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# The Westfield Lower School Summer Reading Program

School may be out for summer, but studies have shown that taking a break from reading can have a significant impact when students return to the classroom on August 10th. A summer off can mean the loss of six to nine months progress for some students. The key to preventing learning loss over summer break is simple — it's reading regularly. Setting aside as little as fifteen minutes each day for reading will make all the difference. Parents play a critical role in helping children follow through on this commitment during the summer months.

## Pre-K through 2nd Grade Summer Reading

*Students who are rising Pre-K-2nd grade will complete the reading log including in this packet to receive a special reward when school begins in August for their reading over the summer. Students should bring the reading log to their homeroom teacher when school begins.*

## Third - Fifth Grade Summer Reading

*Students who are rising 3rd-5th graders will take AR test on the books they read this summer. They will need to earn points through their AR test (3 points for 3rd grade, 5 points for 4th and 5th grade) in order to receive a reward when school begins. The link to access AR is <https://global-zone08.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/55079>. These students have been using AR this school year and should have their log in information. If you need help accessing your account information, please email [amoore@westfieldschool.org](mailto:amoore@westfieldschool.org). Students who are new to Westfield for the 21-22 school year will receive an email with their child's log in information. Rising 5th graders cannot take the AR test on their required summer reading book (*Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*). This test will be taken once we are in school so that the points can be applied to their 1st quarter goal.*

Here are some tips from *Read Naturally* for getting children engaged in and excited about reading this summer:

1. **Make a date with a librarian** — Librarians will help locate books based on interests and reading ability. Check out your library for summer reading programs and a huge supply of great books.
2. **Lead by example** — Actions speak louder than words so let your child see you reading the newspaper or curling up with a good book. For younger readers, go ahead and read together with you reading a page and them reading the next.
3. **See reading everywhere** — Show how important reading is in everyday in everyday life by asking them to read the recipe while you make something together or read signs as you go about your day.
4. **Read the book, then see the movie** — Use the excitement of an upcoming movie to get them to read the book. Then see the movie and discuss the differences between the two versions. They'll quickly learn that books are better. This can be done with videos as well.
5. **Bring books while you hit the highway** — Books are terrific because they are portable and don't need any batteries or wires. Audio books are also great for getting kids to see the value in stories found in books.
6. **Give TV a timeout** — According to a U.S. Department of Education study, the average kindergarten student has spent more than 5,000 hours watching television. Cutting down on TV time will create more time for your child to tune into reading.

*We hope that books from the suggested lists bring students many hours of enjoyment and encourage the life-long love of reading!*



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## Suggested Reading Lists

### Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 5

#### For Pre-Kindergarten to Kindergarten:

Aardema, Verna—Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain  
Abercrombie, Barbara—Charlie Anderson  
Adoff, Arnold—Flamboyant  
Aliki—any title  
Allard, Harry—Miss Nelson is Missing!  
Ames, Lee J.—Draw, Draw, Draw  
Anno, Mitsumasa—Anno's Journey Series  
Anonymous Fairy Tales—Cinderella, The Gingerbread Man, Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs, Three Billy Goats Gruff, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, and Mother Goose Rhymes  
Arnold, Tedd—No Jumping on the Bed  
Avis—Abigail Takes the Wheel  
Avis—Finding Providence: The Story of Roger Williams  
Baker, Barbara—Digby and Kate Series  
Balian, Norma—Amelia's Nine Lives or Any title  
Bang, Molly—Ten, Nine, Eight  
Barrett, H. Judi—Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs  
Bauer, Marion—The Bear's Hiccups  
Bauer, Marion—Turtle Dreams  
Bemelmans, Ludwig—Madeleine Series  
Bennett, David—Any title  
Berenstain, Stan & Jan—Berenstain Bears Series  
Berger, Barbara—Grandfather Twilight  
Bliss, Corinne—The Shortest Kid in the World  
Bliss, Corinne—Snow Day  
Bridwell, Norman—Clifford Series  
Branley, Franklyn—Any Title  
Brett, Jan—Any Title  
Brown, Marc—Hand Rhymes or Any title  
Brown, Margaret—Goodnight, Moon; The Little Scarecrow Boy; The Runaway Bunny; Any title  
Butler, Dorothy—My Brown Bear Barney  
Calhoun, Mary—Hot-Air Henry Series  
Carle, Eric—Any title  
Carlstrom, Nancy White—Any Title  
Cazet, Denys—Minnie and Moo Series  
Cichester, Clark—I Love You, Blue Kangaroo  
Cohen, Miriam—Will I have a Friend?  
Conrad, Pam—Tub People Series  
Crews, Donald—Any Title  
Degen, Bruce—Jamberry  
Eastman, P.D.—Are You My Mother?  
Ehlert, Lois—Growing Vegetable Soup  
Ernst, Lisa—Ginger Jumps  
Fields, Julia—the Green Lion of Zion Street

