

RISING 5TH GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

WELCOME TO SUMMER VACATION! This reading list consists of books whose authors have created characters that learn and grow, demonstrating God's virtues of faith, hope, and love and the human virtues of justice, courage, forgiveness, and service. These are characteristics that we would like children to emulate.

Please pick any of the **two** of the eight topics and read at least one book under each of the two topics you choose. You are allowed to read more if you are so inclined. Be inclined.....:)

*** In addition, EVERYONE will read the following two books: SOUNDER by author William H. Armstrong and MOTHER TERESA by author Demi(Charlotte Dumaresq Hunt). It is not necessary to purchase these books-they can be found in the local libraries. Be prepared to discuss SOUNDER and MOTHER TERESA and take a short quiz on each book.

1) FAITH...

Title:	Author:
<u>The Boy Who Saved Cleveland Brown</u>	James Giblin
<u>Drita, My Homegirl</u>	Jenny Lombard
<u>Perfectly Chelsea</u>	Claudia Mills
<u>So B. It</u>	Sarah Weeks
<u>The World According to Humphrey</u>	Betty Birney

2) HOPE...

Title:	Author:
<u>The Absolute Value of Mike</u>	Kathryn Erskine
<u>Ballet for Martha</u>	Jan Greenberg
<u>The Beatitudes: from slavery to Civil Rights</u>	Carole Weatherford
<u>The Mysterious Benedict Society</u>	Trenton Stewart
<u>Touch Blue</u>	Cynthia Lord

3) LOVE...

Title:	Author:
<u>Crow Call</u>	Lois Lowery
<u>The Dancing Pancake</u>	Eileen Spinelli
<u>Elska</u>	Cathy Hapka
<u>The Homerun King</u>	Pat McKissack
<u>Love, Aubrey</u>	Suzanne LaFleur

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4) COMMUNITY...

Title:

14 Cows for America

Amazing Faces

Bless This Mouse

Henry and the Kite Dragon

One Green Apple

Author:

Carmen Deedy

Lee Hopkins

Lois Lowery

Bruce Hall

Eve Bunting

5) JUSTICE...

Title:

Abe's Honest Words

Clara Barton

Coretta Scott

The Lemonade Crime

Rickshaw Girl

Author:

Doreen Rappaport

Stephen Krensky

Ntozake Shange

Jacqueline Davies

Mitali Perkins

6) COURAGE...

Title:

Amelia Earhart: The Legend
of the Lost Aviator

Freedom Train

Moses: When Harriet Tubman

Led Her People to Freedom

Night Boat to Freedom

We Are The Ship

Author:

Shelley Tanaka

Evelyn Coleman

Carole Weatherford

Margot Raven

Kadir Nelson

7) RECONCILIATION...

Title:

The Book of the Maidservant

Bobby vs. Girls

Circle of Secrets

The Friendship Doll

Swindle

Author:

Rebecca Barnhouse

Lisa Yee

Kimberley Little

Kirby Larson

Gordon Korman

8) SERVICE...

Title:

Ten Inventors Who Changed the World

Just For Elephants

Saint Francis of Assisi: A Life of Joy

Special Delivery

Author:

Clive Gifford

Carol Buckley

Robert Kennedy

Sue Stauffacher

READING RESPONSES – RISING GRADE 5

STUDENTS: Please list the books you read – do not include SOUNDER or MOTHER TERESA. Give this to your teacher when you return in August.

YOUR Name _____

Titles of Books read:

****NEXT:** Of the two additional books you read, pick two questions for each of those books and answer the questions in complete sentences. You cannot use the same questions for each book.

WE do NOT want this typed. WE want it written in your best cursive handwriting. Attach your answers to this cover page and make sure this cover page is on top. Staple this together. Do not forget your name – that is the most important part of all the work you will be turning in to us this school year.....:)

FICTION BOOK questions:

How is a character in your book similar to a character in another book, movie, or someone you know?

What does this book remind you of in your own life?

Which character would you like (or not like) to be your friend? Why?

What advice would you give to a particular character? Why?

What was one of your favorite lines (or sentences) in what you read? Copy it down and tell why you liked it. It can be more than a sentence, but not too long!

If you could change one thing in the book, what would it be? Why would you change it?

What surprised you in the book?

If you could ask the author about this book, what questions would you ask?

Choose 3 new words you learned in this book. What do they mean?

****SEE THE BACK FOR NON FICTION QUESTIONS....

NONFICTION BOOK questions:

What do you know now that you didn't know before you read this?

What surprised you most about this topic?

What else do you want to know about this topic?

Do you think you would read another book by this author? Why or why not?

How could you apply what you learned to your own life?

If you could change one thing in the book, what would it be? Why would you change it?

Why was this topic important to you?

Was this information organized in a helpful way? Why or why not? Give examples.

Choose 3 new words you learned in this book. What do they mean?