



Summer Reading List 2026-2027

Rising Fifth Graders

It is **required** that rising 5th graders read a minimum of **2 books** over the summer from the *Battle of the Books* list below.

Title	Author
<i>Al Capone Does My Shirts</i>	Gennifer Choldenko
<i>Brian's Winter</i>	Gary Paulsen
<i>The City of Ember</i>	Jeanne DuPrau
<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	Pam Munoz Ryan
<i>Each Little Bird That Sings</i>	Deborah Wiles
<i>Go Big or Go Home</i>	Will Hobbs
<i>Gregor the Overlander</i>	Suzanne Collins
<i>How Angel Peterson Got His Name: And Other Outrageous Tales about Extreme Sports</i>	Gary Paulsen
<i>Inside Out and Back Again</i>	Thanhha Lai
<i>The Magician's Nephew</i>	C. S. Lewis
<i>Maniac Magee</i>	Jerry Spinelli
<i>My Side of the Mountain</i>	Jean Craighead George
<i>Out of My Mind</i>	Sharon M. Draper
<i>The Penderwicks on Gardam Street</i>	Jeanne Birdsall
<i>Peter and the Starcatchers</i>	Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson
<i>Rules</i>	Cynthia Lord
<i>Scat</i>	Carl Hiassen
<i>The Shakespeare Stealer</i>	Gary Blackwood
<i>There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom</i>	Louis Sachar
<i>Walk Two Moons</i>	Sharon Creech
<i>The War that Saved my Life</i>	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
<i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963</i>	Christopher Paul Curtis
<i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>	Wilson Rawls
<i>Wonder</i>	R.J. Palacio

Required project using one of the BOB books you read over summer:

Create a **new** book cover for your book, using an **8 x 11 piece of computer paper**. Be sure to include the title and author.

Inside the cover, divide the page into four equal sections. In the top left corner, write a paragraph about the setting of the story. In the top right corner, write a paragraph about the main characters in the story. In the bottom left corner, write a paragraph about the problem or conflict that needed to be solved in the story. In the bottom right corner, draw and color your favorite scene from the story.

On the back of the paper, write a paragraph telling what you liked about the book and if you would recommend it to a friend, and why or why not. This should be turned in within the first week of school.