

York Preparatory Academy
Rising 5th grade Summer Reading List
2020/2021

Getting Started: During the summer, read at least ONE book from your grade level list below. Choose a novel that interests you and that you have not already read.

What should I do next?: After reading, write a “friendly” letter recommending the novel you chose to read to a friend. If you need help, ReadWriteThink’s Letter Generator Tool at <https://goo.gl/sJEU7L>.

What should I include in my letter?:

Here is a list of things you should remember as you write your letter.

- The introduction of a letter states the writer’s purpose for writing. The letter ends with a closing statement.
- The body of a friendly letter is appropriate for the writer’s purpose. A friendly letter is conversational in tone. Anecdotes, descriptions, and details make it interesting to read.
- The letter should include specific details from your novel, such as major characters, setting, and events.
- The heading, salutation, and closing should be correctly placed.
- The conventions of writing should be followed (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, paragraphs, spelling).

Now what?: Please bring your letter to give to your ELA teacher by Friday, August 14, 2020.

5th Grade Recommended Reading Titles

| Title (Lexile Level) | Subject | Author |
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| A Wrinkle in Time (740L) | Fantasy | Madeline L’Engle |
| Absolutely Truly (790L) | Mystery | Heather Vogel Frederick |
| Brian’s Winter (1140L) | Adventure | Gary Paulsen |
| Chasing Redbird (790L) | Fiction | Sharon Creech |
| Dear Mr. Henshaw (910L) | Fiction | Beverly Cleary |
| Frindle (830L) | Fiction | Andrew Clements |
| From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler (700L) | Fiction | E. L. Konigsburg |
| Full of Beans (490L) | Historical Fiction | Jennifer L. Holm |
| In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson (730L) | Historical Fiction | Bette Bao Lord |
| Knots in My Yo-Yo String (980L) | Autobiography | Jerry Spinelli |
| Makoons (850L) | Historical Fiction | Louise Erdrich |
| My Daniel (780L) | Historical Fiction | Pam Conrad |
| Rosa Parks (600L) | Biography | Eloise Greenfield |
| Shark Life: True Stories about Sharks and the Sea (1020L) | Non-Fiction | Peter Benchley |
| Spy School (740L) | Adventure | Stuart Gibbs |
| Surrounded by Sharks (600L) | Adventure | Michael Northop |
| The View from Saturday (870L) | Fiction | E. L. Konigsburg |
| The Warm Place (600L) | Animal Fiction | Nancy Farmer |
| Wait Till Helen Comes, A Ghost Story (750L) | Fantasy | Mary Downing Hahn |

Reading Rewards

Get rewarded for reading! For every novel you read after the first required novel, you will receive a Homework Pass, AND your name will be entered in to a Raffle for prizes. To receive your Passes and enter the Raffle, turn in the following information for each Novel to your ELA Teacher by Friday, August 14:

- Your Name
- Novel’s Title and Author
- Your answer to ONE of the following questions, written in complete sentences. Use specific details from the text, such as character names and events in your answer:
 - What was your favorite part of the novel?
 - What would you change if you had written the novel?