

## Grade Five Reading Lists

The titles on this list are ones which are popular with students of this age. These books vary in terms of topic and interest as well as in difficulty level. Some of the books provide easy reading for most students, some are best read with your child so that you can help with unknown words, and others are more difficult for most children and will need to be read aloud. Take your cues from your child and provide the support needed for the reading of books on this list—or any other books read this summer. Don't overlook the benefits of reading aloud to your child as you share new books this summer.

### **FICTION**

#### **Adventure**

- Avi—*Something Upstairs: a Tale of Ghosts*
- DeFelice, Cynthia—*Devil's Bridge* or any title by this author
- Fleischman, Sid—*The Whipping Boy* or any title by this author
- Naylor, Phyllis—*Shiloh* or other books in this series
- Snicket, Lemony—*The Bad Beginning* or other books in this series
- Turner, Megan W.—*The Thief* or any title by this author

#### **Fantasy**

- Dahl, Roald—*The BFG* or any title by this author
- Eager, Edward—*Half Magic* or other books in this series
- Funke, Cornelia—*Dragon Rider*
- Gutman, Dan—*Honus and Me* [Baseball Card Adventure Series]
- Hunter, Erin—*Into the Wild* [Warriors Series]

- Lewis, C. S.—*The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* or other books in this series
- Levine, Gail Carson—*Ella Enchanted* or any title by this author
- Rowling, J. K.—*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* or any title by this author

#### **Historical Fiction**

- Armstrong, William—*Souder*
- Burnett, Frances H.—*The Secret Garden*
- Hesse, Karen—*Letters From Rifka* or any title by this author
- Paulsen, Gary—*Tucket's Ride*
- Reiss, Kathryn—*The Strange Case of Baby H* [History Mysteries]
- Steele, William O.—*The Perilous Road*
- Woodruff, Elvira—*Dear Levi: Letters from the Overland Trail* or any title by this author

#### **Humor**

- Fitzgerald, John D. - *The Great Brain* or other books in this series
- Gantos, Jack—*Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* or other books in this series
- Horvath, Polly—*Everything on a Waffle*
- Peck, Richard—*A Long Way From Chicago*
- Robinson, Barbara—*The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*

#### **Mystery**

- Bellaire, John - *The House with a Clock in its Walls* or any title by this author
- Hahn, Mary D—*Stepping On the Cracks* or any title by this author
- Hale, Bruce—*The Malted Falcon: from the Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko, Private Eye*
- Hamilton, Virginia—*The House of Dies Drear* or any title by this author
- Lerangis, Peter—*Hide and Seek* [Spy X Series]

#### **Realistic Fiction**

- Giff, Patricia Reilly—*The Pictures of Hollis Woods* or any title by this author
- Henry, Marguerite—*Misty of Chincoteague* or any title by this author
- Lowry, Lois—*Anastasia Krupnik* or any title by this author
- Park, Barbara—*Mick Harte Was Here* or any title by this author
- Spinelli, Jerry—*Maniac Magee* or any title by this author

#### **Science Fiction**

- Alexander, Lloyd—*Time Cat*
- Haddix, Margaret—*Running Out of Time*
- L'Engle, Madeline—*A Wrinkle in Time* or other books in this series
- O'Brien, Robert C.—*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*

### **NON—FICTION**

- Kehret, Peg—*Shelter Dogs: Amazing Stories of Adopted Strays*
- Hamilton, Virginia—*The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales*
- Hodges, Margaret—*St. George and the Dragon*
- Lewis, J. Patrick—*A Burst of Firsts: Doers, Shakers and Record Breakers* or any title by this author
- Osborne, Mary Pope—*The One-Eyed Giant* [Her Tales From the Odyssey Series]
- San Souci, Robert—*Short and Shivery* or any title by this author
- Yolen, Jane—*Not One Damsel in Distress: World Folktales for Strong Girls*
- Yolen, Jane—*Mightier Than the Sword*

