

# SCBCS 2025 Summer Reading: Rising 5th Grade



**1. Required reading: *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson**

**2. Required reading: *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan**

## FOR EACH BOOK:

- **Complete the graphic organizer on both sides.**
- **Bring your novels and graphic organizer to ELA class the first week of school.**

\*Students are encouraged, **but not required**, to read additional books, including selections from the recommended reading list.

## Additional book recommendations for 5th grade 2025

*Ruby Holler* by Sharon Creech

*Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech

*The Black Stallion* by Walter Farley

*Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

*Because of Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea

*Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper

*Shouting at the Rain* by Linda Mullaly Hunt

*Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis

*Journey to Nowhere* by Mary Jane Auch

*Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell

*The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate \*(author recommended)

*Tracker* by Gary Paulsen

*Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick

*Autumn Street* by Lois Lowry

*How Tia Lola Came to Stay* by Julia Alvarez \*(whole series)

*Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix

*Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt

*One Wrong Step* by Jennifer A Nielsen \*(author recommended)

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## RIISING 5TH SUMMER READING GRAPHIC ORGANIZER: 2025

*Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson



### Jess: Physical Character Description:

How does the author describe him?  
Write notes here of key words or phrases that help you "see" who he is on the *outside*. Include page numbers.

### Jess: Emotional Character Description:

How does Jess feel, what does he think?  
Write notes here that help you understand who he is on the *inside*. Include page numbers.

### Describe Jess's journey and bravery in this story:

Where/How did his journey begin? What did he experience? Explain how he showed **bravery**.

### List the names of all the characters in this story.

### What was your favorite part of this book?

Write the page number and explain why:

### What is your favorite quote from this book?

### What did the character say that you loved?

Copy it below, write the page number, and be sure to use quotation marks:

### What is the setting of this book?

### On a scale of 1-5, how would you rate this book?

### When you think of this story, what is the 1 image that comes to your mind?

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## **RISING 5TH SUMMER READING GRAPHIC ORGANIZER: 2025**

*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan

### **Esperanza: Physical Character Description:**

How does the author describe her?

Write notes here of key words or phrases that help you "see" who she is on the *outside*. Include page numbers.

### **Esperanza: Emotional Character Description:**

How does Esperanza feel, what does she think?

Write notes here that help you understand who she is on the *inside*. Write page numbers.

### **Describe Esperanza's journey and bravery in this story:**

Where/How did her journey begin? What did she experience? Explain how she showed **bravery**.

### **List the names of all the characters in this story.**

### **What was your favorite part of this book?**

Write the page number and explain why:

### **What is your favorite quote from this book?**

**What did the character say that you loved?**

Copy it below, write the page number, and be sure to use quotation marks:

### **What is the setting of this book?**

**On a scale of 1-5, how would you rate this book?**

**When you think of this story, what is the 1 image that comes to your mind?**