

PCRS Summer Reading 2015 Gives You Superpowers!

Fifth Grade Summer Reading



This summer please **DO** a minimum of 20 minutes of *quiet sustained reading* each day. There are numerous studies that support good readers read often. Our goal at P.C.R.S. to assist in students in developing a **LOVE** of Reading. I have seen great improvement in my student's Reading skills since we adopted a D.E.A.R., "Drop Everything And **READ**" program for 10 minutes each school day.

Print and use the Reading log to keep track of your reading. After you finish reading an entire book, please rate your book. In August, we will create a Summer Reading Book Review from your favorite book that you read this Summer. This review will help identify books of interest to you and your classmates throughout your fifth grade year.

Use the Lexile score from your Scantron testing to assist you in making good book choices. A Lexile measure is a valuable piece of information about an individual's reading ability or the difficulty of a text, like a book or magazine article. A book, article or piece of text gets a **Lexile text measure** when it's analyzed by MetaMetrics. A Lexile text measure is based on the semantic and syntactic elements of a text. Try to read books that are close to your Lexile score. Of course, many other factors affect the relationship between a reader and a book, including its content, the age and interests of the reader, and the design of the actual book. The Lexile text measure is a good starting point in the book-selection process. Feel free to use <http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/> or <https://www.lexile.com/findabook/> to identify books using your child's Lexile Score.

Try to get a head start on your Reading Counts books. You can check to see if a book has a Reading Counts test by going to the school's website and under the parent/student tab you will find Reading Counts info and a place to check and see the Reading level (based on grade level) and availability of Reading Counts quizzes for your book. You will be able to take Reading Counts tests online. I do not want to limit you to a specific book and author. There is a large list of good book picks at the Diocese of Richmond website included within the Fifth Grade Language Arts Curriculum.

Below are some suggested books and authors but remember you are not limited to these books only:

Banks, Lynne Reid - The Indian in the Cupboard

Brink, Carol Ryrie - Caddie Woodlawn

Choldenko, Gennifer – Al Capone Does My Shirts

Cleary, Beverly - The Mouse and the Motorcycle

Cleary, Beverly – Muggie Maggie

Clements, Andrew - Frindle

Colfer, Eoin - Artemis Fowl series

Coville, Bruce - The Ghost in the Third Row

Coville, Bruce - Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher

Cowell, Cressida - How to Train Your Dragon (and others)

Creech, Sharon - Granny Torelli Makes Soup

Curtis, Christopher Paul - Bud, Not Buddy

Dahl, Roald - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Dear America series

DiCamillo, Kate - The Tale of Despereaux

Dixon, Franklin – The Hardy Boys series

Estes, Eleanor - Ginger Pye

Fleischman, Sid - The Whipping Boy

Fox, Paula - Monkey Island

Funke, Cornelia - Dragon Rider

Gantos, Jack - Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key

Giff, Patricia Reilly - Lily's Crossing

Giff, Patricia Reilly - Pictures of Hollis Woods

Hahn, Mary Downing – The Doll in the Garden (and others)

Henry, Marguerite - Misty of Chincoteague (and other horse books)

Hesse, Karen - Out of the Dust

Hiaasen, Carl - Hoot

Korman, Gordon – Dive (and other adventure series)

Lewis, C.S. – Chronicles of Narnia series

Lord, Bette- In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson

Lowry, Lois – Number the Stars

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds - Shiloh

Nimmo, Jenny - Charlie Bone series

O'Dell, Scott - Island of the Blue Dolphins

Paterson, Katherine - Bridge to Terabithia

Paterson, Katherine - The Great Gilly Hopkins

Paulsen, Gary - Hatchet

Pfeffer, Susan Beth – Jo's Story (and other Portraits of Little Women series)

Rawls, Wilson - Where the Red Fern Grows

Raskin, Ellen - The Westing Game

Roddha, Emily – Deltora Quest series

Rowling, J. K. - Harry Potter series

Ryan, Pam Munoz – Esperanza Rising

Ryan, Pam Munoz – Paint the Wind

Rylant, Cynthia - Missing May

Sachar, Louis - Holes

Sachar, Louis - Wayside School is Falling Down

Snicket, Lemony - The Bad Beginning

Speare, Elizabeth - The Sign of the Beaver

Spinelli, Jerry - Stargirl

Taylor, Theodore - The Cay

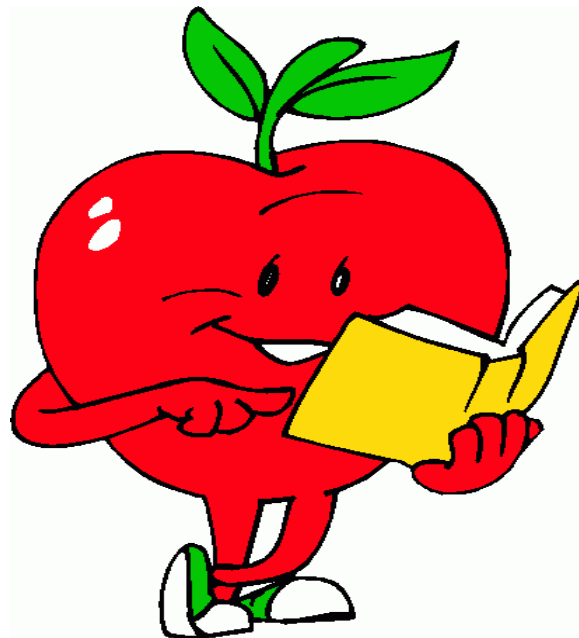
White, E. B. - Charlotte's Web

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