

## Summer Reading Instructions: Grade 5

**Instructions:** Students should read *a minimum of five books*. These books may include selections from the provided grade level book list or other appropriate favorites. Additional books can be selected in two ways:

- Refer to your student's ZPD range or GE level on their Star Reading report. You can access [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com) to find a book's level.
- Refer to their Lexile Level. Please use the comparison chart below. You can access [www.lexile.com/fab/](http://www.lexile.com/fab/) to search for a list of books within your student's Lexile range.

AR Reading Level	Lexile Reading Level	Lexile Reading Level Range
1.0	300	250-325
1.5	350	325-400
2.0	400	375-450
2.5	475	450-500
3.0	520	475-525
3.5	570	525-600
4.0	640	600-700
4.5	725	650-800
5.0	800	800-850
5.5	875	850-900
6.0	925	875-950
6.5	975	950-1000
7.0	1015	975-1050
7.5	1075	1000-1100
8.0	1125	1050-1125
8.5	1150	1075-1150

Please list the titles of the books your student reads, on the Reading Log or Summary provided in the packet. Next year's teacher will collect the Reading Log or Summary on **Friday, August 25th**.

The required book(s) listed below is to be read by the beginning of the school year. In the weeks that follow the start of the school year, next year's teacher will use this book(s) as the first literature unit. In order to be able to properly participate in the assignments or projects given, students must complete the required reading. This book can also be logged into the summer Reading Log.

**\* Required Reading \***

**Title: "Maniac Magee"**

**Author: Jerry Spinelli**

## Recommended Reading List for Fifth Grade

1. A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle (740L / 4.7AR)
2. Chronicles of Narnia Book 1- The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis (870L / 5.9AR)
3. The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare (850L / 5.7AR)
4. Hatchet by Gary Paulson (1020L / 5.7AR)
5. On My Honor by Marion Dane Bauer (750L / 4.7AR)
6. The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi (740L / 5.3AR)
7. Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary (910L / 4.9AR)
8. Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren (870L / 5.3AR)
9. The Watsons Go to Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis (1000L / 5.0AR)
10. Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery (970L / 7.3AR)
11. Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George (860L / 5.8AR)
12. Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater (910L / 5.6AR)
13. The Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson (810L / 4.6AR)
14. Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell (1000L / 5.4AR)
15. The Secret Garden by Francis Hodgson Burnett (970L / 6.3AR)
16. Frindle by Andrew Clements (830L / 5.4AR)
17. Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix (800L / 4.8AR)
18. US Constitution by Don Nardo (870L / NF 7.8AR)
19. Storms by Simon Seymour (940L/ NF 5.7AR)
20. We Were There Too: Young People in US History by Philip M. Hoose (950L / NF 7.1AR)
21. The Candy Makers by Wendy Mass (740L)
22. Gifted Hands by Lewis, Greg and Deborah Lewis NF 6.7AR
23. Heaven is for Real by Todd Burpo NF 6.3AR

The following authors are also a good place to look for entertaining reading:

Rick Riordan- The Percy Jackson Series (740L)

Simon Seymour- A great list of non-fiction books on many science-related topics

Erin Hunter- The Warriors Series, The Seekers Series, and the Survivors Series (560-810L)

J.K. Rowling- The Harry Potter Series (880-980L)

John Flanagan- The Rangers Apprentice Series (780L)

"By the fourth grade, according to the Common Core, students should be reading equal amounts from "literary" and "informational" texts. In the eighth grade, 45 percent should be literary and 55 percent informational. And by 12th grade, the split should be 30/70."

Kathleen Krull