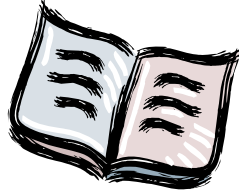


Fifth Grade Summer Reading Project

"Book in A ..."



Choose one book from the attached list of fiction and nonfiction selections. Follow the directions below to create a project that you will share during the first days of school.

1. Choose any container for your project. It could be an envelope, paper bag, box, Pringles can, oatmeal can, mailing tube, etc. Decorate the outside of your container to portray your book. Be creative! Use details appropriate to the book (characters, setting, favorite scene, etc.). Be sure your name and title of the book are labeled.
2. The inside of your container should include the following activities pertaining to your book:
 - a. Write ten questions that could be answered by reading the book and create a ten-word glossary of unfamiliar words from the book and a short definition of each word. These should be written on note cards with the answers or definitions on the back.
 - b. Choose five items that depict the story in some way. These may be actual items or picture drawings of the items. For example in the book, *Charlotte's Web*, you may have included a barn constructed from legos, a stuffed pig, a plastic spider or a drawn picture of one of the spider webs that Charlotte created to save Wilbur, the pig.
3. Upon your return from summer vacation, you will present the project to your reading class.

Summer Reading List



Fiction Selections

1. ***Among the Hidden*** by Margaret Peterson Haddiy
In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third child" convinces him that the government is wrong. This is the first book in a series of books about "hidden children".
2. ***Big House*** by Carolyn Coman
When the judge declares their parents guilty of embezzlement, sending them to the big house for twenty-five years, Ivy and Ray are sent to live with Marietta and Lionel Noland, their parents' accusers. As soon as they arrive at the Noland mansion, Ivy becomes suspicious and begins planning their escape...and trying to find a way to free their parents.
3. ***Crash*** by Jerry Spinelli
Seventh-grader John "Crash" Coogan has always been comfortable with his tough, aggressive behavior, until his relationship with an unusual Quaker boy makes him consider the meaning of friendship. One of my favorite books from my favorite author!
4. ***Flipped*** by Wendelin Van Draanen
The first time she saw him, she flipped. The first time he saw her, he ran. That was in the second grade, but not much has changed by the seventh grade. In this delightful, funny novel, two teenagers describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.
5. ***Found*** by Margaret Peterson Haddix
In a tantalizing opener to a new series, Haddix writes a story filled with intrigue and suspense. She takes a fascinating idea, and mixes it with time travel to create a story that will keep you interested to the last page.
6. ***Gregor the Overlander*** by Suzanne Collins
When Gregor falls through a grate in the laundry room of his apartment building, he hurtles into the dark Underland. The world is on the brink of war, and Gregor's arrival is no accident. A prophecy foretells that Gregor has a role to play in the Underland's uncertain future. This exciting story tells of Gregor's dangerous adventures that will change both him and the Underland forever.

7. ***The Invention of Hugo Cabret*** by Brian Seiznick
Winner of the 2008 Caldecott medal, this is the story of a boy named Hugo who lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station. His world suddenly interlocks with an eccentric, bookish girl and a bitter old man who runs a toy booth in the station. Hugo's undercover life, and his most precious secret, is put in jeopardy. A wonderful mystery, beautifully illustrated and masterfully written.
8. ***Island*** by Gordon Korman
This book is the first in a series of three. It begins with seven children who in some way have all gotten into trouble. Their punishment is to sail aboard a ship with a captain and his first mate to learn teamwork and discipline. Tragedy strikes when the ship starts to sink. You will enjoy this so much you will want to read the second and third books.
9. ***Jeremy Thatcher Dragon Hatcher*** by Bruce Coville
When the marble egg that Jeremy buys at Mr. Elives' Magic Shop hatches into a dragon, Jeremy's life changes drastically. Jeremy learns responsibility and the power of love.
10. ***Kensuke's Kingdom*** by Michael Morpurgo
This is a Virginia's Young Reader book. When Michael is swept off his family's yacht, he washes up on a desert island, where he struggles to survive, until he finds he is not alone.
11. ***The Lightning Thief*** by Rick Riordan
A bestselling series that I just recently discovered, this is now one of my favorites! This action packed novel is a wonderful mix of fantasy and Greek mythology.
12. ***Maniac Magee*** by Jerry Spinelli
After his parents die, Jefferey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats, which awe his friends. If you like sports, this may be one for you.
13. ***Midnight for Charlie Bone*** by Jenny Nimmo
If you are a Harry Potter fan, you will enjoy this one. Ten-year-old Charlie Bone doesn't realize he's inherited the family's magical power until one day he finds that he's able to hear the conversations of people in photographs.
14. ***The Penderwicks*** by Jeanne Birdsall
Winner of the 2005 National Book Award for Young People's Literature, this is a story of the Penderwick sisters' summer vacation on the grounds of a beautiful estate called Arundel. The fun begins when they meet Jeffrey Tifton, son of the Arundel's owner, who proves to be the perfect companion for their many adventures. This is the perfect book for the long hot days of summer!

