

2012 Summer Reading for Rising Randolph 5th Graders

“The seeds of reading and school success are sown in the home, long before the child ever arrives at school.”
Jim Trelease, *The Read-Aloud Handbook*

Summer reading is so important! Randolph’s curriculum works best when it builds upon what parents are doing at home. We want our children to return after the summer ready to read, write and learn. When students see that parents and teachers believe in the value of reading, they are more apt to feel the same way.

Students who love to read will see success in school. This begins at home where students are encouraged to read, their parents set an example of reading in front of them, and their parents read aloud to them. Becoming a good reader takes practice. Offer your children quiet times and good places to enjoy reading. Read aloud to them on a regular basis - students whose parents do so perform better on standardized tests, have larger vocabularies, and find more success in all subjects.

This summer, we ask rising 5th graders to read **two fiction books** from our suggested reading list, library, bookstore, or family bookshelf which you feel is appropriate. They also must read **one non-fiction book** (any selection they find at the public library or bookstore.) When students return to school, they will bring completed reading logs (provided in this document) of the two fiction books, the non-fiction book, any additional books read by the student, and books read aloud to them by a parent.

Guidelines for Non-Fiction Reading:

The non-fiction book selection for summer reading may include: History, Nature, Geography, Science, Technology, Current Events, Biography, or Poems.

Choose a non-fiction book:

- Which you are interested in – please don’t choose something to impress parents or teachers!
- Connected to an activity you enjoy or have experienced.
- Which has good pictures, tables, graphics, and captions.
- Which seems readable – not too simple, nor too complicated.

Reading a non-fiction book is a different process, so please remember...

- It is okay to just read some sections of the book.
- It is okay to read the chapters or sections out of order.
- It is okay to read the Table of Contents in the front to decide which sections you want to review/read.
- It is okay to check the glossary in the back of the book (or a dictionary) if you don’t know the meaning of a word.

The 5th grade team sincerely looks forward to working with you and your child this coming year. With your help, we can fulfill Randolph’s mission statement of: **Seeking Truth, Building Character, Nurturing All.**

Recommendations for 5th Grade Summer Reading

Fiction

Anderson	Fever, 1793		
Appelt	The Underneath	Farley	Black Stallion
Armstrong	Sounder	Funke	Dragon Rider
Avi	Crispin		Thief Lord
Birdsall	The Penderwicks	Giff	Nory Ryan's Song
Brink	Caddie Woodlawn	Gutman	Satch and Me
Burnett	The Little Princess		Million Dollar Shot
	The Secret Garden	Haddix	Just Ella
Choldenko	Al Capone Does My Shirts	Hiaason	Scat
	Al Capone Shines My Shoes		Hoot
Cleary	Dear Mr. Henshaw	Hoeye	Time Stops for No Mouse
	Strider	Ibbotson	Island of the Aunts
Clements	Lost and Found	Levine	Ella Enchanted
	Report Card	Lowry	The Birthday Ball
	Janitor's Boy	Mass	11 Birthdays
Codell	Sahara Special		Finally 12
Creech	Absolutely Normal Chaos		Every Soul a Star
	Ruby Holler	O'Brien	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH
DiCamillo	Because of Winn-Dixie	Paulsen	Hatchet
	The Magician's Elephant	Riordan	The Red Pyramid
Eager	Half Magic	Sachar	Holes
		Selznick	The Invention of Hugo Cabret
		Sperry	Call it Courage
		Winthrop	Castle in the Attic

Popular Series/Fiction

Balliett	Chasing Vermeer		
	The Wright 3	Lewis	Chronicles of Narnia
	The Calder Game	Lindgren	Pippi Longstocking
Banks	The Indian in the Cupboard	Lofting	Dr. Doolittle
Barry	Peter and the Starcatchers	Martin	Main Street Series
Buckley	Sisters Grimm	Martin	The Doll People
Colfer	Artemis Fowl	Naylor	Shiloh
Funke	Inkheart	Nimmo	Midnight for Charlie Bone
Henry	Misty of Chincoteague	Riordan	Lightning Thief
Horowitz	Stormbreaker(Alex RyderSeries)	Rowling	Harry Potter
Hunter	Warriors	Snicket	Series of Unfortunate Events
Hunter	Seekers	Stewart	The Mysterious Benedict Society
Jacques	Red Wall	Van Draanen	Shredderman series
Kessler	Philippa Fisher's Fairy Godsister	Various Authors	39 Clues Series
			Dear America
			My Name is America
			Girls of Many Lands

5th Grade Summer Reading Log



3 books by at least 2 authors, one being non-fiction/poetry **REQUIRED**

Name _____

Title	Author	Date Completed	Parent Signature

Books Read Aloud To Me- **STRONGLY SUGGESTED**

Title	Author	Date Completed	Parent Signature