Flack, Marjorie—Ask Mr. Bear  
Freeman, Don—Corduroy Series  
Guarino, Deborah—Is Your Mama a Llama  
Harper, Dan—Telling Time with Big Mama Cat  
Heine, Helme—Friends  
Heller, Ruth—Chickens Aren't the Only Ones  
Plants That Never Ever Bloom  
Henkes, Kevin—Any Title  
Hines, Anna—Come to the Meadow  
Daddy Makes the Best Spaghetti  
Hisse, Jane—Little Bear's Trousers & other titles  
Hoban, Tanya—Any Title  
Hughes, Shirley—Out and About  
Hutchins, Pat—Any Title  
Hurd, Edith—I Dance in My Red Pajamas  
Huges, Shirley—Alfie Gives a Hand  
Johnson, Crockett—Harold and the Purple Crayon  
Johnston, Tony—Sparky and Eddie Series  
Jonas, Ann—Color Dance  
Keats, Ezra Jack—The Snowy Day, any title  
Kraus, Robert—Whose Mouse are You?  
Krauss—The Carrot Seed  
Krensky, Stephen—Lionel Series  
Lester, Helen—Tacky Series  
Little, Jean—Emma's Magic Winter  
Lionni, Leo—Any Title  
Lobel, Arnold—Mouse Tales  
Lord, John—the Giant Jam Sandwich  
Marshall, James—Fox Be Nimble Series  
Martin, Bill Jr.—Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?; Chicka-Chicka-Boom-Boom; Any Title  
Mathers, Petra—Lottie's New Beach Towel  
Mayer, Mercer—Any Title  
McCloskey, Robert—Make Way for Ducklings  
Blueberries for Sal  
McDonald, Megan—Beezy Series  
McPhail, David—Any Title  
Meddaugh, Susan—Martha Walks the Dog Series  
Medearis, Angela—Poppa's New Pants  
Rum-a-Tum-Tum  
Murphy, Stuart—Lemonade for Sale  
Nickle, John—The Ant Bully  
Numeroff, Laura—If You Give Series  
Peek, Merle—Roll Over! A Counting Song; Mary Wore Her Red Dress & Henry Wore His Green Sneakers  
Piper, Watty—The Little Engine That Could  
Porte, Barbara—Tale of a Tadpole  
Potter, Beatrice—Peter Rabbit Series  
Preston, Edna—The Temper Tantrum Book

Rathman, Peggy—Officer Buckle and Gloria  
Rey, H.A.—Curious George Series  
Rockwell, Anne—Any Title  
Rosen, Michael—We're Going on a Bear Hunt  
Ryder, Joanne—Where Butterflies Grow  
Rylant, Cynthia—Henry & Mudge Series  
Rylant, Cynthia—Any Title  
Seuss, Dr.—Cat in the Hat  
Shannon, David—any title  
Sheppard, Jeff—The Right Number of Elephants  
Shulevitz, Uri—Snow  
Siebert, Diane—Truck Song  
Simon, Norma—Cats Do, Dogs Don't  
Sloat, Teri—There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Trout  
Slobodkina, Esphyr—Caps for Sale  
Steig, William—Pete's a Pizza  
                    Sylvester and the Magic Pebble  
Tafari, Nancy—Any Title  
Thomas, Patricia—Stand Back, said the Elephant, I Think I'm Going to Sneeze  
Udry, Janice May—A Tree is Nice  
Viorst, Judith—Any Title  
Waber, Bernard—Ira Sleeps Over  
Wagner, Karen—Silly Fred  
Walsh, Ellen—Mouse Paint  
Wells, Rosemary—Any Title  
Wood, Audrey—Any Title  
Zolotow, Charlotte—William's Doll  
                    Something is Going to Happen

