

NEW COVENANT schools

Summer Reading List: Rising to 5th & 6th Grades

Below is a list of books we can recommend for enjoyment and enrichment this summer for grades 5 and 6. Students should be encouraged to choose books that catch their interest and spark their desire to imagine and to learn. These books are generally available at libraries and bookstores, and some are free in e-book formats. Happy reading!

Reading incentives to participate in can be found through public libraries, Barnes and Nobles, and Little Dickens.

Adams, Richard	<i>Watership Down</i>
Alcott, Louisa May	<i>Eight Cousins</i>
	<i>Rose in Bloom</i>
	<i>Little Women</i> (7 th grade book report)
	<i>Little Men</i>
Alder, Elizabeth	<i>The King's Shadow</i>
Alexander, Lloyd	<i>The Fortune Tellers</i>
Armstrong, William	<i>Souder</i>
Auch, Mary Jane	Trilogy –
	<i>Journey to Nowhere</i>
	<i>Frozen Summer</i>
	<i>The Road to Home</i>
Avi	<i>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</i>
	<i>S.O.R. Losers</i>
Babbit, Natalie	<i>Tuck Everlasting</i>
Bagnold, Enid	<i>National Velvet</i>
Banks, Lynne Reid	<i>Indian in the Cupboard</i>
Barrie, James	<i>Peter Pan</i>
Baum, Frank L.	<i>The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus</i>
Bendick, Jeanne	<i>Archimedes and the Door of Science</i>
Blos, Joan W.	<i>A Gathering of Days</i>
Bond, Nancy	<i>A String in the Harp</i>
Brett, Jan	<i>Beauty and the Beast</i>
Brink, Carol Ryrie	<i>Caddie Woodlawn</i> (6 th grade book report book option)
Bulla, Clyde Robert	<i>A Lion to Guard Us</i>
Bunyan, John	<i>The Pilgrim's Progress</i> (children's version)
Byars, Betsy	<i>The Glory Girl</i>
Canfield, Dorothy	<i>Understood Betsy</i>
Cannon, A.E.	<i>The Shadow Brothers</i>
Church, Alfred J.	<i>Aeneid</i> for Boys and Girls
	<i>Iliad</i> for Boys and Girls

Cleaver, Vera	<i>Odysseus for Boys and Girls</i>
Clement-Davies, David	<i>Where the Lillies Bloom</i>
Conrad, Pam	<i>Fire Bringer</i>
Coolridge, Olivia	<i>My Daniel</i>
Crew, Linda	<i>Greek Myths</i>
Crofford, Emily	<i>Children of the River</i>
Daughtery, James	<i>A Place to Belong</i>
deJong, Meindert	<i>Daniel Boone</i>
deSelincourt, Aubrey	<i>The House of 60 Fathers</i>
deTrevino, Elizabeth Borton I	<i>Odysseus the Wanderer</i>
Dickens, Charles	<i>Juan de Pareja</i>
	<i>Cricket on the Hearth</i>
	<i>A Tale of Two Cities</i>
Dodge, Mary Mapes	<i>Hans Brinker or the Silver Skates</i>
Donahue, Marilyn	<i>To Catch a Golden Ring</i>
DuBois, William Pene	<i>The Twenty-One Balloons</i>
Dumas, Alexandre	<i>The Three Musketeers</i>
Early, Margaret	<i>William Tell</i>
Edmonds, Walter D.	<i>The Matchlock Gun</i>
Eggleston, Edward	<i>Circuit Rider</i>
Estes, Eleanor	<i>The Moffats (series)</i>
	<i>Ginger Pye</i>
Farley, Walter	<i>The Black Stallion (series)</i>
Field, Rachel	<i>Hitty, Her First Hundred Years</i>
Fisher, Dorothy Canfield	<i>Understood Betsy</i>
Forbes, Esther	<i>America's Paul Revere</i>
Forbes, Katrin	<i>Mama's Bank Account</i>
Foster, Genevieve	<i>Augustus Caesar's World</i>
	<i>George Washington's World</i>
	<i>Abraham Lincoln's World</i>
Fox, Paula	<i>The Slave Dancer</i>
	<i>One-Eyed Cat</i>
Freedman, Russell	<i>Give Me Liberty: The Story of the Declaration of Independence</i>
Fritz, Jean	<i>Brady</i>
	<i>Early Thunder</i>
Gates, Doris	<i>Blue Willow</i>
Gay, David	<i>Voyage to Freedom</i>
George, Jean Craighead	<i>One Day in the Desert</i>
	<i>Julie of the Wolves</i>
Gibson, William	<i>Miracle Worker</i>
Gipson, Fred	<i>Old Yeller</i>
Grahame, Kenneth	<i>The Wind in the Willows</i>
Green, Roger Lancelyn	<i>Tales of the Greek Heroes</i>
	<i>The Tale of Troy</i>
Gunther, John	<i>Alexander the Great</i>
Hall, Jeannie	<i>Viking Tales</i>
Harness, Cheryl	<i>3 Young Pilgrims</i>
Harnett, Cynthia	<i>The Writing on the Hearth</i>

