



District Summer Reading List



Incoming 5th Graders for the 2017 – 2018 School Year

Parents/Guardians,

The purpose of summer reading is to encourage students to read an approved novel that appeals to their own personal interests, instilling a love of reading as well as increasing literacy across the district. The following books were chosen based on many criteria, including reading level, content, interest, and more.

Students should choose one book to read over the summer from the grade-level list below*. Happy reading!

5th Grade:

Title	Author	Genre	Synopsis
<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>	Scott O'Dell	Historical Fiction	This is the story of Karana, the Indian girl who lived alone for years on the Island of the Blue Dolphins. Year after year, she watched one season pass into another and waited for a ship to take her away.
<i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham</i>	Christopher Paul Curtis	Multicultural Fiction	A wonderful middle-grade novel narrated by Kenny, 9, about his middle-class black family, the Weird Watsons of Flint, Michigan. When Kenny's 13-year-old brother, Byron, gets to be too much trouble, they head South to Birmingham to visit Grandma, the one person who can shape him up. And they happen to be in Birmingham when Grandma's church is blown up.
<i>The Indian in the Cupboard</i>	Lynne Reid Banks	Fiction	A young man receives two presents that will change his life: a plastic miniature Indian that magically comes to life inside a mysterious old cupboard.
<i>Amelia Earhart</i>	Mary Dodson Wade	Nonfiction - Biography	This book follows Amelia Earhart's life from her childhood fascination with airplanes to her final round-the-world flight from which she never returned.

*Teachers may request to add a book to this list by submitting it through the school's novel selection process.