## **Grades 1-3:**

Allard, Harry—Miss Nelson Series  
Avi—Upham's Revenge  
Berenstain, Jan & Stan—Berenstain Bears Nursery Tales  
Blume, Judy—Freckle Juice  
Brenner, Barbara—Wagon Wheels  
Bridwell, Norman—Clifford, the Big Red Dog  
Brisson, Pat—Summer My Father was Ten  
Byars, Betsy—Tornado  
Carrick, Carol—Any title  
Catling, Patrick—The Chocolate Touch  
Christopher, Matt—Peach Street Mudders Series  
Cleary, Beverly—Ramona Quimby Series  
Dahl, Roald—Charlie and the Chocolate Factory  
Dahl, Roald—Fantastic Mr. Fox  
Danziger, Paula—Amber Brown Series  
Dunrea, Olivier—The Trow-Wife's Treasure  
Erickson, Russell—Warton and Morton Series  
Fowler, Susi—Albertina the Practically Perfect  
Gibbons, Gail—Any Title  
Hoban, Lillian—Arthur Series  
Hoban, Russell—Bedtime for Frances  
Howe, James—Horace & Morris but Mostly Dolores

Howe, James—Pinky and Rex Series  
Hurwitz, Johanna—Much Ado About Aldo  
King-Smith, Dick—Any title  
Koller, Jackie—Dragonling Series  
Krensky, Stephen--Louise Series  
Landon, Lucinda—Meg Macintosh Series  
Lasky, Kathryn—She's Wearing a Dead Bird on Her Head  
Lobel, Arnold—Frog and Toad Series  
McCloskey, Robert—Make Way for Ducklings  
Mosel, Arlene—Tikki Tikki Tembo  
Moss, Marissa—Amelia Takes Command Series  
Osborne, Mary Pope—Magic Tree House Series  
Parish, Peggy—Amelia Bedelia  
Park, Barbara—Junie B. Jones Series  
Polacca, Patricia—Any Title  
Rey, H.A.—Curious George Series  
Rodowsky, Colby—Not My Dog  
Rylant, Cynthia—Blue Hill Meadows  
Ryland, Cynthia—Poppleton Series  
Sachar, Allen—Marvin Redpost Series  
Say, Allen—any Title  
Scieszka, Jon—Time Warp Trio Series  
Scieszka, Jon—True Story of the Three Little Pigs

Seuss, Dr.—All titles  
Sharmat, Marjorie—Nate the Great Series  
Silverstein, Shel—Where the Sidewalk Ends  
Smith, Janice Lee—Adam Joshua Series  
Sobol, Donald—Encyclopedia Brown Series  
Steptoe, John—Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters  
Stevenson, James—Mud Flat Series  
Stolz, Mary—Ballad of the Civil War  
Viorst, Judith—Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day  
Warner, Gertrude—Boxcar Children Series  
White, E.B.—Charlotte’s Web  
Wilder, Laura—Little House Series  
William, Margery—Velveteen Rabbit

## **Grades 4-5:**

Aliki—Medieval Feast  
Avi—Perloo the Bold  
Avi—Poppy Series  
Avi—Something Upstairs  
Avi—S.O.R. Losers  
Babbitt, Natalie—Tuck Everlasting  
Babbitt, Natalie—Kneeknock Rise  
Baum, Frank—The Wizard of Oz  
Blume, Judy—Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing & other titles in Fudge Series  
Bruchac, Joseph—the Arrow Over the Door  
Byars, Betsy—The Pinballs or any Title  
Chambers, Veronica—Amistad Rising: A Story of Freedom  
Cleary, Beverly—Any Title  
Clements, Andrew—Frindle  
Coleman, M.—Weirdo’s War  
Cooper, Susan—Dark is Rising Series  
Creech, Sharon--Bloomability  
Dahl, Roald—Any Title  
Davis, Jim—Garfield Counts to Ten  
Dear America Series  
DeClements, Barthe—Nothing’s Fair in Fifth Grade  
Farley, Walter—The Black Stallion  
Fenner, Carol—King of Dragons  
Fenner, Carol—Yolanda’s Genius  
Fitzgerald, John—The Great Brain Series  
Fleischman, Sid—Bandit’s Moon  
Freedman, Russell—Lincoln: A Photobiography  
Fletcher, Susan—Shadow Spinner  
Gantos, Jack—Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key  
George, Jean—My Side of the Mountain Series  
Gipson, Fred—Old Yeller  
Gordon, Sheila—Middle of Somewhere  
Haas, Jessie—Any title  
Haddix, Margaret—Margaret Series  
Harrah, Madge—My Brother, My Enemy  
Hearne, Betsy—Listening for Leroy

