



## Summer Reading List For Students Entering Grade 5



Students are required to read two books over the summer. Each book must have a book response completed and turned in the first week of school, which will be counted toward their 1<sup>st</sup> quarter reading grade. The book response form is attached to this list. Books highlighted in yellow are books that emphasize honor and/or the virtues. RC stands for the Reading Counts Level. Books marked by an asterisk (\*) are on the Battle of the Books List for this grade

**Choose TWO books from the following list, ONE of the books must be a highlighted book:**

*The Secret School* – Avi (RC 4.2)

\**Out of my mind* – Sharon Draper (RC 4.3)

\**Go Big or Go Home* – Will Hobbs (RC 4.3)

*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* – Kate DiCamillo (RC 4.5)

*Doll in the Garden* – Mary Downing Hahn (RC 4.5)

*Sports Camp* – Rich Wallace (RC 4.5)

*The Lightning Thief* (series) – Rick Riordan (RC 4.7)

\**Al Capone Does My Shirts* – Gennifer Choldenko (RC 4.7)

*Locomotion* – Jacqueline Woodson (RC 4.9)

*Love that Dog* – Sharon Creech (RC 4.9)

\**Gregor the Overlander* – Suzanne Will Collins (RC 4.9)

*Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest* – Steve Jenkins (RC 4.9)

*Freaky Friday* – Mary Rodgers (RC 5.1)

*Out of the Dust* – Karen Hesse (RC 5.1)

\**The City of Ember* – Jean Duprau (RC 5.1)

*Holes* – Louis Sachar (RC 5.2)

*The Kid Who Became President* – Dan Gutman (RC 5.2)

*Strider* – Beverly Cleary (RC 5.2)

*The Amazing Impossible Erie Canal* – Cheryl Harness (RC 5.3)

*Ramona the Pest* – Beverly Cleary (RC 5.5)

\**The Magician's Nephew* – C.S. Lewis (RC 5.6)

*The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey* – Trenton Lee Stewart (RC 5.7)

*Flush* – Carl Hiaasen (RC 5.8)

*Call It Courage* – Armstrong Sperry (RC 5.8)

*Gathering Blue* – Lois Lowry (RC 5.9)

*Night of the Twisters* – Ivy Ruckman (RC 5.9)

\**Scat* – Carl Hiaasen (RC 5.9)

*The Cay* – Theodore Taylor (RC 6.3)

*Black Beauty* – Anna Sewell (RC 6.4)

\**My Side of the Mountain* – Jean Craighead George (RC 6.7)

*The Secret Garden*— Frances Hodgson Burnett (RC 6.8)

\**How Angel Peterson Got His Name* – Gary Paulsen (RC 6.9)

*Swiss Family Robinson* – Johann David Wyss (RC 8.9)

**Holy Spirit Preparatory School**  
**Summer Reading**  
**Grade 5**

**Part 1:** All rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Holy Spirit Prep are required to read two books over the summer. **After reading each book, you will write a 3 paragraph book review.**

You can use the following format:

**1<sup>st</sup> Paragraph:** This should provide a short summary of the book and include the title and author. (5-7 sentences)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph:** This should contain your opinion of the book. Did you like it? Why or why not? Give examples and evidence from the text to back up your opinion. (5-7 sentences)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph:** This should provide a recommendation. Who would you recommend this book to and why? (3-5 sentences)

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