, *SilverFin: A James Bond Adventure (Book I)*
Hunter, any of the *Warrior* series
Gaiman, *Coraline*
Jacques, *Redwall* (or any of the series)
Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* (or any book from the series)
Lowry, *Gossamer*
Nimmo, *Midnight for Charlie Bone (Book I)*
Vande Velde, *Heir Apparent*

Non-Fiction:

Aronson, *The World Made New**

Avi, *Iron Thunder: The Battle Between the Monitor and the Merrimac*

Dee, *The Girls' Guide to Life*

Fritz, Jean. *Leonardo's Horse*

Jackson, *Looking for Life in the Universe: The Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence***

Koestler, *Going to School During the Civil Rights Movement**

Lawlor, *Magnificent Voyage**

McClafferty, *Something out of Nothing: Marie Curie and Radium***

Murphy, Jim. *An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793**

Nelson, *We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball**

Relf, *A Dinosaur Named Sue: The Story of the Colossal Fossil***

Schlosser, *Chew on This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Fast Food* (VSBA Nominee)

Thimmesh, *Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women*

Thimmesh, *Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon* **

**Integrated English / social studies*

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