

Fifth Grade Knights

Summer Reading Journey

The summer is often filled with idle hours where frequent comments like “I’m bored” or “There’s nothing to do” can be heard. It is also a known fact that reading is one of the best ways to keep the mind active while taking the participant (that’s you) to unique settings where the possibility of meeting interesting people exists. Alas, the answer to your summer blues is at hand. Your summer reading project is just what the doctor ordered or in this case what Mr. Cash prescribes. This project will incorporate your proclivity (hopefully a strong one) to read and U.S. history/geography.

I have included a suggested reading list if you are interested (note: you don’t need to read any of the books on the list if you don’t want to). Also, please understand that you should not read the four fifth grade novels listed on the Paragon website since they will be read and studied during the year.

Your goal is to read **11 books** by the first day of classes (August 21). I will then give you a grade based on the number of books you have read.

Of the eleven books, I require that you read the following:

- 3 biographies

- 1 historical fiction or historical non-fiction (with a U.S. focus)

By doing so you will hopefully learn about some of the people and events we will study in American history in the coming year.

Please record the books you read on the attached reading logs.

Start early, read often, and enjoy the world of books.

READING LIST – YOUNG ADULT

• The Cay	Theodore Taylor	Adventure, Real Life
• Julie of the Wolves	Jean Craighead George	Adventure, Real Life
• My Side of the Mountain	Jean Craighead George	Adventure
• The Winter Room	Gary Paulsen	
• Dogsong	Gary Paulsen	Real Life
• Nightjohn	Gary Paulsen	Historical Fiction
• Sing Down the Moon	Scott O'Dell	Historical Fiction
• Island of the Blue Dolphins	Scott O'Dell	Adventure, Real Life
• Call it Courage	Armstrong Sperry	Adventure
• Tuck Everlasting	Natalie Babbitt	Fantasy
• Bridge to Terabithia	Katherine Paterson	Real Life
• The Witch of Blackbird Pond	Elizabeth George Speare	Historical Fiction
• Bronze Bow	Elizabeth George Speare	Historical Fiction
• The Yearling	Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings	Adventure, Real Life
• The Call of the Wild	Jack London	Adventure
• Carry on Mr. Bowditch	Jean Lee Latham	Historical Fiction
• Cheaper by the Dozen	Frank B. Gilbreth, Jr.	Real Life
• The Red Badge of Courage	Stephen Crane	Historical Fiction
• Rascal	Sterling North	Animal Adventure
• Old Yeller	Fred Gipson	Animal Adventure
• Caddie Woodlawn	Carol Ryrie Brink	Historical Fiction
• The "Little House" books	Laura Ingalls Wilder	Historical Fiction
• The Incredible Journey	Shelia Burnford	Adventure
• A History of US (series)	Joy Hakim	History
• The Chronicles of Narnia	C.S. Lewis	Fantasy
• Twenty-One Balloons	William P. Dubois	Fantasy
• Souder	William Armstrong	Historical Fiction
• Rifles for Watie	Harold Keith	Historical Fiction
• A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle	
• Harry Potter	J.K. Rowling	Fantasy
• Onion John	Joseph Krungold	Real Life
• The Golden Compass	Philip Pullman	Fantasy
• Ghost of Fossil Glen	Cynthia Defelice	Adventure
• The Landry News	Andrew Clements	Real Life
• Book of Virtues	William J. Bennett	

- The Children's Book of Virtues William J. Bennett
- Our Country's Founders William J. Bennett History
- Phantom Tollbooth Norton Juster Fantasy
- Toliver's Secret Esther Wood-Brady Historical Fiction
- Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH Robert C. O'Brien Fantasy
- Chicken Soup for the Jack Canfield
- Flags of Our Fathers: Heroes of Iwo Jima James Bradley History
- In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson Marc Simont Historical Fiction
- From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler E.L. Konigsburg Real Life