Hawthorne, Nathaniel	<i>The Tanglewood Tales</i>
Hearn, Michael	<i>Grandfather's Chair</i>
Henderson, Lois T.	<i>The Victoria Fairy Tale Book</i>
Henry, Marguerite	<i>Priscilla and Aquila</i>
	<i>Brightly of the Grand Canyon</i>
	<i>King of the Wind</i>
Henry, O.	<i>The Gift of the Magi</i>
	<i>The Ransom of Red Chief</i>
Henty, G.A.	<i>The Dragon and the Raven</i>
	<i>For the Temple</i>
	<i>In Freedom's Cause</i>
	(& others)
Hess, Karen	<i>Letters From Rifka</i>
Hodges, Margaret	<i>Saint George and the Dragon</i>
Hoff, B.J.	<i>Song of the Silent Harp</i>
Holm, Anne	<i>North to Freedom</i>
Howard, Elizabeth	<i>Wilderness Venture</i>
Hughes, Thomas	<i>Tom Brown's School Days</i>
Hunter, Mollie	<i>The Mermaid Summer</i>
Jacques, Brian	<i>Redwall</i> (series – options for 7 th grade summer reading)
	<i>Mossflower</i>
James, Will	<i>Lone Cowboy</i>
Jerrell, Randall	<i>Snow White and the Seven Dwarves</i>
Jones, Douglas	<i>Huguenot Garden: A Child's Story of Faith</i>
Juster, Norton	<i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i>
Keller, Helen	<i>Helen Keller, The Story of My Life</i>
Kelly, Eric P.	<i>The Trumpeter of Krakow</i>
Kerr, Judith	<i>When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit</i>
Kipling, Rudyard	<i>Captains Courageous</i>
Kjelgaard, Jim	<i>Big Red</i>
Knight, Eric	<i>Lassie Come Home</i>
Korman, Gordon	<i>This Can't Be Happening at MacDonald Hall</i>
Krumgold, Joseph	<i>Onion John</i>
Lamb, Charles	<i>Adventures of Ulysses</i>
Lang, Andrew	<i>The Tales of Troy and Greece</i>
Lanier, Sidney	<i>The Boy's King Arthur</i>
Lawson, Robert	<i>Ben and Me</i>
	<i>Mr. Revere and I</i>
L'Engle, Madeleine	<i>Meet the Austins</i>
	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> (series) (6 th grade book report)
Lenski, Lois	<i>Indian Captive: The Story of Mary Jameson</i>
	<i>Prairie School</i>
	<i>Strawberry Girl</i>
Levitin, Sonia	<i>Journey to America</i>
Lewis, C.S.	<i>Out of the Silent Planet</i>
Lindgren, Astrid	<i>Pippi Longstocking</i>
Lofting, Hugh	<i>The Story of Dr. Doolittle</i> (series)
London, Jack	<i>White Fang</i> (read in 8 th grade)

Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth	<i>The Call of the Wild</i>
Lowry, Lois	<i>Hiawatha (read in 8th grade)</i>
	<i>Number the Stars</i>
	<i>Rabble Starkey</i>
	<i>The Giver (read in 8th grade)</i>
Lyon, George Ella	<i>Borrowed Children</i>
MacDonald, George	<i>The Gifts of the Christ Child and Other Stories</i>
	<i>The Golden Key</i>
	<i>The Little Princess and Other Fantasy Stories</i>
	<i>The Lost Princess</i>
	<i>The Princess and the Goblin</i>
	<i>At the Back of the North Wind</i>
	<i>The Christmas Stories of George MacDonald</i>
	<i>The Princess and Curdie</i>
MacLachlan, Patricia	<i>The Facts and Fiction of Minnie Pratt</i>
Marshall, Catherine	<i>Christy</i>
Mazer, Norma Fox	<i>After the Rain</i>
McCaughrean, G.	<i>Canterbury Tales</i>
MacAuley, David	<i>Black and White</i>
McCloskey, Robert	<i>Homer Price</i>
McKinley, Robin	<i>Beauty: A Retelling of Beauty and the Beast</i>
	<i>The Hero and the Crown</i>
Meigs, Cornelia	<i>Fair Wind to Virginia</i>
Merrill, Jean	<i>Pushcart War</i>
Montgomery, L.M.	<i>Anne of Green Gables (read in 6th grade) (series)</i>
	Trilogy –
	<i>Emily of New Moon</i>
	<i>Emily Climbs</i>
	<i>Emily's Quest</i>
Morey, Walt	<i>The Year of the Black Pony</i>
Morrow, Honore	<i>On to Oregon</i>
Moser, Barry	<i>Tucker Pfeffercorn</i>
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Somewhere in the Darkness</i>
Namioka, Lensey	<i>Yang and the Youngest and His Terrible Ear</i>
Nesbit, Edith	<i>Phoenix and the Carpet</i>
	<i>The Enchanted Castle</i>
	<i>Five Children and It</i>
Nixon, Joan Lowry	<i>A Family Apart: The Orphan Train Quartet (series)</i>
North, Sterling	<i>Rascal</i>
Norton, Mary	<i>The Borrowers</i>
O'Brien, Anne Sibley	<i>The Princess and the Beggar: a Korean Folktale</i>
O'Dell, Scott	<i>Sarah Bishop</i>
O'Hara, Mary	<i>My Friend Flika</i>
Orvieto, Laura	<i>The Birth of Rome</i>
Paterson, Katharine	<i>Jacob Have I Loved</i>
	<i>Come Sing, Jimmy Jo</i>
	<i>The King's Equal</i>
Paulsen, Gary	<i>Voyage of the Frog</i>

