

Thelma L. Sandmeier Elementary School
James Caldwell Elementary School
Suggested Summer Reading List (2021)
Grade 5



Springfield Public Schools

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Biography

Bridges, Ruby	<i>Through My Eyes: The Autobiography of Ruby Bridges</i>
Cleary, Beverly	<i>A Girl from Yamhill</i>
Cornerstones of Freedom	<i>The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln</i>
Cornerstones of Freedom	<i>First Ladies</i>
Cousins, Margaret	<i>Ben Franklin of Old Philadelphia</i>
Cox, Clinton	<i>Mark Twain</i>
Dahl, Roald	<i>Boy: Tales of Childhood</i>
Denenberg, Barry	<i>Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson</i>
Equiano, Olaudah	<i>The Kidnapped Prince</i>
Filipovic, Zlata	<i>Zlata's Diary</i>
Farris, Christine King	<i>My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</i>
Freedman, Russell	<i>Eleanor Roosevelt, A Life of Discovery</i>
Freedman, Russell	<i>Franklin Delano Roosevelt</i>
Freedman, Russell	<i>Lincoln: A Photobiography</i>
Fritz, Jean	<i>The Double Life of Pocahontas</i>
Giblin, James	<i>Charles A. Lindbergh: A Human Hero</i>
Goodall, Jane	<i>My Life with the Chimpanzees</i>
Greenfield, Eloise	<i>Childtimes</i>
Haskins, James	<i>Champion: The Story of Muhammad Ali</i>
Hurwitz Johanna	<i>Anne Frank: Life in Hiding</i>
Lalicki, Tom	<i>Spellbinder: The Life of Harry Houdini</i>
Parks, Rosa	<i>Rosa Parks: My Story</i>
Petry, Ann	<i>Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad</i>
Spinelli, Jerry	<i>Knots in My Yo-Yo String: The Autobiography of a Kid</i>
Woodruff, Elvira	<i>George Washington's Socks</i>

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Historical Fiction

Anderson, Laurie H.	<i>Fever 1793</i>
Applegate, Stan	<i>The Devil's Highway</i>
Avi	<i>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</i>
Baylis-White, Mary	<i>Sheltering Rebecca</i>
Beatty, Patricia	<i>Charley Skedaddle</i>
Cohen, Barbara	<i>Thank you, Jackie Robinson</i>
Curtis, Christopher Paul	<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i>
Cushman, Karen	<i>Catherine, Called Birdy</i>
De Angeli, Marguerite	<i>The Door in the Wall</i>
Dorris, Michael	<i>Guests</i>
Fritz, Jean	<i>Brady</i>
Gutman, Dan	<i>Jackie and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure</i>
Hamilton, Virginia	<i>House of Dies Drear</i>
Hesse, Karen	<i>A Light in the Storm</i>
Latham, Jean L.	<i>Carry on, Mr. Bowditch</i>
Levitin, Sonia	<i>Journey to America</i>
Lord, Bette	<i>In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson</i>
Lowry, Lois	<i>Autumn Street</i>
McKissack, Patricia	<i>A Picture of Freedom</i>
McSwigan, Marie	<i>Snow Treasure</i>
Myers, Anna	<i>The Keeping Room</i>
Paterson, Katherine	<i>Lyddie</i>

Historical Fiction

Paulsen, Gary	<i>Soldier's Heart</i>
Pearsall, Shellehy	<i>Trouble Don't Last</i>
Pinkey, Andrea Davis	<i>Silent Thunder: A Civil War Story</i>
Reeder, Carolyn	<i>Shades of Gray</i>
Reiss, Johanna	<i>The Upstairs Room</i>
Reit, Seymour	<i>Behind Rebel Lines</i>
Rinaldi, Ann	<i>Numbering All the Bones</i>
Scieszka, Jon	<i>Me Oh Maya!</i>
Sepahban, Lois	<i>Paper Wishes</i>
Speare, Elizabeth George	<i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i>
Stolz, Mary	<i>A Ballad of the Civil War</i>
Taylor, Mildred D.	<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i>
Walsh, Jill Paton	<i>Grace</i>
Watkins, Yoko Kawashima	<i>So Far from the Bamboo Grove</i>
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	<i>Little House on the Praire (and series)</i>
Willaims, Laura E.	<i>Behind the Bedroom Wall</i>
Wisler, G. Clifton	<i>Mr. Lincoln's Drummer</i>
Yolen, Jane	<i>The Devil's Arithmetic</i>
Various Authors	<i>Dear America Series</i>
Various Authors	<i>My Name is America Series</i>
Various Authors	<i>Royal Diary Series</i>