## **Required Summer Reading 5th grade**

**(Please see final page of this packet for more information.)**

Hearne, Betsy—Seven Brave Women  
Hest, Amy—Any Title  
Hiller, B.B.—The Karate Kid  
Howe, Deborah & James—Bunnicula Series  
Isaacs, Anne—Treehouse Tales  
Knight, Eric—Lassie Come Home  
Konigsburg, E.L.—View from Saturday  
L’Engle, Madeleine—Wrinkle in Time Series  
Lewis, C.S.—The Chronicles of Narnia Series  
Lowry, Lois—Anastasia Krupnik Series  
McCaughrean, Gerald—The Pirate’s Son  
McKissack, Patricia—Run Away Home  
MacLachlan, Patricia—Sarah Plain and Tall  
Montgomery, L.M.—Anne of Green Gables Series  
Morris, Gerald—The Squire’s Tale  
My Name is America Series  
O’Brien, Robert—Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH  
O’Dell, Scott—Island of the Blue Dolphin  
Paterson, Katherine—Bridge to Terebithia  
Rawls, Wilson—Where the Red Fern Grows  
Roberts, Willo—the View from the Cherry Tree  
Rockwell, Thomas—How to Eat Fried Worms  
Sachar, Louis—Holes  
Scieszka, Jon—Squids will be Squids  
Scieszka, Jon—Summer Reading is Killing Me  
Sewell, Anna—Black Beauty  
Silverstein, Shel—Any Title  
Sobol, Donald—Encyclopedia Brown Series  
Soto, Gary—Baseball in April  
Speare, Elizabeth—Witch of Blackbird Pond  
Staples, Suzanne—Shabanu  
Stevenson, James—Bones in the Cliff  
Stevenson, James—unprotected Witness Series  
Taylor, Mildred—The Friendship Series  
Taylor, Mildred—Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry  
Twain, Mark—Tom Sawyer  
Warner, Gertrude—Boxcar Children  
Wells, Rosemary—Mary on Horseback: Three Mountain Stories

White, E.B.—Charlotte's Web  
Wilder, Laura—Little House Series

## **Biography and Autobiography:**

Accorsi, W.—Rachel Carson  
Adler—Picture Book Biographies Series  
Alcott—Louisa May Alcott: Her Childhood Diary  
Anderson—Laura's Album: A Remembrance Scrapbook of Laura  
Anderson—Pioneer Girl: Story of Laura Ingalls Wilder  
Bail—Where Lincoln Walked  
Burchard—Charlotte Forten: A Black Teacher in the Civil War  
Burleigh—Home Run: The Story of Babe Ruth  
Coles—Story of Ruby Bridges  
Cooney—Eleanor  
Cooney—Emily  
Cummings—Talking with Adventurers  
Dahl—Boy  
DePaola—26 Fairmount Avenue  
Fisher—Gandhi  
Greene—Katherine Dunham  
Fleischman—Abracadabra  
Freedman—Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery  
Johnson—My Dear Noel: The Story of a Letter From Beatrix Potter  
Kent—Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court  
Kwan—Michelle Kwan, Heart of a Champion  
Lowry—Looking Back  
Lyons—Catching the Fire: Philip Simmons, Blacksmith  
Martin—Snowflake Bentley  
Matthews—Light Shining Through the Mist  
Nickens—Walking the Log  
Roope—Keep the Lights Burning, Abby  
Say—Grandfather's Journey  
Sis—Starry Messenger: Galileo Galilei  
Stanley—Joan of Arc  
Szabo—Sky Pioneer: A Photobiography of Amelia Earhart  
Towle—The Real McCoy  
Winter—My Name is Georgia: A Portrait

