SUMMER READING
RISING 5TH GRADERS
Mary G. Porter Traditional School

Fifth Grade Summer Reading Program

The purpose of the PWCS Summer Reading Program is to encourage students to enjoy quality literature and to continue developing their independent reading skills. Student participation in the program is voluntary. Students who choose to participate in the program are required to complete a number of readings over the summer.

Students in Fifth Grade who participate will complete a list of books read. The documentation is to include the name of the author, the title of the book, an explanation of the general topic or plot of the book, and a parent or guardian statement that the student has completed the reading.

Fifth Grade students who participate in Prince William County Public Library's Summer Reading Program, the Public Library documentation will apply. Students will receive an extra “A” (100) for each book completed, for a maximum total of three. The summer reading documentation will be submitted by the student by the end of the second week of school.
Read any books by these authors:

Barrows, Annie  The Magic Half  Bloomsbury, 2009
Eleven-year-old Miri Gill feels left out in her family, which has two sets of twins and her, until she travels back in time to 1935 and discovers Molly, her own lost twin, and brings her back to the present day.

Barnett, Mac and John, Jory  The Terrible Two  Abrams/Amulet Books, 2015
Two pranksters team up for the greatest prank ever. (First in a series)

Bell, Cece  El Deafo  Abrams/Amulet Books, 2014
This graphic novel is both funny and realistic as it share the story of going to school and making friends while wearing a huge hearing aid. (2015 Newbery Honor Book)

Feldman, Jody  The Gollywhopper Games  Greenwillow Books, 2009
 Twelve-year-old Gil Goodson competes against thousands of other children at extraordinary puzzles, stunts, and more in hopes of a fresh start for his family, which has been ostracized since his father was falsely accused of embezzling money from Golly Toy and Game Company.

Giff, Patricia Reilly  Eleven  Random House, 2007
When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past, and, with the help of a new friend at school and the castle they are building for a school project, his questions are eventually answered.

Hale, Nathan  Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales (Any in the series)  Abrams/Amulet Book, 2012
In the Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales series, author Nathan Hale channels his namesake to present history’s roughest, toughest, and craziest stories in the graphic novel format.

McCay, Hilary  Binny for Short  Simon & Shuster, 2013
Binny’s family moves to a cottage by the seaside, where she finds adventure, a nemesis-and maybe even her long-lost dog. (First in a series)

Patterson, James and Grabestein, Chris  House of Robots  Little, Brown, 2014
Sammy’s genius mom creates a robot and decides Sammy should take him to school so he can learn to be a student. (First in a series.)

Muskegon, Michigan, is an ordinary town until a band of vaudeville performers, including young Buster Keaton, decide to spend the summer there.

Rodkey, Geoff  The Tapper Twins Go To War (with Each Other)  Little, Brown, 2015
Fraternal twins Reese and Claudia take sibling rivalry to a new level with their prank war. (First in a series.)
Selznick, Brian  **The Invention of Hugo Cabret**  Scholastic Press, 2007 (Newbery Award)
When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

Selfors, Suzanne  **The Sasquatch Escape**  Little, Brown, 2013
Ben and his friend Pearl discover the new veterinarian office in their small town treats magical creatures, and they have the adventure of their lives as they track down a Sasquatch. (First in a series)

Urban, Linda  **A Crooked Kind of Perfect**  HMH Books For Young Readers, 2007
Ten-year-old Zoe Elias, who longs to play the piano but must resign herself to learning the organ, instead, finds that her musicianship has a positive impact on her workaholic mother, her jittery father, and her school social life.

Yep, Laurence  **A Dragon’s Guide to the Care and Feeding of Human**  Crown Books, 2015
A story about dragons with a twist: Miss Drake (the dragon) has a new human pet!

*Read any biography such as:*

**Thomas Edison : a brilliant inventor** by the editors of Time for Kids, with Lisa deMauro HarperCollins, c2005.
These easy-to-read biographies present the accomplishments and main events in each person’s life. Drawings, photographs, and other illustrations add to the appeal.

*Read any nonfiction book such as:*

**Weird But True: 300 Outrageous Facts** (National Geographic Children’s Books, 2010)
These facts are outrageous, wacky, funny, weird…and all true! You won’t be able to stop flipping through this incredible book. (Frist in a series)

**Patrick, Jean**  **Who Carved the Mountain? The Story of Mount Rushmore**  Mount Rushmore History Assoc., 2005.
An illustrated account of the creation of Mount Rushmore, introducing the people who inspired and worked on the sculpture, as well as those who are depicted.

**Roy, Katherine**  **Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with Great White’s of California’s Farallon Islands**  (David Macauley Studio, 2014)
This book investigates the mystery surrounding the great white shark.