

**Crossroads Academy**  
**Incoming Fifth Grade Summer Reading List**  
**June 2008**

Summer Reading Requirement:

Read, read, read!!! Reading is the cornerstone of scholarship and academic success. Reading for fun has been identified as a crucial factor in building vocabulary and increasing comprehension (essential literacy skills). Summer vacation is the perfect time to encourage this practice. Each student should be reading every day over the summer for a sustained period of time (at least 30 minutes in one sitting, per day). Crossroads Academy teachers recommend setting aside a certain time of day to establish a reading routine. Be sure to include books on your list of items to pack for vacation trips!

All incoming fifth graders are required to read three books that have not been read before from the following list of recommended titles. Each student will keep a reading record on the included form. Students should be sure the form is filled out completely, and should bring it to class on the first day of school. If more than the three books are read, attach a list of titles and authors to the required form. In the fall, there will be an assignment given based on the books read over the summer.

**Newberry Winners**

Park, Linda Sue

Peck, Richard

Curtis, Christopher Paul

Sachar, Louis

Hesse, Karen

DiCamillo, Kate

Lord, Cynthia

Hale, Shannon

The Single Shard

A Year Down Under

Bud, Not Buddy

Holes

Out of the Dust

The Tale of Despereaux

Rules

Princess Academy

**Adventure**

Avi

Brenna, Herbie

\* DeJong, Meindert

Duprau, Jeanne

\* Flanagan, John

\* Fleischman, Sid

Francis, Hardinge

George, Jean Craighead

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Horowitz, Alan

\* MacGrory, Yvonne

Meigs, Cornelia

O'Dell, Scott

Paulsen, Gary

\* Paver, Michelle

\* Price, Willard

Sachar, Louis

Ransome, Arthur

Midnight Magic

Faerie Wars

The House of Sixty Fathers

The City of Ember

The Ranger's Adventure

Bandit's Moon

Fly By Night

My Side of the Mountain

The Talking Earth

Alex Ryder: Stormbreaker

Secret of Ruby Ring

Swift Rivers

Black Pearl

Hacket

Wolf Brother

Volcano Adventure

Holes

Swallows and Amazons

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Sperry, Armstrong	Call It Courage
Stone, Lee	The Five Ancestors: Tiger
* Tamora, Pierce &	
Balliet, Blue	Clashing Vermeer
Tanith, Lee	Piratica
Taylor, Theodore	The Cay
Yolen, Jan	Sword of the Rightful King
<b><u>Animal Stories</u></b>	
Bunford, Sheila	The Incredible Journey
Farley, Walt	The Black Stallion
Henry, Marguerite	Justin Morgan Had a Horse
Hunter, Erin	Warriors
* Kjelgaard, Jim	Big Red
Knight, Eric	Lassie
North, Sterling	Rascal
O'Hara, Mary	My Friend Flicka
Selden, George	The Cricket in Times Square
Sewell, Anna	Black Beauty
Siegel, Robert	Whalesong
Yi Fan, Nancy	Swordbird
<b><u>Family</u></b>	
Alcott, Louisa May	Little Women
Burnett, Frances H.	The Secret Garden
Clements, Andrew	The School Story
Creech, Susan	Walk Two Moons
Enright, Elizabeth	Four-Story Mistake
Levine, Gail Carson	Dave at Night
McKay, Hilary	The Exiles
McKay, Hillary	Saffy's Angel
Montgomery, G.M.	Anna of Green Gables
Ryan, Pam Munoz	Esperanza Rising
Rylant, Cynthia	Missing May
Sawyer, Ruth	Roller Skates
Sorenson, Virginia	Miracle on Maple Hill
Spyri, Johanna	Heidi
<b><u>Fantasy and Science Fiction</u></b>	
Avi	Perloo the Bold
Babbitt, Natalie	Tuck Everlasting
Baum, L. Frank	The Wizard of Oz
Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl
* Delaney, Joseph	The Last Apprentice
* DuBois, William P.	The Twenty-One Balloons
Fletcher, Susan	The Dragon Chronicles
* Jacques, Brian	Redwall

