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Dear Families and Incoming Fifth Grade Students,

Welcome to Fifth Grade! As you begin to enjoy summer, we encourage you to continue to make reading an important part of your family’s activities. While reading instruction will be emphasized by your child’s teacher throughout the school year, children need to continue to read during the summer months, not only for enjoyment, but also to sustain and strengthen skills they have already developed. We have provided a list of **suggested** titles appropriate for Fifth Grade-aged children to get you started with ideas, but **please feel free to read beyond** them! If needed, you can reach out to your child’s teacher for additional guidance about appropriate book choices.

Upon request, a Chromebook can be made available to your incoming Fifth Grade student for reading digital texts if needed. Please reach out to the elementary school at which your child is registered to make arrangements.

Reading over summer vacation may not be a priority for children, but parents and teachers should make it one. Why? Summer reading is critical to a child's ability to not only retain information learned the previous year, but also to grow in knowledge and **critical thinking skills** for the coming year. Literacy expert Julie Wood believes that it is necessary for children to **read on a daily basis** in order to maintain literacy skills learned in the previous school year.

All of this information can be accessed on the District’s website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Have a wonderful, word-filled summer!

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**WEST MILFORD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**SUMMER READING *SUGGESTED* TITLES LIST**  
**BOOKS TO SHARE WITH INCOMING FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS**  
**SUMMER 2023**

**Also consider reading:**

- Books of personal interest
- Other books by the same authors
- Old favorites over and over!

**Finding a book that is right for you:**

- Select a book you would like to read.
- Look through the book and read a page.
- Every time you come to a word you don't know, count it on your finger.
- If you use up five or more fingers by the end of the page, the book is too difficult for you to read independently, but read it with your parent.
- Select another book to read independently.
- A great resource to help you find books is:  
[www.readkiddoread.com](http://www.readkiddoread.com)

**Students Entering Grade 5**

J BAK - Baker, E.D. *The Frog Princess* **U**

J BAN - Banks, Lynne Reid. *The Indian in the Cupboard* **R**

J BUR - Burnford, Sheila. *The Incredible Journey* **V**

J BYA - Byars, B. *The 18<sup>th</sup> Emergency* **R**

YA CHO - Choldenko, Gennifer. *Al Capone Does My Shirts* **T**

J CLE - Clements, Andrew. *Frindle* **R**

YA COL - Colfer, Eoin. *Artemis Fowl Series* **W-Y**

J CRE - Creech, Sharon. *Love That Dog* **T**

J DAH - Dahl, Roald. *James and the Giant Peach* **Q**

J J DAN - Danziger, Paula. *The Cat Ate My Gymsuit* **U**

J 636.08 DAV - Davis, Gibbs, Kathryn. *Wackiest White House Pets* **R**

J DEC - DeClements, Barthe. *Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade* **R**

J DEF - DeFelice, Cynthia. *Weasel* **U**

J DIC - DiCamillo, Kate. *The Magician's Elephant* **S/T**

J FIT - Fitzhugh, Louise. *Harriet the Spy* **T**

JB Various - Fradin, Dennis Brindell. *Who Was Series*

YA GAI - Gaiman, Neil. *The Graveyard Book* **U/V**

J GIL - Gilson, Jamie. *Do Bananas Chew Gum?* **Q/R**

JB PARKS - Giovanni, Nikki. *Rosa* **T**

Goodman, Susan. *The Ultimate Field Trip Series*

J 629.45 GOO - *Blasting off to Space Academy*

J 973.5 GOO - *A Week in the 1800s* **S**

J 978.82 GOO - *Stones, Bones, and*

*Petroglyphs*

J GOS - Goscinnny, Rene. *Nicholas and the Gang* **X**

J GUT - Gutman, Dan. *The Homework Machine* **Q**

J KAR - Karr, Kathleen. *The Great Turkey Walk* **S/T**

J KIN - Kinney, Jeff. *Wimpy Kid Series*

J KOR - Korman, Gordon. *Swindle* **T**

J LAW - Law, Ingrid. *Saavy; Scumble*

J LAW - Lawson, Robert. *Ben and Me* **S**

J MAC - MacLachlan, Patricia. *Sarah, Plain and Tall* **R**

J MAZ - Mazer, Anne. *The Amazing Days of Abby Hayes Series*

J 516 NEU - Neuschwander, Cindy. *Sir Cumference Series*

J PAR - Park, Barbara. *Mick Harte Was Here* **S**, *Skinnybones* **O/P**

JB PAULSEN - Paulsen, Gary. *My Life in Dog Years* **S**

J PEN - Pennypacker, Sara. *The Talented Clementine* **O**

YA RIO - Riordan, Rick. *Percy Jackson Series* **S/T**

J ROC - Rockwell, Thomas. *How to Eat Fried Worms* **R**

J SCI - Scieszka, Jon. *The Time Warp Trio Series*

J SCI - *Math Curse* **P**

J 811 SCI - *Science Verse*

YA SCH - Schmidt, G. D. *The Wednesday Wars* **X/Y**

J SEL - Selden, George. *The Cricket in Times Square* **S**

J SEL - Selznick, Brian. *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* **W**