Pearce, Philippa	<i>Hatchet</i>
Phillips, Michael and Judith	<i>Tom's Midnight Garden</i>
Picard, Barbara Leonie	<i>My Father's World</i>
Porter, Eleanor	<i>The Iliad of Homer</i>
Prins, Piet	<i>Pollyanna</i>
Pyle, Howard	<i>The Secret of the Swamp</i>
	<i>The Story of King Arthur and His Knights</i>
	<i>Otto of the Silver Hand</i>
Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan	<i>The Yearling</i>
Rawls, Wilson	<i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>
Reeder, Carolyn	<i>Shades of Gray</i>
Rouse, W.H.D.	<i>Gods, Heroes, and Men of Ancient Greece</i>
Rue, Nancy N.	<i>Home by Another Way</i>
Salten, Felix	<i>Bambi</i>
Seredy, Kate	<i>White Stag</i>
	<i>The Singing Tree</i>
Serrailer, Ian	<i>The Challenges of the Green Knight</i>
Shemin, Margaretha	<i>The Little Riders</i>
Sidney, Margaret	<i>Five Little Peppers and How They Grew</i>
Sorensen, Virginia	<i>Miracles on Maple Hill</i>
Speare, Elizabeth George	<i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i> (7 th grade book report)
	<i>The Bronze Bow</i>
	<i>The Sign of the Beaver</i> (6 th grade book report)
Sperry, Armstrong	<i>Thunder Country</i>
	<i>Call It Courage</i>
	<i>All Sail Set</i>
Spinelli, Jerry	<i>Maniac Magee</i>
Spyri, Johanna	<i>Heidi</i>
St. John, Patricia	<i>The Tanglewood Secrets</i>
Stevenson, Louis	<i>Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i>
	<i>Kidnapped</i>
	<i>Treasure Island</i> (studied in 7 th grade)
Sutcliff, Rosemary	<i>The Dragon Slayer</i>
Swift, Jonathan	<i>Gulliver's Travels</i>
Tanaka, Shelley	<i>On Board the Titanic</i>
Taylor, Mildred	<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i>
	<i>The Land</i>
	<i>Let the Circle Be Unbroken</i>
Taylor, Sidney	<i>All-of-a-Kind Family</i>
Thoene, Bodie	<i>In My Father's House</i>
Tolkien, J.R.R.	<i>The Hobbit</i> (required summer reading before 7 th grade)
Travers, Pamela L.	<i>Mary Poppins</i> (series)
Twain, Mark	<i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>
	<i>The Prince and the Pauper</i>
	<i>Life on the Mississippi</i>
Various	<i>The Royal Diaries</i>
Various	<i>Dear America Series</i>
Verne, Jules	<i>Around the World in 80 Days</i>

Voight, Cynthia

Walsh, Jill Paton

Wangerin, Walter Jr.

Warren, Andrea

Westwood, Jennifer

White, Paul

Wiggen, Kate Douglas

Willard, Barbara

Winthrop, Elizabeth

Wolff, Virginia Euwer

Woodruff, Elvira

Wyss, Johann R.

Yep, Lawrence

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

Dicey's Song

Come a Stranger

A Parcel of Patterns

The Book of the Dun Cow

Orphan Train Rider: one Boy's True Story

Stories of Charlemagne

Jungle Doctor

Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm

The Lark and the Laurel (series)

The Castle in the Attic

The Mozart Season

Dear Austin: Letters From the Underground Railroad

The Swiss Family Robinson

The Dragon on the Lost Sea

The Rainbow People