

Reading list for incoming fifth graders:

Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Please choose 2 books from the following list that you have not read and complete before school starts. If you have read every book on the list, that's wonderful! Please continue reading what interests you. Need ideas? Check out all the Newbery Medal/Honor books

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**Assignment:**

You will write a friendly letter to Mrs. Riand using the following format. You should bring your letter with you on the first day of school.

**Your letter should include the following parts:**

1st paragraph: A short introduction, including your name, the elementary school you attended, and some facts about you

2nd and 3rd paragraphs: The title and author of one of the books you read, a description of a main character, the setting, and a summary of the story.

4th paragraph: Your personal rating of the book, from 1-5, with 5 being the highest, plus your reasons for the rating.

5th paragraph: Anything additional you'd like me to know about you: what you did during the summer; what you are most anticipating about middle school.

Letters may be typed or neatly handwritten.

- Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters – John Steptoe
- Shiloh – Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing – Judy Blume
- Because of Winn Dixie – Kate DiCamillo
- Charlotte's Web – E. B. White
- Dear Mr. Henshaw – Beverly Cleary
- Henry Huggins – Beverly Cleary
- The Indian in the Cupboard – Lynne Reid Banks
- Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher - Bruce Coville
- Mr. Popper's Penguins – Richard Atwater
- Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes – Eleanor Coerr
- Shoeshine Girl – Clyde Robert Bulla
- The Sign of the Beaver – Elizabeth George Speare

Remember, nonfiction books can be great too!

You might want to also read some of these:

- Frozen Man Getz, David
- Do Tornadoes Really Twist? Berger, Melvin
- Eleanor Cooney, Barbara
- A More Perfect Union Maestro, Betsy
- My Life In Dog Years Paulsen, Gary
- One Day In The Tropical Rain Forest George, Jean C.
- Out Of Darkness Freedman, Russell
- Mandela Cooper, Floyd
- Ordinary Genius: The Story Of Albert Einstein McPherson, Stephanie S.
- A Boy Called Slow Bruchac, Joseph
- Flight: The Journey Of Charles Lindbergh Burleigh, Robert Fr