

## SCBCS 2026 SUMMER READING: RISING 5TH GRADE



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

- **Complete the graphic organizer**
- **Bring your novel 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:

<i>Ruby Holler</i> by Sharon Creech
<i>Walk Two Moons</i> by Sharon Creech
<i>The Black Stallion</i> by Walter Farley
<i>Maniac Magee</i> by Jerry Spinelli
<i>Because of Mr. Terupt</i> by Rob Buyea
<i>Out of My Mind</i> by Sharon Draper
<i>Shouting at the Rain</i> by Linda Mullaly Hunt
<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i> by Christopher Paul Curtis
<i>Journey to Nowhere</i> by Mary Jane Auch
<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i> by Scott O'Dell
<i>The One and Only Ivan</i> by Katherine Applegate *(author recommended)
<i>Freak the Mighty</i> by Rodman Philbrick
<i>Autumn Street</i> by Lois Lowry
<i>How Tia Lola Came to Stay</i> by Julia Alvarez *(series recommended)
<i>Among the Hidden</i> by Margaret Peterson Haddix
<i>Tuck Everlasting</i> by Natalie Babbitt
<i>One Wrong Step</i> by Jennifer A Nielsen *(author recommended)

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Bring to ELA class 1st week of school



## **RISING 5TH SUMMER READING GRAPHIC ORGANIZER: 2026**

*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?**