

Summer Reading List for Rising 5th Graders

Plainfield School District

RECOMMENDED READING LIST

Applegate, Katherine. ***The One and Only Ivan***. Harper, 2012. When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

Bell, Cece. ***El Deafo***. Amulet Books, 2014. This empowering graphic novel memoir of the author/illustrator's childhood struggle being accepted and finding friends with her severe deafness received a 2015 Newbery Honor.

Brallier, Max; ***The Last Kids on Earth***. Viking, 2015. Described as Diary of a Wimpy Kid meets The Walking Dead; this post-apocalyptic graphic novel is sure to delight summer readers as Jack Sullivan holes up in his tree house for as long as he can.

Bunting, Eve. ***Going Home***. Harper Collins, 1998. Although a Mexican family comes to the United States to work as farm laborers so that their children will have opportunities, the parents still consider Mexico their home.

Cleary, Beverly. ***Dear Mr. Henshaw***, 1983. When fourth grader Leigh Botts asks Mr. Henshaw to write to him personally, he gets more than he bargained for. Mr. Henshaw's letters are full of questions, and Leigh is getting tired of answering them. But as he continues his correspondence with his favorite author, he not only gets plenty of tips on writing, but he also finds a wise and thoughtful friend to whom he can tell his troubles.

Lutes, Jason. ***Houdini: The Handcuff King***. Hyperion, 2007. In bold graphics, author and artist formulate a living picture of this amazing escape artist and show how time and morals shaped him and his art.

Palacio, R.J. ***Wonder***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, where he endures the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

Scieszka, Jon and Mac Barnett, ***Battle Bunny***. Simon & Schuster, 2013. Gran Gran gave Alexander a beautiful book about Birthday Bunny, but Alexander decides to "create" his own book about Battle Bunny, which suits his tastes much better.

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Shurtliff, Liesl. ***Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2013.
Twelve-year-old Rump goes on a quest to discover his true identity and to break a magical curse in this humorous take on the classic fairy tale.

TenNapel, Doug. ***Tommysaurus Rex***. Graphix, 2013. Eli finds a full-grown T. rex on his grandpa's farm and decides he would make the perfect pet.

Ziegler, Jennifer. ***Revenge of the Flower Girls***. Scholastic, 2014. Triplets try to thwart their older sister's wedding plans when they think she should marry someone else. Will their antics help or hinder the wedding?

YOU MAY ALSO SELECT A BOOK FROM ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AUTHORS OR SERIES:

AUTHORS	SERIES
Andrew Clements	Anastasia
Jack Gantos	Bingo Brown
Lois Lowry	Crispin
Patricia Polacco	Mysterious You
Cynthia Voigt	The Spiderwick
Jane Yolen	<i>Wonders of the World</i>
	Spy School
	The Tapper Twins

