

# Summer Reading and Writing

## Requirements for entering Grade 5

- Read **2 books** about Colonial America (1 fiction, 1 nonfiction)
- Read at least **2 other books** at your reading level
- Send us a **postcard** about a time this summer that you used **math, science, writing, or geography**

Summer is a great time to **read**. Wherever you go, you can bring along a book to read. You can never be bored if you read a book. The more you read, the better reader you become. There are many ways to get yourself involved with reading:

- read to someone younger
- have someone read to you
- read along with someone
- read a book, see the movie, and compare them
- visit the library
- listen to an audio book in the car
- go to a book talk, join a book club
- listen to an author read or speak



Summer can be a great time to **write** about the things you're learning and doing, places you visit, and people you meet. Do you keep a writing journal? Keep it going over the summer! Have an idea for a story?

Write it! Here are some ways to have fun writing over the summer:

- keep a journal of your travels
- write a long letter
- write a story (or two)
- write a poem about a place you love
- create a newspaper or newsletter
- write a play and perform it with friends



**Send the postcard to:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers  
Carlisle Public School  
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# Reading Suggestions and Recommendation

Looking for good book suggestions? Here are 2 websites to check out:

**Carlisle School Library:**

[http://www.carlisle.k12.ma.us/school/library/Library/BOOK\\_LISTS.html](http://www.carlisle.k12.ma.us/school/library/Library/BOOK_LISTS.html)

**Gleason Public Library:**

[gleasonlibrary.org](http://gleasonlibrary.org) (see teen section for middle school lists)

## Colonial America Books

Please look on **Ms. Putnam's 5th Grade Classroom Page** (Transition to 5th grade) on the school website for great suggestions about books about various times in Colonial America. The **Gleason Library** is ready for your requests for Colonial America books.

## Other Books 5th Graders Love:

*Crossover*, *Booked*, and *Rebound* by Kwame Alexander

*I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda

*El Deafo* by Cece Bell

*The War That Saved My Life* and *The War I Finally Won* by Kim Brubaker Bradley

*The Wild Robot* and *The Wild Robot Escapes* by Peter Brown

*Because of Mr. Terupt*, *Mr. Terupt Falls Again*, and *Saving Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea

*Out of My Mind* and *Stella by Starlight* by Sharon Draper

*Some Kind of Courage* and *The Honest Truth* by Dan Gemeinhart

*Fish in a Tree* and *One for the Murphys* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

*Lions of Little Rock* by Kristine Levine

*A Night Divided* by Jennifer Nielsen

*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

*Echo* by Pam Munoz Ryan

*Hero* by Jennifer Li Shotz

*When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead

*Beyond the Bright Sea* and *Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk

## Series 5th Graders Love:

*Maze Runner* by James Dashner

*City of Ember* by Jeanne Du Prau

*Spy School* by Stuart Gibbs

*Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein

*Swindle* by Gordon Korman

*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin

*Eragon* by Christopher Paolini

*Harry Potter* by J.K. Rowling

*A Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snicket

*Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart

*Wings of Fire* by Tui Sutherland

*I Survived* by Lauren Tarshis

## Authors 5th Graders Love:

Andrew Clements

Cornelia Funke

Anthony Horowitz

Gordon Korman

Wendy Mass

Brandon Mull

Gary Paulsen

Rick Riordan

Steve Sheinkin

# Summer Reading List entering Grade 5, 2018

Please keep track of the books you read (at least 4). Here's a list for recording your book titles. Please return this signed reading log in September.

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Feel free to add more pages. If you can't find this list, make your own.

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