

Summer Reading  
Going on to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade?



Something old - We always like to recommend books you might like to read over the summer. Some of those suggestions are listed below. These suggestions include books that our teachers recommend, award-winning books and books that other students have enjoyed.

Something new - The new piece is our Required Reading List. At Washington, we know that our students need to be ready to hit the ground running in the fall to keep pace in our Gifted Program. We are asking all new 5<sup>th</sup> graders to read three of the five titles listed here. They can be found at local book stores or at the public libraries. This list will provide them with an instant connection to new friends in August. Classroom teachers will have students working in groups on fun projects related to their reading.

In addition, the Rockford Public School District is providing every student a "pack" of summer reading books, free to keep and add to your home library. These titles, four fiction and four non-fiction, were selected to be captivating and to appeal to student interests. Enjoy!

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## Required Reading

(Choose at least 3)

Charlie Bone by Jenny Nimmo  
Toothpaste Millionaire by Jean Merrill  
Zoobreak by Gordon Korman  
Listen! by Stefanie Tolan  
Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett

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Looking for more ideas? Here are some additional reading suggestions you might enjoy!

### Guided Reading Level W

Coraline  
Crispin: The Cross of Lead  
Hoot  
Maniac Magee  
Walk Two Moons  
Hope Was Here  
The Black Pearl  
The Phantom Tollbooth

### Guided Reading Level Y

Just Ella  
The Face on the Milk Carton  
Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer  
The Devil's Arithmetic  
The Burning Room  
Bull Run  
The Yearling  
The Boy Who Dared

### Guided Reading Level X

Gathering Blue  
Let the Circle Be Unbroken  
MC Higgins the Great  
Where the Red Fern Grows  
Dicey's Song  
The Dark is Rising  
An Acceptable Time  
A Girl Named Disaster

### Guided Reading Level Z

After the Rain  
Adventures of Tom Sawyer  
Golden Compass  
The Hobbit  
White Fang  
Stormbreaker  
The Time Machine  
Detective Stories by Bill Pullman

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Need even more ideas?

[http://www.myschoolisgreat.org/Washington\\_Reading.htm](http://www.myschoolisgreat.org/Washington_Reading.htm) - Look at the Summer Reading Ideas