Summer Reading: 5th Grade

For the pleasure and for the academic benefits of literature, Nolan has an expectation for summer reading. Our hope is that children will find books they love and enjoy them deeply.

Beliefs about Summer Reading

* Reading during the summer should be a pleasure.
* We want you to read for you.
* You should have lots of **choices** in your reading.
* Developing a reading life has personal & academic benefits.

We want you and your children to experience some books in common so that you can talk about what you’ve read. That’s why we have titles under Expected Reading.

## Expected Reading (2 books)

#### Narrative Text

A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck ***and***

The Seven Wonders of Sassafrass Springs by Betty G. Birney

#### Math Multiplication Study

**All students must study their multiplication facts from 0s to 12s throughout the summer.**

## Summer Reading Assignments

**All students will complete in-class activities related to the two**

#### books during the first few weeks of the school year.

## We also want students to read a lot because it benefits the students and their school as a whole when they read voraciously. Of course, we want students to read books of their choice, which is why we have titles under *Suggested Reading*. Can students read books that are not listed here? OF COURSE! You and your child are in charge of their reading life. The important thing is read, read, read…and that you and your child enjoy it!

**How to Tell if a Book is Just Right for You**

##### When you start to read a book, ask yourself three questions:

1. Can I understand it?

2. Can I talk about it?

3. Do I love it?

If you can say “yes” to all three questions, you should read the book! If you say “no” to one or more questions, it may be time to abandon the book and look for another one.

“Outside of a dog, a book is a man’s best friend. Inside of a dog, it’s too dark to read.” — Groucho Marx

“The things I want to know are in books. My best friend is the man who’ll get me a book I haven’t read.” — Abraham Lincoln

## Suggested Titles

##### Narrative Texts

The Seer of Shadows and books by Avi

The Penderwicks Birdsall

The Seven Wonders of Sassafrass Springs Birney

Wonderstruck and books by Selznick

Walk Two Moons and books by Creech

Halfback Attack and books by Christopher

Salsa Stories Delacre

Tiger Rising and books by DiCamillo

Spiderwick Chronicles (series) DiTerlizzi

My Side of the Mountain George

Just Juice and books by Hesse

One Small Dog Hurwitz

The Year of the Dog Lin

Shiloh (series) and books by Naylor

Trumpet of the Swan and books by White

Nancy Drew (series) Keene

Hardy Boys (series) Dixon

The Mysterious Benedict Society Stewart

Hoot and books by Hiaasen

Holes and books by Sachar

The Watsons go to Birmingham and books by Curtis

Whittington and books by Armstrong

The Giant Rat of Sumatra and books by Fleishcman

I Funny and books by Paterson

The Lightning Thief (series) and books by Riordan

Charlie Bone (series) and books by Nimmo

The Sisters Grimm (series) and books by Buckley

##### Poetry Authors

Mary Ann Hoberman Dean Walter Myers

Douglas Florian X. J. Kennedy

Shel Silverstein Jack Prelutsky

Calef Brown Jane Yolen

##### Informational Texts

The Everything Kids’ Human Body Book Amsel

Jurassic Poop: What Dinosaurs Left Behind Berkowitz

How to Really Fool Yourself: Illusions for Senses Cobb

The Book of Potentially Catastrophic Science Connolly

The Book of Perfectly Perilous Math Connolly

I Wish I Knew That Math: Cool Stuff You Need to Know Goldsmith

Astronomy (Basher Science books) Green

The Lives of Extraordinary Women Hewitt

Unlikely Friendships (Animal Friendships) Holland

Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story... Fleischman

The American Flag Landau

Survivor Kid: A Practical Guide to Wilderness Sur... Long

Oh, Rats! The Story of Rats and People Marrin

Marching for Freedom Partridge

Behind the Blue and Gray Ray

Chew on This Schlosser

The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain Sis

Wired Suen

Chasing Lincoln’s Killer Swanson

You Just Can’t Help It! (Wild, Wacky Human Behav...) Szpirglas

Mummies: The Newest, Coolest, & Creepiest Tanaka

Budgeting: How Economics Works Donovan

Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inve... Thimmesh

Insects: An Extraordinary World Revealed Up Close Viewfinder

##### Series of Informational Texts that are Really Good

National Geographic Kids Smithsonian

Interactive History Adventures Stories of Great People

Time for Kids Biographies Sterling Biographies

A Wicked History The Split History of...