

Dear Future Fifth Graders,

What is the summer slide? Summer slide refers to the loss of reading skills that result when students slip out of the practice of reading over the summer. It is suggested that **students who read at least six books will not regress over summer vacation**. So, how do we prevent the summer slide? We engage them in summer reading programs.

For your summer reading, we are providing you with several genres of books and are giving you the option of choosing which books you wish to read. You may pick any book you'd like to read provided it meets the requirements (is at your reading level and is from the different genres.)

You will need to read books from three of the following genres:

Newbery Medal or Newbery Honor book
Biography/Autobiography
Mystery
Historical Fiction

In addition, read two more books of your choice. (Minimum of **5** books, but you are always welcome to read more!)

Please record your book titles, authors, genres, and short (few sentences) summaries for each book on the sheet provided. Please turn your reading sheets into your teacher on the first day of school.

Happy Reading!!

Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Ferch

**Book suggestions have been provided to give you ideas of books you may choose from. An additional list of possible summer reading books may also be found at:

www.childrensbooks.about.com/od/forparents/tp/summer_reading.htm

www.education-world.com/summer_reading/5th_grade.shtml

www.kidsreads.com/lists/reading-lists.asp

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www.scholastic.com/summerreading

Newbery Medal and Honor Books

[2011 Medal Winner](#): *Moon over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpool (Delacorte Press, an imprint of Random House Children's Books)

Honor Books:

- *Turtle in Paradise* by Jennifer L. Holm
- *Heart of a Samurai* by Margi Preus
- *Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night* by Joyce Sidman
- *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia

[2010 Medal Winner](#): *When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead

Honor Books:

- *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip Hoose
- *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* by Jacqueline Kelly
- *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin
- *The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg* by Rodman Philbrick

[2009 Medal Winner](#): *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman

Honor Books:

- *The Underneath* by Kathi Appelt
- *The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom* by Margarita Engle
- *Savvy* by Ingrid Law
- *After Tupac & D Foster* by Jacqueline Woodson

[2008 Medal Winner](#): *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village* by Laura Amy Schlitz

Honor Books:

- *Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt
- *Feathers* by Jacqueline Woodson

[2007 Medal Winner](#): *The Higher Power of Lucky* by Susan Patron

Honor Books:

- *Penny from Heaven* by Jennifer L. Holm
- *Hattie Big Sky* by Kirby Larson

- ***Rules* by Cynthia Lord**

2006 Medal Winner: *Criss Cross* by Lynne Rae Perkins

Honor Books:

- *Whittington* by Alan Armstrong
- *Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
- *Princess Academy* by Shannon Hale
- *Show Way* by Jacqueline Woodson

2005 Medal Winner: *Kira-Kira* by Cynthia Kadohata

Honor Books:

- *Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko
- *The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights* by Russell Freedman
- *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy* by Gary D. Schmidt

2004 Medal Winner: *The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread* by Kate DiCamillo

Honor Books:

- *Olive's Ocean* by Kevin Henkes
- *An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793* by Jim Murphy

2003 Medal Winner: *Crispin: The Cross of Lead* by Avi

Honor Books:

- *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer
- *Pictures of Hollis Woods* by Patricia Reilly Giff
- *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen
- *A Corner of The Universe* by Ann M. Martin
- *Surviving the Applewhites* by Stephanie S. Tolan

2002 Medal Winner: *A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park

Honor Books:

- *Everything on a Waffle* by Polly Horvath
- *Carver: A Life In Poems* by Marilyn Nelson

2001 Medal Winner: *A Year Down Yonder* by by Richard Peck

Honor Books:

- *Hope Was Here* by Joan Bauer
- *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo
- *Joey Pigza Loses Control* by Jack Gantos
- *The Wanderer* by Sharon Creech

2000 Medal Winner: *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis

Honor Books:

- *Getting Near to Baby* by by Audrey Couloumbis
- *Our Only May Amelia* by Jennifer L. Holm
- *26 Fairmount Avenue* by Tomie dePaola

The 1990s

1999 Medal Winner: *Holes* by Louis Sachar

Honor Book:

- *A Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck

1998 Medal Winner: *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse

Honor Books:

- *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine
- *Lily's Crossing* by Patricia Reilly Giff
- *Wringer* by Jerry Spinelli

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