

# Rising Fifth Grade Summer 2020 Reading List

The following titles are age appropriate books from a variety of genres that are considered to be excellent literature. These stories are recommended by our teachers to feed children's imaginations, fuel their excitement in learning, and nourish their souls during summer vacation. The reading is not required but highly encouraged for young and old alike.

## Fiction and Historical Fiction

*Summer of the Monkeys* by Wilson Rawls  
*Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell  
*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin  
*Gone-Away Lake* by Elizabeth Enright  
*One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate  
*A Little Princess* by Frances Hodgson Burnett  
*The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett  
*Early Thunder* by Jean Fritz  
*Caddie Woodlawn* by Carol Ryrie Brink  
*Guns for General Washington: A Story of the American Revolution* by Seymour Reit+  
*Mr. Revere and I* by Robert Lawson +  
*Ben and Me: An Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin by His Good Mouse Amos* by Robert Lawson +  
*The Book of Three* by Lloyd Alexander  
*The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster  
*City of Ember* by Jeanne Duprau  
*Hoot* by Carl Hiassen  
*Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine  
*The Children's Homer: The Adventures of Odysseus and the Fall of Troy* by Padraic Colum  
*Swiss Family Robinson* by Johann David Wyss \*  
*The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame \*  
*Pinocchio* by Carlo Collodi \*  
*At the Back of the North Wind* by George MacDonald

## Biographies

*Ben Franklin of Old Philadelphia* by Margaret Cousins +  
*The Great Little Madison* by Jean Fritz  
*Pocahontas and the Strangers* by Robert Clyde Bulla  
*John Paul Jones* by Sperry Armstrong  
*Why Not, Lafayette?* by Jean Fritz +  
*Traitor: the Case of Benedict Arnold* by Jean Fritz +  
*Around the World in a Hundred Years* by Jean Fritz +  
*Pocahontas* by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire  
*Columbus* by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire +  
*Leif the Lucky* by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire  
*Benjamin Franklin* by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire +  
*Daniel Boone: His Own Story* by Daniel Boone +  
*Magellan: Ferdinand Magellan and the First Trip Around the World (Exploring the World)* by Michael Burgan +  
*John Wesley: The World His Parish* by Geoff and Janet Bengel +

\* Advanced reading level

+ Pertain to topics that will be studied in history or Literature in the upcoming year