

# Summer Reading Assignment 2019

Incoming 5th graders

## Overview

- **All students must read *The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau** and complete the mini poster activity attached to the end of this packet.
- In addition, each student is also required to read at least one of the books from the list below and keep a reading log of all of the books they have read over the summer. All students should plan their time wisely and should read at least a minimum of 90 minutes per week. Summer reading assignments that are turned in more than two days late will only be worth half credit. This assignment will count as your first test grade for the year.

## Book Choices

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### Historical Fiction

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**Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Brink** - Caddie Woodlawn is a real adventurer. She'd rather hunt than sew and plow than bake, and tries to beat her brother's dares every chance she gets. Caddie is friends with Indians, who scare most of the neighbors -- neighbors who, like her mother and sisters, don't understand her at all.

**Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis** - It's 1936, in Flint, Michigan, and when 10-year-old Bud decides to hit the road to find his father, nothing can stop him. (Newbery Medal)

**Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan** - Esperanza thought she'd always live with her family on their ranch in Mexico--she'd always have fancy dresses, a beautiful home, & servants. But a sudden tragedy forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California during the Great Depression, and to settle in a camp for Mexican farm workers.

**The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi** - Thirteen-year-old Charlotte Doyle is excited to return home from her school in England to her family in Rhode Island in the summer of 1832. But when the two families she was supposed to travel with mysteriously cancel their trips, Charlotte finds herself the lone passenger on a long sea voyage with a cruel captain and a mutinous crew. . . . and is put on trial for murder!

**The War That Saved My Life (The War That Saved My Life #1) by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley** - Ten-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him.

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### Realistic Fiction

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**Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor** - When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man. (Newbery Medal)

**The One and Only Ivan** - Inspired by the true story of a gorilla who spent 30 years alone in a cage at an indoor zoo in a mall, this beautiful book imagines what that gorilla might have felt and said about his life. Ivan

does not dwell on his memories as does his friend Stella, an elderly elephant in the cage next door. Still, he remembers his life with his family in the jungle, the death of his sister, and his early days being raised by Max, the owner of the animal show. Ivan loves to paint. He can remember making designs on his mother's back as a young ape, and now Max sells the pictures that Ivan creates each day. The custodian's daughter also loves to paint and shares her supplies with Ivan, giving him new ways to express his experiences. Yet life at the animal show is becoming increasingly distressing. Stella has an infection on her foot that Max ignores because he is low on money. When he purchases a baby elephant to revive interest in the show, both Stella and Ivan are concerned about how he is treating this gentle youngster. Encouraged by Bob, the stray dog, and inspired by Stella, Ivan begins to imagine rescuing not only the baby elephant but himself. Perhaps his painting is the key. Maybe he can use it to change the animals' lives forever. These unforgettable characters overflow with pain and love in an ultimately hopeful story about the healing power of art.

**The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy by, Jeanne Birdsall** - While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother. (National book Award Winner)

**The Black Stallion by Walter Farley** – THE SOLE SURVIVORS of a devastating shipwreck, Alec Ramsay and the Black Stallion must learn to rely on each other to survive.

**My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George** - Terribly unhappy in his family's crowded New York City apartment, Sam Gibley runs away to the solitude-and danger-of the mountains, where he finds a side of himself he never knew. (Newbery Honor Book)

**The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty** - Lucy Callahan was struck by lightning. She doesn't remember it, but it changed her life forever. The zap gave her genius-level math skills, and ever since, Lucy has been homeschooled. Now, at 12 years old, she's technically ready for college. She just has to pass 1 more test — middle school!

**Saving Winslow by Sharon Creech** - Louie doesn't have the best luck when it comes to nurturing small creatures. So when his father brings home a sickly newborn mini donkey, he's determined to save him. He names him Winslow. Taking care of him helps Louie feel closer to his brother, Gus, who is far, far away in the army.

**Takedown by Laura Shovan** - Mikayla is a wrestler; when you grow up in a house full of brothers who are die-hard mat heads, it's in your DNA. She even has a wrestling name: Mickey. Some people don't want a girl on the team. But that won't stop her. She's determined to work hard, and win.

