



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS A C A D E M Y

2022 Summer Reading Index Grades 5 & 6

Congratulations! You made it to the end of the school year. We hope you had a productive year, made some new friends, and learned lots of new things about yourself and the world around you. Now is the time to take stock of your accomplishments, set off on new summer adventures, reconnect with family and friends, and begin to prepare for the next school year.

No matter where you are on your academic journey, one of the most enjoyable and enriching ways to set yourself up for a successful start to the new school year is to *read*. Almost without exception, the best students at any grade level tend to be effective, if not, avid readers. One of the best ways to keep the academic momentum you built up all year from slipping over the summer is to read often and read widely.

At the Grade 5 and 6 levels at CBA, helping students develop effective reading habits and skills is a big part of what we do as teachers. In order to help students prepare for the upcoming year, the team of Grade 5 and 6 teachers have compiled a list of summer reading ideas that we hope you'll explore and enjoy as much as we do. The list includes suggestions from teachers, our own students, and a few parents who wanted to share ideas about some of their favorite books and authors with you.

In addition to the suggested readings, students entering Grades 5 and 6 are required to read two books and complete a companion Reading Inventory for each book. (See below for details.) The Reading Inventory is available on the CBA website and on the *Summer Reading 2022 Class* on Google Classroom. Incoming students who will be new to CBA at the start of the 2022 school year, should email Dr. Andrade at andrade@cbaalbany.org for information on how to access Reading Inventory documents and Google Classroom. Students should complete both books and the Reading Inventory by August 31.

The completed Reading Inventory will become the first written assignment the boys are expected to submit at the beginning of the year in ELA for both Grades 5 and 6. So, check out our Grade 5 & 6 Summer Reading List, get a copy of the required books (and maybe a couple of books on your own), and have fun! We can't wait to talk about the stories with you in September.

Keep reading,

Dr. Andrade (ELA/Reading Grade 5 & 6) and the Grade 5 & 6 Team

Required Reading

Due **Aug 31, 2022**

ELA/Reading - Grade 5

Because of Mr. Terupt, Rob Buyea

Wonder, R. J. Palacio

Summer 2022 Writing Assignment:

Please complete the Reading Inventory as you read the required books. See the CBA website or Google Classroom Summer Reading 2022 to access the document and for additional details.

ELA/Reading - Grade 6

Holes, Louis Sachar

Flush, Carl Hiassen

Summer 2022 Writing Assignment: Please complete the Summer Reading Inventory as you read the required books for Grade 6. See Google Classroom Summer Reading 2022 to access the document and for additional details.

Suggested Books & Authors for Grade 5 & 6

If you're looking for some ideas about other books to read, check out the suggestions listed below.

Parent Favorites

- *Bob*, by Wendy Mass / Rebecca Stead
- *The Penderwicks* (Series), Jeanne Birdsall
- *The Willoughbys*, Lois Lowry
- *Ruby Holler*, Sharon Creech

Teacher Favorites

- *Blood on the River*, Elisa Carbone
- *War Horse*, Michael Morpurgo
- *The Lemonade Wars*, Jacqueline Davies
- *Milkweed*, Jerry Spinelli
- *Loser*, Jerry Spinelli
- *Counting By 7s*, Sloan Holly Goldberg
- *Fish in a Tree*, Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Student Favorites

- *The Hatchet*, (Series) Gary Paulsen; also see *Guts*. Paulsen's real life experiences in the wilderness.
- *Tucket's Ride*, Gary Paulsen (Gr. 5, series)
- *Ranger's Apprentice*, John Flanagan
- *Smartest Kid in the Universe*, Chris Grabenstein
- *Refugee*, Alan Gratz
- *The Adventures of Pinocchio*, C. Collodi
- *Way of the Warrior Kid*, by Jocko Willink
- *The Education of Little Tree*, Forrest Carter
- *Key to the Treasure*, by Peggy Parish
- *Mystery of the Silver Spider* by Robert Arthur
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series, Jeff Kinney
- *The Hunger Games* (book 1 of series), Suzanne Collins, (Parents Note: This ages upper middle school)
- *Last Man Out*, Mike Lupica (among several sports related books by Lupica)
- *A Dog's Purpose: A Novel for Humans*, W. Bruce Cameron

