



# Summer Reading 5th Grade



*For the pleasure and for the academic benefits of literature, Thrasher has an expectation for summer reading. Our hope is that you will find books you love and enjoy them deeply.*

## **Beliefs about Summer Reading**

We also want you to read a lot because it benefits you and your school when you read voraciously. Of course, we want you to read books of your choice, which is why we have titles under Suggested Reading. Can you read books that are not listed here? OF COURSE! You are in charge of your reading life. The important thing is that you read, read, read...and that you enjoy it!

We want you and the students in our grade level to experience some books in common so that you can talk about what you've read. That's why we have titles under **Required Reading**.

### **Required Reading**

Fiction- *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

Nonfiction (choose one)

*You Wouldn't Want to be a World War II Pilot!* By Ian Graham

*What was Ellis Island?* By Patricia Demuth

*All grade levels will discuss, write, create, and celebrate these Summer Reading selections the first full week of school in August.*

### **Suggested Reading:**

**Realistic Fiction-** *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

**Historical Fiction-** *The Watsons Go To Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis

**Fantasy-** *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle

**Science Fiction-** *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

**Mystery-** *The Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsbuerg

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