

Fifth Grade Reading List

Dear fifth grade students,

Following is a list of books which I have enjoyed reading. Some are exciting, some unusual, some tell stories about real times and places, but with made-up, fictional, characters and events. During the summer, please select any 2 or more books to read. Keep a reading log in a spiral notebook or on notebook paper, writing down the title, author and the number of pages you read that day. Also, for each entry in your log, write a few sentences describing any of these traits: a character, an event from the story, or a connection you make between what you read that day and something in your own life, or another story you've read, heard or seen.

Below is an example of another student's log entry:

July 10, 2005 The Cay by Theodore Taylor. Today I read that the ship Phillip and his mother were on sank. Phillip found a piece of wood to hold onto, but he doesn't know if his mother is alive. I remember when my mother left me with grandma for a week when she went to Seattle. I missed her so much, and sometimes thought she wouldn't ever come back. I wonder if Phillip feels like that?

I look forward to reading your log entries in September, and finding out if you enjoyed these books as much as I did! (We will take a vote to see which one is our classroom's "Reader's Choice".)

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Boris

(P.S. Remember to review your math facts so you're ready for fifth grade math in the fall!)

- Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* (or *The Secret of NIMH*), by Robert C. O'Brien
- The Giver*, by Lois Lowry
- My Side of the Mountain*, by Elizabeth Craighead George
- The Sign of the Beaver*, by Elizabeth George Speare
- The Cay*, by Theodore Taylor
- The Bridge to Terabithia*, by Katherine Paterson
- From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*, by E.L.Konigsburg
- Frindle*, by Andrew Clements
- Everything on a Waffle*, by Polly Horvath
- Camp X*, by Eric Walters
- The Thief Lord*, by Cornelia Funke
- George Washington's, Socks* by Elvira Woodruff