

# Incoming Fifth Grade 2011 Summer Reading Suggestions

Our central reading theme is courage. It is **not mandatory**, but, if possible, please encourage your son to read one of the three books listed below this summer. Each book features a courageous boy, who must persevere while facing great challenges far from home. The genre is historical fiction.

- *Call it Courage* - Armstrong Sperry
- *Heart of A Samurai* - Margi Preus
- *Woods Runner* - Gary Paulsen

## Summer Reading To-Do List

- Read at least four (4) books during the summer.
- Read across the genres.
- Select what you want to read, that includes comics and graphic novels, newspapers and magazines.
- Read as much non-fiction as fiction. Choose topics that might interest you.
- The following authors were very popular with fifth graders this year: Rick Riordan, Erin Hunter, Tim Green, David Lubar, Suzanne Collins, Andrew Clements, D. J. McHale, and Dan Gutman.
- Read a series.
- Read books on the list and books not on this list.
- Send Mrs. Weise the names of books that you would recommend.
- READ!
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I want to make the list more interactive, so please read the options below.

The summer reading list is posted on my website. . I have also posted a few interesting articles on summer reading. You can also find other lists there: dog books, football books, and series books.

<https://sites.google.com/a/princetonacademy.org/4-w/home>

Need to check on the reading level of a book? Go to this Scholastic site and type in the title.

<http://bookwizard.scholastic.com/tbw/homePage.do>

I also have **blog site**, "The Wise Guy Reading and Writing Zone," where you can post your reactions and recommendations about the books you are currently reading. Take a peek to see some of the postings from last summer.

<http://weiseguy.blogspot.com/>

**Parent Tip:** If you are in need of either easier books or more challenging books. Peruse the lists provided for rising fourth and rising sixth graders

**Challenge:** "Caught Reading": Take a photo of your son reading in an unusual or interesting place and send it to Mrs. Weise at [hweise@princetonacademy.org](mailto:hweise@princetonacademy.org)

**FANTASY**

*The Black Cauldron*  
*The High King*  
*Good Dog*  
*Poppy*  
*The Secret History of Tom Trueheart*  
*If You're Reading This, It's too Late*  
*Redwall*  
*Medusa Jones*  
*Gregor the Overlander series*  
*Artemis Fowl series*  
*Twenty-One Balloons*  
*Tale of Despereaux*  
*Because of Winn Dixie*  
*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*  
*Young Wizards series*  
*Half Magic*  
*The Sea of Trolls (trilogy)*  
*Shadow Children series*  
*Warriors series*  
*The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe*  
*Pendragon series*  
*Tomorrow series*  
*Fablehaven series*  
*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*  
*Eragon*  
*Keepers of the Kingdom-series*  
*Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang*  
*Percy Jackson and the Olympians series*  
*The Red Pyramid*  
*Harry Potter series*  
*The Alchemyst (series)*  
*The Invention of Hugo Cabret*  
*The Mysterious Benedict Society series*  
*The Hobbit*  
*Trumpet of the Swan*  
*The Castle in the Attic*

Lloyd Alexander  
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Avi  
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Ian Beck  
Pseudonymous Bosch  
Jacque Brian  
Ross Collins  
Suzanne Collins  
Eoin Colfer  
William Pene DeBois  
Kate DiCamillo  
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Diane Duane  
Edward Eager  
Nancy Farmer  
Margaret Peterson Haddix  
Erin Hunter  
C.S. Lewis  
D. J. MacHale  
John Marsden  
Brandon Mull  
Robert C. O'Brien  
Christopher Paolini  
Ridley Pearson  
Mordecai Richler  
Rick Riordan  
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J. K. Rowling  
Michael Scott  
Brian Selznick  
Trenton Lee Stewart  
J.R.R. Tolkien  
E.B. White  
Elizabeth Winthrop

**REALISTIC FICTION**

*The Secret School, The Man Who Was Poe*  
*The Postcard*  
*Frindle, Lost and Found*  
*Walk Two Moons, Hate that Cat*  
*The Black Stallion*  
*Lost on a Mountain in Maine*  
*Million-dollar Throw*  
*Football Genius, Baseball Great*  
*Who Killed Cock Robin?*  
*Hoot, Flush*  
*Bridge to Terabithia*  
*Canyons*

