

Grades 5 & 6 Summer Reading List

Choose **ONE** book (that you have not read before) to read this summer from the list below. It would be a good idea to take notes while you are reading and be ready to discuss when you return. Attached you will find a list of questions to complete and turn in on the first day of school. These questions will be your first reading grade for the school year.

Scroll to the next page for the list of questions to answer for your book selection.

Fiction:

Fantasy - *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by: J.K. Rowling (my personal favorite)

Lexile: 880

Harry receives a letter on his 11th Birthday inviting him to Hogwarts, School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Harry discovers he is not only a wizard but a famous one.

Fantasy - *Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief* by: Rick Riordan

Lexile: 680

Always trouble-prone, the life of teenager Percy Jackson (Logan Lerman) gets a lot more complicated when he learns he's the son of the Greek god Poseidon.

Adventure - *Hatchet* by: Gary Paulson

Lexile: 1020

On his way to visit his recently divorced father in the Canadian mountains, thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is the only survivor when the single-engine plane crashes. His body battered, his clothes in shreds, Brian must now stay alive in the boundless Canadian wilderness.

Because of Mr. Terrupt by Rob Buyia

Lexile: 560

It's the start of 5th grade for 7 different characters: the new girl, a bully, a prankster, the brain, one who never stands up, one who hates school, and one whose home situation makes them an outcast. Everything seems to be going well until an accident changes everything one snowy winter day.

Sticks and Stones by: Abby Cooper

Lexile: 430

The words people use to describe Elyse have instantly appeared on her arms and legs. At first it was just "cute" and "adorable," but as she's gotten older and kids have gotten meaner, words like "loser" and "pathetic" appear, and those words bubble up and itch.

Graphic Novel: *New Kid* by: Jerry Craft

Lexile: 330

A timely, honest graphic novel about starting over at a new school where diversity is low and the struggle to fit in is real.

Nonfiction:

Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin

Lexile: 920

Perfect for history enthusiasts, New York Times best-selling author Steve Sheinkin presents the fascinating and frightening true story of the creation behind the most destructive force that birthed the arms race and the Cold War.

Summer Reading Questions

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer each of the following questions below for your book choice to turn in on the first day of school. Write at least 2-3 sentences per question to turn in for your first reading grade. Also be prepared to discuss your book choice. The following questions are meant to help you analyze and summarize your book. If you need help with the questions you may ask a parent or friend. You can email me at rhigh@gastonday.org if you have further questions or need help selecting a book.

1. What did you enjoy about your book?
2. What would you have changed about this story?
3. From whose point of view is the story told?
4. How does this point of view shape the story?
5. Who is your favorite character in the story?
6. Who is your least favorite character in this story?
7. What do you like about the different characters?
8. What do you dislike about them?
9. Is this book realistic or fantasy? How do you know?
10. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?