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Incoming Fifth Grade Summer Reading Suggestions

Suggested Books:

Contemporary Fiction:

Baseball Fever (Johanna Hurwitz)
Bloomability (Sharon Creech)
Blue Willow (Doris Gates)
The Boy on the Porch (Or other titles by Sharon Creech)
Candymakers (Or other titles by Wendy Mass)
Cassie Binegar (Patricia MacLachlan)
Chasing Vermeer (Blue Balliett)
Crash (Or other titles by Jerry Spinelli)
Five Children and It (E. Nesbit)
Freaky Friday (Mary Rodgers)
Gentle Ben (Walt Morley)
The Great Brain (John D. Fitzgerald)
Harriet the Spy (Louise Fitzhugh)
Hatchet (Gary Paulsen)
Jennifer, Hecate, Macbeth, William McKinley, and Me, Elizabeth (Konigsburg)
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key (Jack Gantos)
King of the Wind (Marguerite Henry)
A Long Way from Chicago (Richard Peck)
Missing May (Cynthia Rylant)
The Mysterious Benedict Society (Trenton Lee Stuart)
Night of the Twisters (Ivy Ruckman)
The Noonday Friends (Mary Stolz)
Percy Jackson Series (Rick Riordan)
Queenie Peavy (Robert Burch)
The Secret Series (Pseudonymous Bosch)
Zeely (Virginia Hamilton)

Fantasy and Science Fiction:

Alice in Wonderland (Lewis Carroll)
Bunnicula (Deborah and James Howe)
The Celery Stalks at Midnight (James Howe)
The Changeling (Zilpha K Snyder)
The Chocolate Touch (Patrick Skene Catling)

Dragon Kite (Nancy Luenn)
The Enormous Egg (Oliver Butterworth)
The Fledgling (Jane Langton)
The Forgotten Door (Alexander Key)
Freaky Friday (Mary Rodgers)
Harry Potter Books (J.K. Rowling)
The Indian in the Cupboard (Lynne Reid Banks)
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (C. S. Lewis)
The Railway Children (Edith Nesbit)
The Search for Delicious (Natalie Babbitt)
Starry River of the Sky (Grace Lin)
The Wind in the Willows (Kenneth Grahame)
The Wizard of Oz (L. Frank Baum)
The Witch of Blackbird Pond (Elizabeth George Speare)
Zia (Scott O'Dell)
Strawberry Girl (Lois Lenski)
Strider (Beverly Cleary)
A Taste of Blackberries (Doris B. Smith)
There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom (Louis Sachar)

Historical Fiction:

All-of-a-Kind Family (Sydney Taylor)
The Ballad of Lucy Whipple (Karen Cushman)
By the Great Horn Spoon (Sid Fleischman)
Caddie Woodlawn (Carol Brink)
Child of the Silent Night: The Story of Laura Bridgeman (Edith Fisher Hunter)
The Courage of Sarah Nobel (Alice Dalgliesh)
Dragonwings (Laurence Yep)
The Drinking Gourd (F. N. Monjo)
A Gathering of Days (Joan W. Blos)
The Gold Cadillac (Mildred Taylor)
I Heard the Owl Call My Name (Margaret Crav)
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson (Bette Bao Lord)
Introducing Shirley Braverman (Rilma Wolitzer)
Kira-Kira (Cynthia Kadohata)
Nightjohn (Gary Paulsen)
Paddle-to-the-Sea (Rolling C. Rolling)
Peppermints in the Parlor (Barbara Brooks Wallace)
A Pocket Full of Seeds (Marilyn Sachs)
Robin Hood, Prince of Outlaws (Bernard Miles)
Sign of the Beaver (Elizabeth George Speare)
Sing Down the Moon (Scott O'Dell)
The Talking Earth (Jean Craighead)