Classics

- *Where the Red Fern Grows*, Wilson Rawls
- *Canoeing with the Cree*, Eric Sevareid
- *Chronicles of Narnia* (Series), C.S. Lewis
- *My Side of the Mountain* (Series), Jean Craighead George
- *Bridge to Terabithia*, Katherine Patterson
- *Julie of the Wolves*, Jean Craighead George
- *The Sign of the Beaver*, Elizabeth George Speare
- *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*, Elizabeth George Speare
- *The Borrowers*, (Series) Mary Norton
- *Hardy Boys* (Series), Franklin W. Dixon
- *Phantom Tollbooth*, Norton Juster
- *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankenweiler*, E.L. Konigsburg
- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, Roald Dahl
- *Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator*, Roald Dahl
- *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, (Classic Starts Series -abridged), Retold from Mark Twain original by Oliver Ho
- *The Wanderer*, Sharon Creech

Favorite Science Fiction

- *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, Douglas Adams
- *Ender's Game*, Orson Scott Card
- *City of Ember* (Series) Jeanne DuPrau
- *The Story of Doctor Dolittle*, Hugh Lofting
- *The Giver*, Lois Lowry
- *Gathering Blue*, Lois Lowry
- *Messenger*, Lois Lowry
- *Son*, Lois Lowry
- *The Maze Runner* (series), James Dashner

History / Historical Fiction/ Non-fiction

- *Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage*, Alfred Lansing
- *Unbroken* (young reader's edition), Laura Hillenbrand
- *Great Battles for Boys: Bunker Hill to WWI*, Joe Giorello
- *I Survived Series*, Lauren Tarshis
- *Bound* (ancient China, Donna Jo Napoli
- *Chinese Cinderella* (ancient China), Adeline Yen Mah
- *Pony*, R.J. Palacio
- *Toliver's Secret*, Esther Wood Brady
- *No Better Friend: A Man, A Dog, and their incredible Journey of Friendship and Survival in WWII*, Robert Weintraub
- *Al Capone Does My Shirts* (Tales from Alcatraz), Gennifer Choldenko
- *The Boys in the Boat* (Young Readers Edition), Daniel James Brown

Adventure / Fantasy /Mystery

- Harry Potter, J.K. Rowling
- *Lord of the Rings*, J.R.R. Tolkien
- *Tuck Everlasting*, Natalie Babbitt
- *Sammy Keyes* (Series), Wendelin Draanen
- *Theodore Boone* (Series), John Grisham
- *Ranger's Apprentice* (Series), John Flanagan
- Books by Stuart Gibbs
- *The Vanderbeekers* (Series), Karina Van Glaser
- *The View From Saturday*, E.L. Konigsburg
- *From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*, E.L. Konigsburg
- *The Mysterious Benedict Society*, Trenton Lee Stuart
- *The Westing Game*, Ellen Raskin
- *The Lightning Thief*, Richard Riordan (Book 1 of 5 of Percy Jackson series)
- *The Red Pyramid*, Richard Riordan (Book 1 of 3 the Kane Chronicle series)
- *The Lost Hero*, Richard Riordan, (Book 1 of 5 of the Heroes of Olympus series)

- *When You Reach Me*, Rebecca Stead

Realistic Fiction

- *Harriet the Spy*, Meg Cabot
- *Ruby Holler*, Sharon Creech
- *Walk Two Moons*, Sharon Creech
- *Bud, Not Buddy*, Christopher Paul Curtis
- *The Watsons go to Birmingham*, Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Riding Freedom*, Pam Munoz Ryan
- *Because of Winn Dixie*, Kate DiCamillo
- *Bystander*, James Preller

Poetry

- *Love that Dog*, Sharon Creech
- *Hate that Cat*, Sharon Creech