

Mary S. Shoemaker School

Suggested Reading List

5th Grade

(Please see the Shoemaker Homepage for additional grade levels.)



Dear Family,

The staff members of the Mary Shoemaker School have compiled a suggested reading list for each grade level to assist families when selecting books for reading with their children. Many of these books can be found in our local library, at bookstores, or through some of our classroom orders such as Scholastic and Arrowhead. Some of the titles on the list are great for children to read on their own, while others are perfect for reading aloud together. Reading is a lifelong journey and we hope the list provided will help in making selections for your children that they will enjoy. Happy reading!

Fifth graders are able to read comfortably for 30 minutes without getting tired or losing focus. Chapter books may be longer and more complex; the texts are more descriptive which is critical to plot development. Children are using clues from the story to understand unfamiliar settings and vocabulary. Talking about books during reading and reading books in a series can help make this easier. Nonfiction selections and magazines also help satisfy fifth graders' growing interest in the world around them. Reading several books about the same topic can help your child deepen his/her knowledge, while building confidence and expertise.

Series:

The Warriors series by Erin Hunter
39 Clues series by various authors
Chronicles of Narnia series by C.S. Lewis
Baseball Card Adventures series by Dan Gutman
Swindle series by Gordon Korman
Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan
The Sisters Grimm series by Michael Buckley
Storm Runner series by Roland Smith
Lemonade War series by Jacqueline Davies
Stranded series by Jeeff Probst
Ranger in Time series by Kate Messner

Authors:

Carl Hiaasen EB White Andrew Clements Jerry Spinelli

Specific Titles:

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
Wish by Barbara O'Connor
Wishtree by Katherine Applegate