**Slam Dunk by Matt Christopher, Robert Hirschfeld** - When a new school year starts, and thirteen-year-old basketball star Julian feels a lot of pressure as he realizes he is the only remaining player from last year's winning team, a friend's health crisis helps him regain perspective.

**Tight by Torrey Maldonado** - Tight: Lately, Bryan's been feeling it in all kinds of ways . . . Bryan knows what's tight for him--reading comics, drawing superheroes, and hanging out with no drama. But drama is every day where he's from, and that gets him tight, wound up.

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### Mystery

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**The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick** - Orphan, clock keeper, and thief, Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. But when his world

suddenly interlocks with an eccentric, bookish girl and a bitter old man who runs a toy booth in the station, Hugo's undercover life, and his most precious secret, are put in jeopardy. A cryptic drawing, a treasured notebook, a stolen key, a mechanical man, and a hidden message from Hugo's dead father form the backbone of this intricate, tender, and spellbinding mystery. (Caldecott Medal)

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### Science Fiction

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**A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle** - Meg's father, an eminent physicist, has been missing for two years. One night a strange old woman, Mrs. Whatsit, appears, "blown off course" while she, along with Mrs. Who and Mrs. Which, was tessering, or taking a shortcut through time and space. They take Meg, her little brother Charles Wallace, and their new friend Calvin, to rescue Dr. Murry, who is a prisoner on a planet ruled by IT, a giant pulsating brain that controls the minds of everyone on the planet. Charles Wallace also falls under IT's control, and when Meg finds her father, she discovers that he is not the invincible protector she thought he was. She must not only come to terms with this realization, but find a way to rescue them both. (Newbery Medal)

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### Fantasy

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**The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan** - Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

**Dragon Rider by Cornelia Funke** - When humans are headed toward his home, Firedrake is joined by a brownie and an orphan boy in a quest to find the legendary valley known as the Rim of Heaven. They encounter friendly and unfriendly creatures along the way, and struggle to evade the relentless pursuit of an old enemy.

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### Adventure

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**Hatchet by Gary Paulsen** - : After a plane crash, 13-year-old Brian spends 54 days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce. (Newbery Honor)

**Holes by Louis Sachar** - :As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself. (Newbery Medal)

**A Series of Unfortunate Events #1: The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket** - After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune.

**Call it Courage by Armstrong Sperry** - Mafatu has been afraid of the sea for as long as he can remember. All his life he has been teased, taunted, and even blamed for storms on the sea. Then at age fifteen, no longer willing to put up with the ridicule and jibes, Mafatu decides to take his fate into his own hands. With his dog, Uri, as his companion, Mafatu paddles out to sea, ready to face his fears. (Newbery Medal)

**A Pup Called Trouble by Bobbie Pyron** - Brimming with curiosity, Trouble can't wait to explore the world beyond Singing Creek. So one morning the coyote pup stows away in the back of a truck and ends up lost in the heart of New York City. While Trouble misses his siblings, he quickly makes friends in Central Park's Ramble: a prankster crow, a timid opossum, and a poetic poodle.

**The Season of Styx Malone by Kekla Magoon** - Caleb wants to experience life beyond his small town in Indiana. With a whole summer of adventure before him, Caleb and his brother, Bobby Gene, encounter Styx Malone, a cool kid with some big secrets. The promise of the Great Escalator Trade (trading a small thing for something better on the way to reaching what you really want, in this case a scooter) tests the kids and their friendships as things get crazier than they ever imagined. Can it get any crazier than trading your baby sister for a bag of fireworks?

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## The City of Ember - Virtues Mini Poster

**Directions:** Please choose an event from the story that symbolizes each of the core values below. Neatly draw a small picture and write a brief sentence describing the event that symbolizes the core value. You are welcome to recreate the mini poster below on a larger piece of paper if you need more room.

<b>Justice</b> – Treating others with respect & fairness	<b>Temperance</b> – Mastering yourself & controlling impulsive behavior (self-control, patience, obedience)
<b>Fortitude</b> - Having the courage to face challenges and obstacles.	<b>Prudence</b> – Making wise choices