Realistic Fiction

Armstrong, William	<i>Sounder</i>
Bloor, Edward	<i>Tangerine</i>
Blos, Joan	<i>A Gathering of Days</i>
Bruchac, Joseph	<i>Eagle Song</i>
Byars, Betsy	<i>The Pinballs</i>
Cleary, Beverly	<i>Dear Mr. Henshaw</i>
Clements, Andrews	<i>Frindle</i>
Conrad, Pam	<i>My Daniel</i>
Creech, Sahron	<i>Granny Torrelli Makes Soup</i>
Danziger, Paula	<i>Earth to Matthew</i>
DeClements, Barthe	<i>Nothing's Fair in the Fifth Grade</i>
Estes, Eleanor	<i>Ginger Pye</i>
Fitzhugh, Louise	<i>Nobody's Family Is Going to Change</i>
George, Jean Craighead	<i>My Side of the Mountain</i>
Giff, Patricia Reilly	<i>Rat Teeth</i>
Greene, Bette	<i>Philip Hall Likes Me, I Reckon Maybe</i>
Greenfield, Eloise	<i>Sister</i>
Hesse, Karen	<i>The Music of the Dolphins</i>
Ho, Mingfong	<i>The Clay Marble</i>
Horvath, Polly	<i>Everything on a Waffle</i>
Konigsburg, E.L.	<i>From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i>
Lomard, Jenny	<i>Drita, My Homegirl</i>
MacLachlan, Patricia	<i>Baby</i>

MacLachlan, Patricia	<i>The Facts and Fictions of Minna Pratt</i>
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	<i>Outrageously Alice</i>
Paterson, Katherine	<i>The Great Gilly Hopkins</i>
Paulsen, Gary	<i>Dancing Carl</i>
Paulsen, Gary	<i>Hatchet</i>
Paulsen, Gary	<i>The Voyage of the Frog</i>
Peck, Richard	<i>A Long Way from Chicago</i>

Realistic Fiction

Rawls, Wilson	<i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>
Ritter, John H.	<i>Choosing Up Sides</i>
Ryan, Pam Munoz	<i>Esperanza Rising</i>
Salata, Estelle	<i>Blue Ice</i>
Spinelli, Jerry	<i>Crash</i>
Taylor, Mildred	<i>Song of the Trees</i>
Uchida Yoshiko	<i>The Best Bad Thing</i>
Wallace, Bill	<i>The Biggest Klutz in the Fifth Grade</i>
Winthrop, Elizabeth	<i>The Castle in the Attic</i>

Traditional Literature: Folktales, Fables, Myths & Legends

Datlow, E. & Windling T.	<i>A Wolf at the Door: And Other Retold Fairy Tales</i>
Hamilton, Virginia	<i>The Girl Who Spun Gold</i>
Hamilton, Virginia	<i>People Could Fly, American Black Folktales</i>
Literacy 2000	<i>Beowulf</i>
MacDonald, M.R.	<i>Earth Care: World Folktales to Talk About</i>
San Souci, Robert D.	<i>Cut From the Same Cloth: American Women of Myth, Legend, and Tell Tale</i>

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Sandburg, Carl

The Huckabuck Family and How They Raised Popcorn in Nebraska and Quit and Came Back

Yolen, Jane

Merlin and the Dragons

Konigsburg, E.L.

The View from Saturday

Langton, Jane

The Fledgling

Lawson, Robert

Mr. Revere and I

L'Engle, Madeleine

A Wind in the Door

Lewis, C.S.

The Chronicles of Narnia (series)

McKissack, Patricia

The Dark Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural

O'Brien, Robert C.