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* Kendall, Carol	The Gammage Cup
Kerr, P.B	Children of the Lamp: The Akhenaten Adventure
* L'Engle, Madeline	A Wrinkle in Time
* L'Engle, Madeline	A Wind in the Door
Levine, Gail Carson	Ella Enchanted
Levine, Gail Carson	The Two Princesses of Bamarre
Lewis, C.S.	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
* Mull, Brandon	Fablehaven
Nesbit, E.	The Enchanted Castle
Norton, Mary	The Borrowers
* Nix, Garth	The Key to Kingdom: Mister Monday
* O'Brien, Robert C.	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH
Paolini, Christopher	Eragon
* Pullman, Phillip	The Golden Compass
* Riordan, Rick	The Lightning Thief
* Rowlings, J.K	Harry Potter and the Sorcer & Stone
Stewart, Mary	A Walk in Wolf Wood
Travers, P.L.	Mary Poppins

**Folktales and Folklore**

Andersen, Hans C.	Andersen's Fairy Tales
Climo, Shirley	Egyptian Cinderella
Dawood, N.J.	Tales from Arabian Nights
Finger, Charles	Tales from Silver Lands
Frith, Henry	King Arthur and His Knights
Grimm, Jacob	Grimm's Fairy Tales
Norman, Howard	The Girl Who Dreamed Only Geese
Philip, Neil	Arabian Nights

**Historical Fiction**

Avi	Crispin: The Cross of Lead
Barrow, T.A.	The Last Years of Merlin
Brink, Carol R.	Caddie Woodlawn
Coatsworth, Elizabeth	Sword of the Wilderness
Cooper, Susan	King of Shadows
Curtis, Alice Turner	The Little Maid of Old Connecticut
Dorris, Micheal	Morning Girl
DeAngeli, Marguerite	A Door in the Wall
Edmonds, Walter D.	They Had a Horse
Forbes, Esther	Johnny Tremain
Hahn, Mary Downing	The Gentleman Outlaw and Me, Eli
Kinsey-Warnock, N.	The Night the Bells Rang
Lasky, Kathryn	A Time for Courage: The Suffragette
	Diary: Kathleen Bowen
Lenski, Lois	Indian Captive, The Story of Mary Jemison
Lester, Julius	Pharaoh's Daughter

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Speare, Elizabeth  
Thal, Lilli

Calico Captive  
Mimus

**Non-Fiction**

Cooney, Barbara  
Ellsworth, Mary Ellen

Eleanor  
Gertrude Chandler Warner and the Boxcar  
Children  
Diary of Anne Frank  
An Inconvenient Truth (adapted for Children)  
Marley & Me  
Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio  
Bard of Avon  
Volcano  
(many)  
Puppies, Dogs, and Blue Northers  
The Third Planet

Frank, Anne  
Gore, Al  
Grogan, John  
Kehret, Peg  
Stanley, Diane  
Lauber, Patricia  
Macaulay, David  
Paulsen, Gory  
Ride, Sally

**Family Read Alouds**

Clement-Davies, David  
Defoe, Daniel  
Green, Cancellyn  
Harriot, James  
\* Jacques, Brian  
\* Rowlings, J.K.

Fire Bringer  
Robinson Crusoe  
Robin Hood  
All Creatures Great and Small  
Redwall  
Harry Potter

**Poetry**

Bagert, Brad  
Hughes, Langston  
Frost, Robert  
Pashin, Elise  
Silverstein, Shel  
Thaxter, Celia  
Scieszka, Jon  
Smith, Lane

Poetry for Young People  
Dreams  
Nothing Gold Can Stay  
Poetry Speaks to Children  
Forgotten Language  
Poetry by Celia Thaxter  
  
Science verses

\* part of a series



## Crossroads Academy Required Summer Reading Form

\_\_\_\_\_ has completed the following required reading:  
(Student's Name)

1. Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_