15. ***No More Dead Dogs*** by Gordon Korman

Wallace does not understand it, why do dogs die at the end of every classic story? When Wallace gives his book report, he can't bring himself to lie about his feelings, he hates the book! The teacher feels the opposite and forces Wallace to participate in the school's play based on the book. Find out what happens when Wallace's creativity gets out of hand.

16. ***Rascal*** by Sterling North

Eleven-year-old Robby North and his friend Oscar live in Wisconsin. While they are fishing, they hear a gun. A raccoon mother was shot and killed. The friends discover a baby raccoon and realize it too will die because it cannot care for itself. Robby decides to take the baby home. Thus, begins the love story between a boy and his pet raccoon.

17. ***Replay*** by Sharon Creech

Leo has big dreams, even though he has been given the smallest part in the school play, Leo dreams he is the biggest star on Broadway! Leo's big noisy family makes him feel like a sardine squashed in a tin, but in his fantasy he gets all the attention he wants. Leo is always dreaming, always replaying things in his brain. He fantasizes about who he is in order to discover who he will become.

18. ***Secret of Platform 13*** by Eva Ibbotson

The door between our world and the Enchanted Island is only open for nine days every nine years. Unfortunately, in the last minutes before it closed in 1983, the baby prince of the Island is kidnapped. For nine long years, the king and queen plan for his rescue. An unlikely team of creatures is chosen to rescue their beloved child.

19. ***Shakespeare's Secret*** by Elise Broach

Named after a character in a Shakespeare play, misfit sixth-grader Hero becomes interested in exploring the unusual connection because of a valuable diamond supposedly hidden in her new house. Mystery lovers will enjoy this one!

20. ***Surviving the Applewhites*** by Stephanie Tolan

Jake Semple is a scary kid. Word has it that he burned down his old school and then was kicked out of every other school in the state. Now there is only one place left that will take him- a home school run by the most outrageous, forgetful, chaotic, quarrelsome family you'll ever meet. Will Jake survive the Applewhites?

21. ***Things Not Seen*** by Andrew Clements

A fifteen-year-old boy discovers that he has turned invisible overnight and becomes determined to take control of the situation and of his own destiny.

22. ***Three Good Deeds*** by Vivian Vande Veide

When Howard tries to steal the eggs that were just laid near Goose Pond, the old woman who protects them catches him. She is rumored to be a witch, but Howard has no reason to believe this is true until she turns him into a goose in order to teach him a lesson. The only way in which he can reverse the curse is to perform three good deeds, which is much harder than he first suspects.

23. ***Tuck Everlasting*** by Natalie Babbitt

Doomed or blessed with eternal life after drinking from a magic spring, the Tuck family wanders about trying to live as inconspicuously and comfortably as they can. When ten year old Winnie Foster stumbles on their secret, the Tucks take her home and explain why living forever at one age is less a blessing than it might seem.

24. ***A Week in the Woods*** by Andrew Clements

The fifth grade's annual camping trip in the woods tests Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to a teacher who seems out to get him.

25. ***Where the Red Fern Grows*** by Wilson Rawls

A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters. This is an exciting tale of love and adventure you'll never forget.

Nonfiction Selections

1. ***The Bone Detectives*** by Donna Jackson

This book is based on forensic medicine. If you love the CSI television program, you'll love this book.

2. ***Black Whiteness*** by Robert Burleigh

The story of Admiral Richard Byrd's trip to Antarctica. This one is difficult to put down!

3. ***Don't Know Much About Planet Earth*** by Kenneth C. Davis

For a head start on an important part of your fifth grade science curriculum, follow best-selling author Kenneth C. Davis as he leads a trek across the globe. If you want to know about the world's longest river, coldest desert, tallest waterfall, and much more, this is the book for you!

4. ***Hana's Suitcase*** by Karen Levine

When Fumiko Ishioka, Director of the Tokyo Holocaust Center, acquired the suitcase of Hana Brady, a Jewish child who was at Auschwitz, she set out to discover what happened to the child who owned it. In alternating chapters, we learn about her research, and the fate of the Jewish girl from a small town in Czechoslovakia whose family was wrenched apart.

5. ***Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World*** by Jennifer Armstrong
An extraordinary true story of Ernest Shackelton and the twenty-seven men who followed him to Antarctica. He was hoping to become the first team of explorers to cross Antarctica from one side to the other.
6. ***Washington at Valley Forge*** by Russell Freedman
Newberry Award-winning author Russell Freedman offers a powerful account of the winter George Washington and his bedraggled army spent at Valley Forge. Filled with colorful paintings, pictures and maps you'll get a glimpse of life during a crucial period in American history.
7. ***We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*** by K. Nelson
When Rube Foster founded the Negro National League in 1920, he told his colleagues, "We are the ship, all else the sea." Kadir Nelson tells the story of the rise and fall of baseball's Negro Leagues through the eyes of an everyday ballplayer who just happens to be witnessing history.
8. Select any biography in the ***In Their Own Words*** series, published by Scholastic Reference. Choose from famous Americans such as Thomas Edison, Helen Keller, Abraham Lincoln, Sojourner Truth, Paul Revere and Benjamin Franklin. Learn about the important contributions these famous Americans made for their country.