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH

Peck, Richard

The Dreadful Future of Blossom

Rodgers, Mary

Freaky Friday

Fantasy and Science Fiction

Alexander, Lloyd

The Book of Three

Avi

Bright Shadow

Babbitt, Natalie

Tuck Everlasting

Carson Levine, Gail

Ella Enchanted

Christopher, John

Beyond the Burning Lands

Clearly, Beverly

The Mouse and the Motorcycle

Cooper, Susan

The Boggart

Creech, Sharon

Pleasing the Ghost

Dahl, Roald

The BFG

DuBois, William

The Twenty-One Balloons

Field, Rachel

Hitty: Her First Hundred Years

Fleishman, Sid

The 13th Floor: A Ghost Story

Gaiman, Neil

Coraline

Hahn, Mary Downing

Wait Till Helen Comes

Hobbs, Valerie

Carolina Crow Girl

Hobbler, D. & T.

The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn

Jacques, Brian

Redwall

Juster, Norton

The Phantom Tollbooth

Key, Alexander

The Forgotten Door

Rowling, J.K.

The Harry Potter Series

Seider, Tor

A Rat's Tale

Seldon, George

A Cricket in Times Square

Snicket, Lemony

Series of Unfortunate Events

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Series of Unfortunate Events

Poetry

Creech, Sharon

Love That Dog

Fleishman, Paul

Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices

Florian, Douglas

Mammalabilia

Grimes, Nikki

Under the Christmas Tree

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Hopkins, Lee Bennett	<i>My America: A Poetry Atlas of the United States</i>
Hughes, Langston	<i>The Dream Keeper and Other Poems</i>
Longfellow, Henry W.	<i>Paul Revere's Ride</i>
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Blues Journey</i>
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Harlem</i>
Prelutsky, Jack	<i>The Random House Book of Poetry for Children</i>
Silverstein, Shel	<i>Falling Up</i>
Silverstein, Shel	<i>Where the Sidewalk Ends</i>
Woodson, Jacqueline	<i>Locomotion</i>

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Information Books

Arnosky, Jim	<i>Field Trips: Bug Hunting, Animal Tracking Bird-Watching, Shore Walking</i>
Arnosky, Jim	<i>Secrets of a Wildlife Watcher</i>
Bial, Raymond	<i>Tenement: Immigrant Life on the Lower East Side</i>
Chang, Ina	<i>A Separate Battle: Women and the Civil War</i>
Christelow, Eileen	<i>What do Author's Do?</i>
Cornerstones of Freedom	<i>The Gettysburg Address</i>
Curlee, Lynn	<i>Seven Wonders of the Ancient World</i>
Fritz, Jean	<i>Around the World in a Hundred Years</i>
Jones, Charlotte Foltz	<i>Mistakes That Worked</i>

Classics

Alcott, Louisa May	<i>Little Women</i>
Baum L. Frank	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>
Burnett, Frances H.	<i>The Secret Garden</i>
Farley, Walter	<i>The Black Stallion</i>
Gibson, Fred	<i>Old Yeller</i>
Kipling, Rudyard	<i>The Jungle Book</i>
Lindgren, Astrid	<i>Pippi Longstocking</i>
London, Jack	<i>Call of the Wild</i>
Montgomery, L.M.	<i>Anne of Green Gables</i>
Pyle, Howard	<i>The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood</i>
Tolkien, J.R.R.	<i>The Hobbit and The Lord of the Ring Series</i>
Twain, Mark	<i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>
Verne, Jules	<i>Journey to the Center of the Earth</i>
Verne, Jules	<i>Around the World in Eighty Days</i>
Wells, H.G.	<i>The War of the Worlds</i>

Picture Books

Gerstein, Mordicai	<i>The Man Who Walked Between the Towers</i>
Heide, Florence P.	<i>Sami and the Time of Troubles</i>
Polacco, Patricia	<i>Pink and Say</i>
Weisner, David	<i>Tuesday</i>
Williams, Sherley Ann	<i>Working Cotton</i>
Yolen, Jane	<i>Letting Swift River Go</i>

Short Story

Dahl, Roald	<i>Roald Dahl Treasury</i>
Kipling, Rudyard	<i>Just So Stories</i>
Martin, Ann Matthews	<i>Friends: Stories About New Friends, Old Friends, And Unexpectedly True Friends</i>
Packer, Tina	<i>Tales From Shakespeare</i>
Soto, Gary	<i>Local News: Stories</i>