

SCBCS 2020 Summer Reading & Writing: Rising 5th Grade

Required Reading

Title: *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

Title: *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan

(Families are responsible for acquiring a copy of this book)

Required Writing for each book

Use an index card to make notes on the following:

- Character traits for the main character
- Problems and solutions the main character faces
- Setting of the story (where the story takes place)
- What was your favorite part of the book?
- Would you recommend this book? Why or why not?

Bring your novel and notes to ELA class on **Monday, August 17th**.

**Students are encouraged, but not required, to read additional books, including selections from the recommended reading list. Notes are not necessary for any additional books read outside of the required reading.*

Recommended Reading List for Fifth Grade 2020-2021

<i>Chronicles of Narnia Book 1 - The Magician's Nephew</i> by C.S. Lewis
<i>The Black Stallion</i> by Walter Farley
<i>Old Yeller</i> by Fred Gipson
<i>Every Soul a Star</i> by Wendy Mass
<i>Out of My Mind</i> by Sharon Draper
<i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i> by Elizabeth George Speare
<i>Blood on the River</i> by Elisa Carbone
<i>I Survived the American Revolution</i> by Lauren Tarshis
<i>A Land Remembered: Volume 1 and 2</i> , by Patrick D. Smith
<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i> by Scott O'Dell

<i>The Secret Garden</i> (Unabridged) by Francis Hodgson Burnett
<i>Anne of Green Gables</i> (Unabridged) by L.M. Montgomery
<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> by Jacqueline Woodson
<i>Heaven is for Real</i> by Todd Burpo
<i>Dear Mr. Henshaw</i> by Beverly Cleary
<i>The Winter of Red Snow</i> by Kristiana Gregory
<i>Among the Hidden</i> by Margaret Peterson Haddix
<i>Wonder</i> by R.J. Palacio
<i>Someone Named Eva</i> by Joan M. Wolf

The following authors and series are also a good place to find entertaining reading:

- J.K. Rowling - *Harry Potter* series (5.5-7.2 AR BL, 500-880 L)
- Jean Craighead George, Erin Hunter, Wendy Mass, John Flanagan, Andrew Clements, and Louis Sachar
- The *I Survived* series, the *Warriors* series, the *Ranger's Apprentice* series, and the *Who Was* series