Avi  
Tony Abbott  
Andrew Clements  
Sharon Creech  
Walter Farley  
Donn Fendler  
Mike Lupica  
Tim Green  
Jean Craighead George  
Carl Hiaasen  
Katherine Patterson  
Gary Paulsen

*The Boy Who Saved Baseball*  
*Island of the Blue Dolphins*  
*Holes*  
*Summer of the Monkeys*  
*Island of the Blue Dolphins*  
*Night of the Twisters*  
*Owls in the Family*  
*Rascal*  
*A Cricket in Times Square*  
*The Trouble with Tuck*  
*A Dog Called Kitty*

John Ritter  
Scott O'Dell  
Louis Sachar  
Wilson Rawls  
Scott O'Dell  
Ivy Ruckman  
Farley Mowat  
Sterling North  
George Selden  
Theodore Taylor  
Bill Wallace

### **HISTORICAL FICTION**

*Moses in Egypt*  
*Secret of the Andes*  
*A Way of His Own*  
*Boy at War* trilogy  
*Journey to America*  
*The Golden Goblet*  
*The Egypt Game*  
*Sign of the Beaver*  
*Maroo of the Winter Caves*

Lynn Reid Banks  
Anne Nolan Clark  
T. A. Dyer  
Harry Hazer  
Sonia Levitin  
Eloise Jarvis McGraw  
Zilpha Keatley Snyder  
Elizabeth George Speare  
Ann Turnbull

### **NON-FICTION**

At your local library, I am sure that you will find nonfiction books that match your particular interests.

*A Gathering of Days*  
*Cheaper by the Dozen*  
*Bill Peet: An Autobiography*  
*Boy*  
*Harriet Tubman*  
*Duel of the Ironclads:*  
*The Monitor Vs. the Virginia*  
*Woodsong*  
*Zlata's Diary*  
*Honda : the Boy who Dreamed of Cars*  
*Don't Know Much About American History*  
*How to be the Best at Everything*  
*Life in the Boreal Forest*  
*The Dangerous Book for Boys*  
*The Boy Who Invented TV:*  
*The Story of Philo Farnsworth*  
*The Egyptian News*  
*Pyramid, City, The New Way Things Work*  
*When the Wolves Returned: Restoring*  
*Nature's Balance in Yellowstone*  
*Noah Webster: Weaver of Words*

Joan W. Blos  
Frank & Ernestine Gilbreth  
*Bill Peet*  
Roald Dahl  
Ann Petry

Patrick O'Brien  
Gary Paulsen  
Zlata Filipovic  
Mark Weston  
Kenneth C. Davis  
Dominique Enright  
Brenda Guiberson  
Hal and Conn Iggulden

Kathleen Krull  
Langley & De Souza  
David MacAulay

Dorothy Patent  
Pegi Dietz Shea

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**PRINCETON ACADEMY OF THE SACRED HEART  
SIXTH GRADE  
SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR 2011 SUMMER READING**

**“Summer reading is different. There’s no agenda, nothing assigned, nothing mandatory. One reads at one’s own pace – a few pages now and then, or a sudden all-day binge.”**

**George Howe Colt  
*The Big House***

- **Read at least four (4) books during the summer.**
- **Read as much non-fiction as fiction. When choosing non-fiction books, choose topics that might interest you.**
- **Read any of these titles.**
- **Read other books by these authors.**
- **Read a series.**
- **Read something else that is not on this list.**
- **READ!**

**Adventure/Survival**

Avi	Poppy*
Bauer	On My Honor
Bunting	SOS Titanic
Eckert	Incident at Hawk’s Hill*
Fendler	Lost on a Mountain in Maine
Funke	The Thief Lord
George	Julie of the Wolves*
	On the Far Side of the Mountain*
Houston	Frozen Fire
Hobbs	Bearstone*
	Far North
	Ghost Canoe
Mikaelsen	Touching Spirit Bear
Horowitz	Stormbreaker*
O’Dell	Island of the Blue Dolphins
	Zia
Paulsen	Mr. Tucket*
Salisbury	Lord of the Deep
Speare	Sign of the Beaver
Steig	Abel’s Island
	Dominic

