

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Greetings! As the school year comes to a close and the warm, sunny days of summer beckon, we hope this letter finds you excited for a well-deserved break. This year we want you to enjoy spending time with your families as much as possible. To that end, there is no written assignment for your summer reading adventure.

We want your child(ren) to enjoy their reading experiences, and we encourage you to read to, and with, your children—yes, your new fourth and fifth graders like being read to! So, grab some books from the library, or the local book store, or Amazon, and take them to the beach, or camping, or on your next road trip. Explore new people, places, and cultures...through great books! You will find attached a list of suggested books to help your child discover new interests. Please do not limit your child to books on their “level”, if they want to try a book...go for it!

Wishing you an incredible summer filled with unforgettable adventures, both within the pages of your books and beyond. Enjoy the sunshine, relax, and let your imagination soar!

Happy reading!

Warm regards,

The Intermediate School Reading Teachers

## 4th and 5th Grade Summer Suggested Enrichment Reading List

*The Boxcar Children* - Gertrude Chandler Warren

*A Little Princess* - Frances Hodgson Burnett

*Anne of Green Gables* - L.M. Montgomery

*The Great Cake Mystery* - Alexander McCall Smith

*The Mysterious Benedict Society* - Trenton Lee Stewart

*The Penderwicks* - Jeanne Birdsall

*The Phantom Tollbooth* - Norton Juster

*Redwall* - Brian Jacques

*A Wrinkle in Time* - Madeleine L'Engle

*Tuesdays at the Castle* - Jessica Day George

*The Railway Children* - E. Nesbit

*The Princess and the Goblin* - George MacDonald

## **2025 Summer Reading List 4-5 Kaleidoscope Enrichment Reading**

### **Grade 4 \*Students may read books from either list!**

*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz (Historical)

*The Castle in the Attic* by Elizabeth Winthrop (Fantasy)

*Battle for the Castle* by Elizabeth Winthrop (Adventure)

*Everything on a Waffle* by Polly Horvath (Realistic Fiction/Newbery Medal)

*Princess Academy* by Shannon Hale (Fantasy/Newbery Medal)

*Drama* by Raina Telgemeier (Realistic Fiction)

*Tumble & Blue* by Cassies Beasley (Adventure/Fantasy)

*Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar (Science Fiction)

*The Forgotten Door* by Alexander Key (Science Fiction)

### **Grade 5 \*Students may read books from either list!**

*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill (Fantasy/ Newbery Medal)

*Unteachables* by Gordon Korman (Realistic)

*Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation* by Stuart Gibbs (Adventure Series)

*Lucky Broken Girl* by Ruth Behar (Historical Fiction)

*The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (Historical)

*Things Not Seen* by Andrew Clements (Science Fiction)

*Fantasy League* by Mike Lupica (Realistic Fiction; Sports)

*Amari and the Night Brothers* by B.B. Alston (Action; Adventure)

*White Bird* by R.J Palacio (Graphic Novel/Historical Fiction)

*Found* by Margaret Petersen Haddix (Science Fiction; Time Travel)