

# Trinity 5th grade SUMMER READING 2011

## Students entering grade 5

READ A TOTAL OF 4 BOOKS:  
3 FROM THE LIST: 1 FREE CHOICE  
WRITE THREE BOOK REPORTS USING THE FORMAT BELOW;  
THE FOURTH BOOK REPORT MAY BE FROM THE LIST OF OPTIONAL  
ACTIVITIES OR BOOK REPORT FORMAT

### ***Adventure/Fantasy/ Science Fiction***

The Gentleman Outlaw and Me by Mary Dowling Hahn  
City of Light by Avi  
The Moorchild by Eloise McGraw  
Of Two Minds by Mantas and Nodelman  
Crash by Jerry Spinelli  
My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craig George (A.R. 5.2)  
Far Side of the Mountain by Jean Craig George  
Kokopelli's Flute by Will Hobbs  
From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg (A.R. 4.7)

### ***History/Historical Fiction***

Behind the Bedroom Wall by Laura Williams  
Eagle Song by Joseph Bruchac  
Fire in the Sky by Candice F. Ransom  
Grandpa's Mountain by Carolyn Reeder  
Rachel's Journal: The Story of a Pioneer Girl by Marissa Moss  
Running Out of Time by Margaret Peterson Haddix (A.R. 4.8)  
Spying on Miss Muller by Eve Bunting  
Stones in the Water by Donna Jo Napoli

### ***Animals/Nature***

Forest by Janet Taylor Lisle  
Kavik the Wolf Dog by Walt Morey (A.R. 4.9)  
Woodsong by Gary Paulsen  
Redwall ( any book from the series) by Brian Jacques (A.R. 5.6)  
Classics  
Call of the Wild by Jack London (A.R. 8.0)  
Bambi: A Life in the Woods by Felix Salten (A.R. 4.9)  
Heidi by Johanna Spyn (A.R. 8.2)  
Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne (A.R. 9.9)

### ***Miscellaneous***

Soccer Halfback by Matt Christopher  
Winning Kicker by Thomas Dygard  
The 6th Grade Nickname Game by Gordon Korman  
Gib Rides Home by Zilpha Keatley Snyder

### ***National Catholic Education Association ( NCEA ) Recommendations***

Crispin: Cross of Lead by Avi (A.R. 5.0)  
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munzo Ryan (A.R. 5.3)  
Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth Speare (A.R. 5.7)  
Gentle Ben by Walt Morey (A.R. 4.8)  
Double Fudge by Judy Blume  
Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbit (A.R. 5.0)  
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Patterson (A.R. 4.6)  
Class President by Johanna Hurwitz (A.R. 4.3)  
Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie S. Tolan (A.R. 5.5)

**Recommended by former 5th graders:**

Help! Someone get me out of the 4th grade! By Henry Winkler  
The Ghost in the Mirrors by John Bellairs  
The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary  
Hank Zipzer by Henry Winkler  
The Artemis Fowl series by Eoin Colfer  
The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan  
Hoot or Flush by Carl Hiassen  
The Anybodies by N.E. Bode and Peter Ferguson  
Crash by Jerry Spinelli  
How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell

USE THIS FORMAT WHEN WRITING YOUR REPORT.

Name – Date -

Title of Book – Author – Illustrator -

Setting: Give a description of when and where the book took place.

Main Characters: Give a brief description of each character.

Summary: Write a summary about the story.

How did the story end? (Conclusion)

Did you like the book? Why or Why not?

This book was...

easy to read    just right to read    a little difficult    too hard

Choose one of the following activities instead of one book report.

1. Make a book jacket. Include the title, author, and a scene from the book on the outside. On the inside flap write a summary of the book without revealing the entire story. On the other inside flap write a biographical sketch of the author.
2. Make a diorama of your book. Include the title and author in your design.
3. Write a letter to the author, telling how enjoyable the book was to you. Include your favorite part of the story.
4. Make a poster similar to a movie poster advertising the book.
5. Write a business letter to a librarian stating why the book should be purchased.
6. Keep a diary for a character from the book.
7. Make a comic strip telling the story. It should be at least ten panels.
8. Make a mobile showing scenes about the story.