## **Fantasy/Time Travel**

Taylor	The Cay*
Alexander	Book of Three* The Iron Ring Time Cat
Avi	Bright Shadow
Babbit	Tuck Everlasting
Barron	The Lost Years of Merlin*
Boston	Children of Green Knowe*
Cameron	Court of the Stone Children
Cassedy	Behind the Attic Wall
Christopher	The Tripod Series: When The Tripods Came*
Collins	Gregor the Overlander*
Cooper	The Boggart* Over Sea, Over Stone*
Eoin	Artemis Fowl*
Funke	Dragon Rider
Haddix	Running Out of Time
Jacques	Redwall*
LeGuin	The Wizard of Earthsea*
Justin	The Phantom Tollbooth
Kendall	The Gammage Cup
L'Engle	A Wrinkle in Time*
Lively	The Ghost of Thomas Kempe
Riordan	The Lightning Thief*
Rowling	The Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*
Sachar	Holes*
Stroud	The Amulet of Samarkand*
Waugh	The Mennymys*
Winthrop	Castle in the Attic
Wrede	Dealing with Dragons*

## **Historical Fiction**

Cushman	Catherine, Called Birdy Matilda Bone The Midwife's Apprentice
Fleischman	The Whipping Boy
Gray	Adam of the Road
Hautzig	The Endless Steppe
Lasky	The Night Journey
Levitan	Journey to America*
Paulsen	The Rifle
Reiss	The Upstairs Room
Woodruff	Orphan of Ellis Island

<b>Humor/Family/Friends</b>	Fitzgerald	The Great Brain*
	Hiaasen	Hoot Flush
	Kinney	Diary of a Wimpy Kid
	Korman	No More Dead Dogs
	Lowry	All About Sam*
	McCloskey	Homer Price*
	Mowat	Owls in the Family
	Park	Skinnybones*
	Paulsen,	How Angel Peterson Got His Name Lawn Boy
	Peck,Richard	A Long Way from Chicago
	Peck,Robert	Soup*
	Pinkwater	Lizard Music
	Robertson	Henry Reed, Inc.*
	Rockwell	How to Eat Fried Worms
	Sachar	Sideway Stories from Wayside School*
	Snicket	Series of Unfortunate Events*
	Sonnenblick	Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie
	Stolz	Dog on Barkham Street*

### **Animal Stories**

Armstrong	Sounder
Estes	Ginger Pye
Farley	The Black Stallion*
Fox	One-Eyed Cat
Gipson	Old Yeller*
Harlow	Starr in the Storm Thunder from the Sea
Kjelgaard	Big Red*
Knight	Lassie-Come-Home
London	White Fang
Morey	Gentle Ben
Mowat	Owls in the Family
Naylor	Shiloh Season, Saving Shiloh
North	Rascal
O'Brien	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh
Rawls	Where the Red Fern Grows
Seidler	A Rat's Tale
Taylor	Trouble with Tuck*

\*First in a Series

### **Non-Fiction**

Davis	Don't Know Much About American History
Enright	How to be the Best at Everything (The Boys' Book)
Iggulden	The Dangerous Book for Boys

Krull	The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth
Langley & De Souza	The Roman News: The Greatest Newspaper in Civilization
MacAulay	Cathedral: The Story of It's Construction Castle
	The New Way Things Work
Patent	When the Wolves Returned: Restoring Nature's Balance in Yellowstone
Ruelle	The Grand Mosque of Paris: A story of How Muslims Rescued Jews during the Holocaust
Shea	Noah Webster: Weaver of Words

### **Journal Style**

Fraser	Sanctuary
Grutman	The Ledgerbook of Thomas Blue Eagle
McGinty	Darwin
Osborne	One World, Many Religions: The Ways We Worship

Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart  
Suggestions for Summer Reading for 2011  
Seventh and Eighth Grades