J 811 SIL - Silverstein, Shel. *A Light in the Attic*

J STE - Stead, Rebecca. *When You Reach Me* **S/T**

J WHI - White, E. B. *Charlotte's Web* **R**

J WIN - Winthrop, Elizabeth. *The Castle in the Attic* **R**

J WIL - Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *Little House Series*  
 Various Authors. *Dear America Series*

## Students Entering Grade 6

JB BALLARD - Archbold, Rick. *Deep-Sea Explorer:*

*The Story of Robert Ballard, Discoverer of the Titanic* **Z**

J BAK - Baker, E.D. *The Frog Princess* **U**

J BAS - Baskin, Nora Raleigh. *Anything but Typical*

J BAL - Balliet, Blue. *Chasing Vermeer* **S**

J 597 CER - Cerullo, Mary M. *Sharks: Challengers of the Deep* **T**

J CLE - Cleary, Beverly. *Strider* **R**

J CLE - Clements, Andrew. *A Week in the Woods* **T**, *The School Story* **R**

YA CRE - Creech, Sharon. *The Wanderer* **V**, *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup* **R**

J DLA - d'Lacey, Chris. *The Last Dragon Chronicles* **T-Y**

J DEA - de Angeli, Marguerite. *The Door in the Wall* **U**

J DIC - DiCamillo, Kate. *The Tale of Despereaux* **U**

J FRA - Fraiser, Debra. *Miss Alaineus*

J GAI - Gaiman, Neil. *Coraline* **W**

J GEO - George, Jean Craighead. *My Side of the Mountain* **U**

Goodman, Susan. *The Ultimate Field Trip... Series*

J 629.45 GOO - *Blasting off to Space Academy*

J 973.5 GOO - *A Week in the 1800s* **S**

J 978.82 GOO - *Stones, Bones, and Petroglyphs*

J GUT - Gutman, Dan. *The Baseball Card Adventure Series*

J HIG - Higgins, F.E. *The Black Book of Secrets*

J HOU - Houston, James. *Long Claws* **T**

J 937.7 HUM - Humphrey, Kathryn Long. *Pompeii: Nightmare at Midday* **Y**

J JUS - Juster, Norton. *Phantom Tollbooth* **W**

J KEH - Kehret, Peg. *Earthquake Terror* **X**

J KON - Konigsburg, E.L. *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* **S**

J LEW - Lewis, C. S. *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* **T**

YA MIL - Miller, Sarah. *Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller*

YA MOR - Morris, Paula. *Ruined* **Z**

J MYE - Myers, W. D. *Mop, Moondance, and the Nagasaki Knights* **S**

J 796.357 NEL - Nelson, K. *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*

J PAT - Paterson, Katherine. *The Great Gilly Hopkins* **S**

JB PAULSEN - Paulsen, Gary. *Guts* **X**

J PEC - Peck, Richard. *A Season of Gifts*

YA PEC Peck, Richard. *Here Lies the Librarian* **S**

YA POT - Potter, Ellen. *Slob*

J 811.54 - Prelutsky, Jack. *My Dog May Be A Genius*

YA RIO - Riordan, Rick. *Percy Jackson Series* **S/T**

J ROW - Rowling, J.K. *Harry Potter Series*

J SAC - Sachar, Louis. *Holes* **V**

J SHA - Shalant, Phyllis. *Beware (of Kissing Lizard Lips)*

J 811 SIL - Silverstein, Shel. *Falling Up*

J 591.6 SIM - Simon, Seymour. *Animals Nobody Loves* **Q**

J SNI - Snickett, Lemony. *A Series of Unfortunate Events Series*

J SPI - Spinelli, Jerry. *Maniac Magee* **W**

J STE - Steward, T.L. *Mysterious Benedict Society Series*

J 973 SAI - St. George, Judith. *So You Want to Be President* **S**

J YEP - Yep, Lawrence. *Dragonwings* **W**, *The Starfisher* **S**