

2023 Chelmsford Public Schools
Suggested Summer Reading for Grade 5

June 2023

Future Fifth Grade Student:

Over the summer, we would encourage you to read as many books as you can! Reading books that interest you will improve your comprehension skills and keep you “in shape” for next fall’s ELA class.

Books are available at the Chelmsford Public Library. Feel free to ask your teachers, librarians, or family members for suggestions on a book you would enjoy!

The following books are suggestions for you, but you can read any books you would like to. **Summer reading is not required, and no assignment will be collected or graded.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Abbey Dick, English Department Coordinator: dicka@chelmsford.k12.ma.us.

Suggested Titles

Eleven by Patricia Reilly Giff

After eleven-year-old Sam discovers that he was once missing, he enlists the help of an unlikely friend to find answers. Sam is determined to figure out where he belongs, but fears that it may lead to losing the family he already has.

11 Birthdays by Wendy Mass

Amanda and Leo were born on the same day and have always celebrated their birthdays together, until this year. Now they realize they are doomed to repeat their eleventh birthday over and over again, unless they can work together to break the curse and become friends again.

The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan

Since their mother’s death, Carter and Sadie have become near strangers. While Sadie has lived with her grandparents in London, her brother has traveled the world with their father, the brilliant Egyptologist, Dr. Julius Kane. One night, Dr. Kane brings the siblings together for a research experiment at the British Museum, where he hopes to set things right for his family. Instead, he unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes him to oblivion and forces the children to flee for their lives.

Indigo’s Star by Hilary McKay

Indigo Casson is not looking forward to returning to school after being out with mononucleosis. His spirited siblings, especially 8-year-old Rose, try to make things easier on him, but it takes a new friend from America to make Indigo less blue.

Anything but Typical by Nora Raleigh Baskin

Sixth grader Jason Blake is an intelligent autistic boy who struggles to fit in with his peers. He posts short stories online and finds a friend in Rebecca. Will this be his chance to connect with someone?

Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar

Wayside School was supposed to be built with 30 classrooms all next to each other in a row. Instead the classrooms were stacked one on top of the other, 30 stories tall! Here are some hilarious and fun stories about the school, the teacher, and the students.

Lawn Boy by Gary Paulsen

A twelve year old boy starts a lawn care business after receiving a riding mower from his grandmother. As the business grows, the boy's life becomes strange and complicated.

Found by Margaret Pearson Haddix

In book one of the "Missing" series, thirteen-year-old friends Jonah and Chip find out that they, along with other adopted kids from their town, were taken as children from different times in history and reprogrammed through time travel for their new families.

Every Soul A Star by Wendy Mass

Ally, Bree, and Jack meet in a campground run by Ally's parents. They are about to witness an eclipse of the sun and embark on separate journeys that lead them to friendship despite the odds. Told from three distinct voices and perspectives, this powerful yet humorous novel weaves an intricate and compelling story about strangers coming together, unlikely friendships, and finding one's place in the universe.

It's Raining Cupcakes by Lisa Schroeder

Twelve-year-old Isabel finds herself feeling frustrated with a mother who gives up on things easily. Isabel wants to travel, but her mother is afraid to fly. Isabel wants her mother's cupcake shop to succeed, but her mother feels it is doomed.

Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool

Twelve-year-old Abilene's father has sent her to stay in his hometown of Manifest, Kansas for the summer, and she is not happy about it! With the help of two new friends, a local psychic, and a packet of mysterious letters, Abilene sets out to learn the truth about her father's mysterious past.

Shooting Kabul by N.H. Senzai

When eleven-year-old Fadi and his family escape troubled Afghanistan, his six-year old sister is accidentally left behind. Now in America, Fadi must adjust to life in a new country while he makes a daring plan to rescue his sister.

Shakespeare's Secret by Ellen Broach

Starting sixth grade in a new school isn't fun for Hero until she meets an elderly neighbor with a secret involving a diamond that may be hidden under Hero's new home. It is said that this diamond might be connected to the famous playwright, William Shakespeare.

Summer Ball by Mike Lupica

In the sequel to "Travel Team," thirteen-year-old Danny spends several weeks at a basketball camp in Maine where he must prove himself against bigger players and a difficult and critical coach.

Other places to find good books include <https://www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/kids/> and <http://www.ala.org> (The American Library Association).

Have a wonderful summer vacation!