**Read any of these titles.**

**Read other books by these authors.**

**Read a series.**

**Read books not on this list.**

**Read at least four books.**

**Just read, read, read...**

**Science Fiction**

Almond	Skelling
Babbit	Tuck Everlasting
Bradbury	Fahrenheit 451
Card	Ender's Game
Collins	Hunger Games
	Underland Chronicles
Christopher	The Tripod Series
Dickinson	Eva
Farmer	The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm Haddix
	Running Out of Time
Huxley	Brave New World
L'Engle	A Wrinkle in Time
LeGuin	Wizard of Earthsea
McCarthy	The Road
Nix	Sabriel
Pearce	Tom's Midnight Garden
Pullman	The Golden Compass
Sachar	Holes
Shusterman	Unwind
Sleator	Interstellar Pig
Wells	War of the Worlds

**Adventure**

Alexander	Illyrian Adventure
	Westmark
Bauer	On My Honor
Cole	The Goats Eckert
	Incident at Hawk's Hill
George	Frightful
Hobbs	Bearstone
	Far North
	Ghost Canoe
Lowry	A Summer to Die
Mazer	Snow Bound
Mikailsen	Touching Spirit Bear

Paulsen Hatchet  
Canyons  
Smith Peak

### **Historical Fiction**

Auch Ashes of Roses  
Avi The Fighting Ground  
True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle  
Beatty Charlie Skedaddle  
Collier Jump Ship to Freedom  
Fast April Morning  
Greene Summer of My German Solider  
Hamilton The House of Dies Drear  
Hunt Across Five Aprils  
Keith Rifles for Waite  
Lester To Be A Slave  
Levitan Journey to America  
Mitchell Gone With the Wind  
Myers Fallen Angels  
Glory Field  
Paulsen The Rifle  
Reiss The Upstairs Room  
Remarque All Quiet on the Western Front  
Richter Friedrich  
Whelan Goodbye, Vietnam  
Yolen The Devil's Arithmetic  
Zusak The Book Thief

### **Animal Stories**

Durrell My Family and Other Animals  
Fox One-Eyed Cat  
Gavin Ring of Bright Water  
Hiaasen Hoot  
Hillenbrand Seabiscuit  
London White Fang  
The Call of the Wild  
Steinbeck The Red Pony

### **Fantasy**

Alexander The Iron Ring  
Almond Kit's Wilderness  
Cooper Over Sea, Over Stone  
Gaimar The Graveyard Book  
Ibbotson Secret of Platform 13  
Jacques Redwall  
Tolkien The Hobbit  
The Lord of the Rings

### **Mystery**

Avi	Something Upstairs
Bellairs	House with a Clock in Its Walls
Christie	And Then There Were None
Cooper	The Boggart
Coville	My Teacher is an Alien
Duncan	What Did You Do Last Summer?
Haddon	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time
Hamilton	The House of Dies Drear

### **Contemporary Fiction**

Anonymous	Go Ask Alice
Avi	Nothing But the Truth
Benchley	Jaws
Bloor	Tangerine
Cisneros	The House on Mango Street
Cormier	The Chocolate War
Gaines	A Gathering of Old Men
Guest	Ordinary People
Hickman	Rocket Boys
Hinton	That Was Then, This Is Now
	Tex
	Taming the Star Runner
	Rumble Fish
Holman	Slake's Limbo
Humphrey	The Ordways
Keyes	Flowers For Algernon
Kinsella	Shoeless Joe
Knowles	A Separate Peace
Lipsyte	One Fat Summer
	The Contender
	Hoops
	The Boxer
Lowry	The Messenger
	Gathering Blue
Martinez	Parrot in the Oven
Myers	Scorpion
	Monster
Peck	A Day No Pigs Would Die
Spinelli	Maniac Magee
Zindel	The Pigman

### **Non-Fiction**

Brokaw	A Long Way From Home
Chestnut	A Diary from Dixie
Gunther	Death Be Not Proud
Halberstam	The Teammates
McCain	Character is Destiny

McCullough  
O'Conner  
Philbrick  
Read  
Schlosser

Johnstown Flood  
Lazy B  
Revenge of the Whale  
Alive  
Fast Food Nation