## **Non-Fiction Titles:**

Go In and Out the Window: An Ill. Songbook for Young People  
Aliko—Corn is Maize  
Aliko—Mummies Made in Egypt  
Aliko—William Shakespeare & the Globe  
Armstrong—Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World  
Arnold—El Nino: Stormy Weather for People and Wildlife  
Cole—New Baby at Your House  
Cole—Rain & Shine Activity Book

Cole—Magic Schoolbus Series  
Darlington—Desert Babies Series  
Dooley—Everybody Cooks Rice Series  
Ehlert—Planting a Rainbow  
George—Who's Been Here? Series  
Derstein—the Wild boy  
Gibbons—Any title  
Giblin—Mystery of the Mammoth Bones...  
Goodall—With Love  
Herbert—Leonardo da Vinci for Kids  
Hoban—26 Letters and 99 Cents  
Jenkins—Hottest, Coldest, Highest, Deepest  
Jenkins—The Top of the World  
Johnson—Simon & Schuster Children's Guide to Insects and Spiders  
Krull—Lives of the Presidents: Fame, Shame and What the Neighbors Thought Series  
Lauber—Be a Friend to Trees  
Lauber—Volcano  
Maass—Tugboats  
Macy—Winning Ways: Photohistory of American Women in Sports  
Markle—Outside and Inside Series  
Martin—Animal That Walk on Water  
Murphy, Jim—Any Title  
Peacock—Crossing the Delaware  
Perenyi—Wild, Wild West: Western Wildlife Habitat  
Peterson—Harvest year  
Robbins—Autumn Leaves  
Silcox-Jarreh—Heroines of the American Revolution  
Swanson—Buffalo Sunrise  
Simon, Seymour—Any Title

## **Family Read-Alouds:**

Richard Adams' Watership Down  
Richard Atwater's Mr. Popper's Penguins  
Aki's Poppy  
Frances Burnett's The Secret Garden  
Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach  
Mary Dodge's Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates  
Kenneth Graham's Wind in the Willows  
Washington Irving's Legend of Sleepy Hollow  
Farley Mowat's Owls in the Family  
Mary Norton's Borrowers Series  
Marjorie Rawlings' Yearling  
E.B. White's Stuart Little

Selections chosen from list recommended by "Reading is Fundamental", American Library Association, Department of Education, Story Stretches, More Story Stretches, and reading lists from various schools.

# FIFTH GRADE SUMMER READING

Each student entering the fifth grade is required to read the following book before school begins on August 10th:

## *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume*

Please bring your copy of *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* with you on the first day of school (August 10th). We suggest that you wait to read the book until a week or so before school starts, so it will be fresh in your mind. ***Fifth graders will take an AR test on this book once in school so that the points can be applied to their 1st quarter goal.***

Summer is a wonderful time for reading! The fifth grade teachers encourage you to read as much as possible during the summer. Happy reading! Listed below are some of the favorite authors of our fifth grade students; perhaps this list will help you find some good books to read this summer.

### **1. Any biography or non-fiction**

### **2. Any books by the following authors:**

Beverly Cleary  
Matt Christopher (sports)  
Julie Campbell (Trixie Belden)  
Carolyn Keene (Nancy Drew)  
Franklin Dixon (Hardy Boys)  
Gertrude C. Warner (Boxcar Children)  
Walter Farley (horses and other animals)  
Marguerite Henry (horses and other animals)  
Gary Paulsen  
Robert Newton Peck  
Phyllis Naylor  
Jean Craighead George  
Betty Ren Wright (mysteries and suspense)  
L.M. Montgomery (Anne of Green Gables series)  
Laura Ingalls Wilder (Little House on the Prairie series)  
Shel Silverstein  
Johanna Hurwitz  
Robert Burch  
Betsy Byars  
the Dear America series (these are written by different authors)  
the American Girl books (these are written by different authors)  
Jean Van Leeuwen  
Colleen O'Shaughnessy McKenna

*These are only a few suggestions; you will find many more authors and books when you visit the public library or a bookstore. Have a wonderful summer, and enjoy reading! We look forward to seeing you on the first day of school - August 10th!*