



## Discovery Health Sciences Academy Summer Reading List: Incoming 5th Graders

Parents and Students, we would like you to enjoy your summer and enjoy your summer reading as well. Therefore we have provided a varied list of books to choose from this summer. Remember the only way to get better at reading is to continue to read! So pick something you think you'll be interested in. *Summer Reading is NOT optional*. Your teacher WILL expect students to have read their books and completed their assignments by the first day of school. Please read this entire document to make sure the entire assignment is completed.

**Please note:** Parents are highly encouraged to evaluate, approve, and even read the choices made by their children. Please help your child choose a book that is appropriate to their reading level based on the Lexile levels. If you have any questions, please email the 5th grade ELA teachers. Teacher email addresses are linked to the KDHSA home page.

### **REQUIRED Summer Reading Directions:**

- 1. You will be reading TWO books. The first book is the required book that ALL incoming 5th graders should read. The second book may be chosen from the list below.**

**1st Required Book:** *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry (670 Lexile)

### **2nd Book Choices:**

#### Fiction Choices

1. *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang (640 Lexile)
2. *New Kid* by Jerry Craft (Graphic Novel)
3. *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* by Darianne Stewart (530 Lexile)
4. *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick (820 Lexile)
5. *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin (750 Lexile)
6. *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster (1000 Lexile)

#### Nonfiction Choices:

7. *El Deafo* by CeCe Bell (Graphic Novel)
8. *Growing up Pedro: How the Martinez Brothers Made It From the Dominican Republic All the Way to the Major Leagues* by Matt Tavares (820 Lexile)
9. *Who Was Helen Keller?* By Gare Thompson (570 Lexile)
10. *Sniffer Dogs: How Dogs (and Their Noses) Save the World* (1050 Lexile) by Nancy F. Castaldo
11. *Titanic: Voices From The Disaster* by Deborah Hopkinson (1040 Lexile)

**2. For your required book, you will be completing an assessment on the book when you return to school.**

**3. For your book choice you need to fill out one of the following forms and bring it to school. Due on the first day of school. Form should be written using complete sentences. Answers may be handwritten or typed. We will be using this information to create a Flipgrid presentation of your book.**

**If you chose a fiction book, use this form:**

**[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sYBJZLjqOvm8f5Nsop7a\\_BaGUDil3dzQjA8ZZMB-WhM/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sYBJZLjqOvm8f5Nsop7a_BaGUDil3dzQjA8ZZMB-WhM/edit?usp=sharing)**

**If you chose a nonfiction book, use this form:**

**<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AzqMlouRVIqOqxiLiAOy4HAsMZW9joftcVNTVhXj9zo/edit?usp=sharing>**