



Welcome to Fifth Grade!

Wow! You are now part of the Pen Ryn upper grades! So many fun things await you in the coming school year. Hopefully, you are getting to enjoy your summer and have been able to do some enjoyable fun in the sun activities.

In fourth grade, you practiced the habits and skills of good readers. To help you prepare for fifth grade, it is important that you continue to read this summer so you can advance in your journey as learners and become strong independent readers. Vacation is the perfect time for visiting with family and friends, traveling, relaxing, and curling up with a good book.

Please choose three chapter books to read before September. Your choices should be books you have not read before, and no graphic novels, please. Make sure they are books that you love. If you find you are not enjoying one, abandon it and choose a new one! There are too many fabulous books out there! Find one that is just right for you!

When you are finished reading all three novels, choose your favorite book of the three and complete the assignment below. You only need to complete the assignment for ONE of your books.

Directions: Select one book to use for this assignment. Select a book that you love, and want to share with your classmates. Your goal is to get other kids interested so they will want to read your book, too! How to prepare: Write down the complete title, author's name, genre, and a paragraph on a sheet of paper or a large index card. If you would find it easier, you could

also type this on a Google doc. Your paragraph should describe the book without giving too much away. You are trying to convince your classmates to read the book. They won't want to read the book if you tell too much about it! You will be presenting this information to your classmates during the second week of school, so please have this completed by September 14th. During that week, we will take turns sharing the books and trying to persuade your classmates to read them!

Example:

Name: Mary Readsalot

Book title: From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

Author: E.L. Konigsburg

Genre: Realistic Fiction/ Mystery

Summary: In this story, a sister and brother decide that life is unfair at home, so they run away. They stay in a very unusual place in New York City. Their adventure leads them to a mysterious statue. While trying to figure out the mystery of the statue, they learn many things and get themselves into some humorous situations! Make sure you read this enjoyable book to find out the mystery of the statue!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

The 5th-grade Reading Teacher

P.S. As fifth graders, you will now have the chance to be part of the Pen Ryn Reading Olympics Team! If you love to read, consider joining. A copy of this year's book list is attached if you would like to get a head start.

2021 Reading Olympics Elementary School 25 Book List

Title	Author Last Name	Author First Name	Level	New Titles
Because of the Rabbit	Lord	Cynthia	EL	NEW
Bud, Not Buddy	Curtis	Christopher Paul	EL	
Chasing Secrets	Choldenko	Gennifer	EL	
Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix	Martin	Jacqueline Briggs	EL	NEW
Finding Langston	Cline-Ransome	Lesa	EL	NEW
Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's N	Mattick	Lindsay	EL	
Fourteenth Goldfish, The	Holm	Jennifer L.	EL	
Fuzzy Mud	Sachar	Louis	EL	
Honus & Me: A Baseball Card Adventure	Gutman	Dan	EL	
I Survived the Joplin Tornado	Tarshis	Lauren	EL	
Invention of Hugo Cabret	Selznick	Brian	EL	
Iron Trial, The	Black	Holly	EL	
Landry News, The	Clements	Andrew	EL	
Lemonade War, The	Davies	Jacqueline	EL	
Lewis and Clark and Me: A Dog's Tale	Myers	Laurie	EL	
My Life As a Book	Tashjian	Janet	EL	
Pax	Pennypacker	Sara	EL	
Pictures of Hollis Woods	Giff	Patricia Reilly	EL	
Return of Zita the Spacegirl, The	Hatke	Ben	EL	
Roller Girl	Jamieson	Victoria	EL	
Show me a Sign	LeZotte	Ann Clare	EL	NEW
Stone Fox	Gardiner	John Reynolds	EL	
Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky	Mbalia	Kwame	EL	NEW
Two Minute Drill (Comeback Kids series)	Lupica	Mike	EL	
Women Who Broke the Rules: Sonia Sotomayor	Krull	Kathleen	EL	