

SHAKER HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Incoming Fifth Graders,

We are very excited to introduce the summer reading assignment for the incoming 5th grade class. Fifth grade is set on building lifelong readers and writers. This part of our journey together begins with reading.

Our goal is to have each student read **several books** over the summer. Students can select from a wide variety of genres. From the several they read, we would like for each 5th grader to select **one** and complete a short assignment about the book. We have attached a summary assignment at the bottom of this letter for your child to complete and email to your new language and literature teacher at the start of 5th grade.

We do recognize the uncertainty of finding books at the library or borrowing from school. The fifth grade language and literature teachers and Mr. Kaminski, our librarian, have come together to build a list of sites where books can be borrowed and read online.

Books are available in several different ways. All Shaker students have a SORA (Overdrive) account to read e-books from their Chromebooks or other devices. SORA can be accessed from any Shaker School Library website. The Shaker Heights Public Library also offers a digital book borrowing service called Hoopla that is free for all with an SHPL library card. Of course, when the public libraries open, these titles are available for your child to check out as well. We encourage you not to wait until August 1st to jump into a good book.

We are hopeful that reading over the summer will be the start of a successful learning experience as an incoming 5th grader. For additional titles, The Shaker Heights Public Library has put together a wonderful reading list for the students to continue to grow and develop into lifelong learners. In addition you can find suggested titles on the Woodbury Homepage by clicking on the "Reading Lists" link in the left-hand column.

If you are looking for some ideas, here is a short list we have prepared.

<p><u>The Name of the Book is Secret</u> - Pseudonymous Bosch</p> <p>*<u>Serafina's Promise</u> - Ann E. Burg</p> <p><u>Dave at Night</u> - Gail Carson Levine</p> <p>**/*<u>Because of Winn Dixie</u> Kate DiCamillo</p> <p>*<u>Flunked: Fairy Tale Reform School</u> by Jen Calonita</p> <p>*<u>The Underground Abductor</u> (Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales) - Nathan Hale</p> <p>**/*<u>Frindle</u> by Andrew Clements</p> <p>**/*<u>Esperanza Rising</u> by Pam Munoz Ryan</p> <p>**/*<u>Prisoner B-3087</u> by Alan Gratz</p> <p>**/*<u>The Phantom Tollbooth</u> by Norman Juster</p> <p>**/*<u>Rules</u> by Cynthia Lord</p> <p>**/*<u>Elijah of Buxton</u> by Christopher Paul Curtis</p>	<p><u>Belly Up</u> - Stuart Gibbs</p> <p><u>Rain, Reign</u> - Ann M. Martin</p> <p>**/*<u>11 Birthdays</u> - Wendy Mass</p> <p><u>Locomotion</u> - J Woodson</p> <p>**/*<u>Smile</u> - Raina Telgemeier</p> <p><u>Last Shot: Mystery at the Final Four</u> - John Feinstein</p> <p>I Survived Series - multiple authors</p> <p>Whatever After Series - Sarah Mlynowski</p> <p>Dogman / Captain Underpants - Dav Pilkey</p> <p>Sports Books (<u>Stat</u>) - Amar'e Stoudemire</p> <p>*Available on SORA</p> <p>**Can be purchased through Scholastic Book Fair</p>
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If you have any questions, please contact 5th grade assistant principal Mr. Doug Myles at myles_d@shaker.org.

Sincerely,

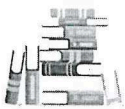
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YOUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT AS A FIFTH GRADER

Send us an email to share your thoughts. Your email should have one paragraph including your opinion of the book and a brief summary of the beginning, middle and end of the story. Your email should be sent to your new Language and Literature teacher before the first day of school.