



5th Grade Summer Reading Guide

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2023 Summer Reading Guide for 5th Grade. Here you will find a list of the book choices for English. You will also locate instructions and expectations for the activities/projects we would like students to complete for the beginning of the 2023/24 school year.

As we've asked you to do in the past, please acquire your summer reading choices on your own, from wherever you like, at whatever price point you like (new or used, purchased or borrowed from a friend or the public library), in whatever medium you like (traditional paperback, online, iBook, Kindle, or audiobook). Unless a particular edition or translation is indicated, any copy will suffice. We hope you are able to find something that fascinates you in some way.

Initiated by the English Department in 1975, required summer reading has long been a tradition at The Prairie School. The Department believes that reading and learning should end neither in June nor with the curriculum, and strongly encourages students to take advantage of the time to read literature of their choosing — even above and beyond what we ask them to read for school. No matter the grade, required and independent reading helps students practice and improve their reading, writing, and critical thinking skills. It also provides a common reading experience among students in the same class and enhances future classroom activities.

Have a wonderful summer of reading!

Sincerely,

Susan Holum
Primary School Head

2023 SRC Summer Reading Resources

Need to find summer reading books?

SRC Website

<https://www.prairieschoolsrc.com/>

*Access catalog and Sora tutorial videos on the website [here](#)

*Use drop down menus to access summer reading lists by for each division.

Destiny Discover Library Catalog (print)



<https://bit.ly/srcdestiny>

**You must be logged in to request holds on books and view your account information.

For Grades 6-12

Username: school email address

Password: 1234

Example

mweaver01@prairieschool.com

1234

*Passwords can be changed and reset by Mrs. Weaver. Please email Mrs. Weaver at mweaver@prairieschool.com to make any password changes.

*Parents/Guardians are welcome to have their own SRC accounts. Please email Mrs. Weaver at mweaver@prairieschool.com to request an account.

WI Schools Digital Library Catalog (WDDL) + Sora app (ebooks and digital audiobooks)



<https://bit.ly/digitalsrc>

*Use your school Google account as login on a phone, iPad, or Chromebook.

You can also link your digital public library catalog with your public library card number and pin to your Sora app.

Please see local public libraries and independent bookstores for additional title copies.



Grade 5: Reading

“Reading... a vacation for the mind....”
-- Dave Barry

Choose any one of the following books to read and complete the assignment for only one title. Then, choose a second book of your choice. If you would like to select a “good fit” book not from this list for your second summer reading book, please have your parents email Mr. Pearson at tpearson@prairieschool.com by Friday, June 30th, with the title and their approval of your choice.

Fiction

- ***Number the Stars*** (Lois Lowry, 1989)*
 - In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

***Note: If you are taking the summer course “Getting Started on Summer Reading - Grade 5,” you must read *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry. The course will be offered June 20-23 this summer.**

- Any book from the ***Mr. Lemoncello’s Library series*** (Chris Grabenstein)
 - Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous game-maker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.
- Any book from the ***The Wings of Fire series*** (Tui T. Sutherland)
 - The seven dragon tribes have been at war for generations, locked in an endless battle over an ancient, lost treasure.
- ***Save Me a Seat*** (Sarah Weeks, 2016)
 - Ravi has just moved to the United States from India and has always been at the top of his class; Joe has lived in the same town his whole life and has learning problems--but when their lives intersect in the first week of fifth grade they are brought together by a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and the need to take control of their lives.
- ***A Whole New Ballgame*** (Phil Bildner, 2015)
 - Rip and Red are best friends whose 5th grade year is nothing like what they expected. They have a crazy new tattooed teacher named Mr. Acevedo, who doesn’t believe in tests or homework and who likes off-the-wall projects, the more “off” the better. They also find themselves with a new basketball coach too. But together these two make a great duo who know how to help each other--and find ways to make a difference--in the classroom and on the court.

Nonfiction

- ***Bugged: How Insects Changed History*** (Sarah Albee, 2014)
 - There are about ten quintillion insects in the world and some of them have affected human history in tremendous ways! For as long as humans have been on earth, we've co-existed with insects...for better or for worse. Once you begin to look at world history through fly-specked glasses, you begin to see the mark of these minute life forms at every turn. Beneficial bugs have built empires. Bad bugs have toppled them. *Bugged* is not your everyday history book.

Graphic Novels

- ***The Cardboard Kingdom*** (Chad Sell, 2018)
 - Welcome to a neighborhood of kids who transform ordinary boxes into colorful costumes, and their ordinary block into cardboard kingdom. This is the summer when sixteen kids encounter knights and rogues, robots and monsters--and their own inner demons--on one last quest before school starts again.
- Any book from ***The Last Kids on Earth series*** (Max Brallier, 2019)
 - A funny bestselling graphic novel about a thirteen-year-old boy named Jack Sullivan, who lives in his foster brother's tree house after a zombie outbreak hits his hometown.

5th Grade Assignment: Pictures with Captions (Due on the 2nd day of school)

- Divide an 8 1/2" X 11" piece of paper into six even sections (if you want more space, use a poster board or any larger size piece of paper).
- Work must be neat and edited for display at school.
- Each section should include a picture and a caption. The caption should be detailed, but not take up more than half the section.
- **Fiction:** Include one of the following pieces of information in each of the six sections:
 - Title, author, and your name
 - Setting (where and when)
 - Main character — describe the character in at least four sentences
 - One major problem the character had and the solution
 - Two events that helped solve this problem
 - What did the character learn?
- **Nonfiction:** Include one of the following pieces of information in each of the six sections:
 - Title, author, and your name
 - Describe the subject your researched in at least four sentences
 - The most interesting fact
 - The most helpful text feature
 - One example of something the author did that you liked
 - The part of the book that you will remember most

*****This list and assignment will be included with the student report cards.*****