

## FIFTH GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

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**The Book to Read this Summer:** Before the Ever After by Jacqueline Woodson

Every rising 5th Grader must read the wonderful book, Before the Ever After by Jacqueline Woodson. You can check it out of the library, purchase a hard copy or find an audible version of the book. If your child listens to the book, please make sure that he/she is reading along with a hard copy of the book too.

We are asking that your child read at least 30 minutes a day over the summer to help maintain their reading fluency. We also encourage you to ask your child how he/she likes Before the Ever After. Happy reading!

**For our theme of Unity in Hebrew we will be reading דירה להשכיר מאת לאה גולדברג**

This year, each child has worked hard to improve fluency in Hebrew. We are asking you to help your child maintain the habit of reading in Hebrew over the summer – even if it is just for 5 minutes each day. The *Bishvil Halvrit* portal will continue to be open through the end of July. If you need any support with *Bishvil Halvrit*, please contact Morah Vardit at [vardit@akivanashville.net](mailto:vardit@akivanashville.net). If you are interested in borrowing any other books for the summer, please let us know.

**Other Wonderful Books to Read Over the Summer:**

- Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- The Crossover Series by Kwame Alexander
- The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani
- I Can Make This Promise by Christine Day
- Apple in the Middle by Dawn Quigley
- New Kid by Jerry Craft
- Over the Moon by Natalie Lloyd

- My Fate According to the Butterfly by Gail Villanueva
- Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- Refugee by Alan Gratz
- Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
- The Boys in The Boat by Daniel James Brown
- Echo by Pam Ryan
- Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga
- I Will Always Write You Back by Caitlin Alifirenka, Liz Welch, and Martin Ganda
- The Marvels by Brian Selznick
- A Place to Belong by Joan Nixon
- Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
- Extraordinary Birds by Sandy Stark-McGinnis
- The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen
- Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
- Front Desk by Kelly Yang
- Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
- Greenglass House by Kate Milford
- Blackbird Fly by Erin Estrada Kelly
- Hello, Universe by Erin Estrada Kelly
- Roller Girl by Jamieson
- House Without Walls by Ching Yeung Russell
- The Girl that Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill
- Stella by Starlight by Draper

### Classics

- The Secret Garden by Burnett
- The Phantom Tollbooth by Juster
- The Black Stallion by Farley

### Challenging Classics

- House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- Little Women by May Alcott

**Picture Books are not just for our youngest readers. The reading level of many picture books is at the 5th and 6th grade reading level and many are filled with rich language and deep meaning. Encourage your child to read some of the ones listed below:**

- Peppe the Lamplighter by Elisa Bartone
- For the Right to Learn: The Malala Yousafzai Story by R.Langston-George and Janna Rose Bock
- Goin' Somewhere Special by Patricia McKissack and Jerry Pinkney
- Alejandro's Gift by Richard E. Albert
- The Raft by Jim LaMarche
- Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco
- The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi
- The Boy Who Drew Birds by Jacqueline Davies
- Thank You Omu by Oge Mora
- All Because You Matter by Tami Charles and Brian Collier

## **Poetry**

**Start exploring classic poems to help get ready for our Poetry Slam.**

- Poetry for Young People William Blake
- Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
- Poetry for Young People: Maya Angelou
- I, Too, Am American by Langston Hughes (some illustrations by Barack Obama)