

2008 Summer Reading List for Incoming Fifth Graders

Dear Parents,

Attached is a reading list for incoming fifth graders. To help your child find their reading level, have them read a full page. Fewer than two mistakes indicate a comfortable read for your child. Please remember that the goal of summer reading is for enjoyment and to maintain reading skills. Therefore, we require students to turn in an assignment upon their return to school. We require each student to read Earthquake Terror by Peg Kehret. We would like each student to write a one to two paragraph summary of the events of the book. Please include the book title and author. In addition, include a separate paragraph stating recommendations for this book. Please also include any personal connection the student has with the book.

Each student is also required to read one of the following books of choice:

- Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary
- The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
- Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Montgomery
- Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade by Barthe de Clements
- Anastasia Krupnik and the series by Lois Lowry
- Summer Reading is Killing Me by Jon Scieszka
- Thank You, Jackie Robinson by Barbara Cohen

For the optional book, please either create a collage about the story on a quarter of a sheet of poster board or draw a comic strip of a favorite scene in the book.

Encourage your child to share their opinion of the book with the family. Your child's homeroom teacher will collect the assignment on the first day of school to facilitate a Language Arts lesson. We hope you enjoy a safe and fun summer!

Sincerely,

Grade Five Teachers