

### Fifth Grade

Summertime provides a wonderful opportunity to read books that students do not have time for during the busy school year. Some books are great to reread and some are great to read for the first time. Enjoy reading from a variety of genres and topics. Books can take you everywhere!

Students entering fifth grade must read **1 nonfiction book** from the suggested biography series or historical events series provided below. Students must also read **1 fiction book** from the list below.

#### Nonfiction Biography and Historical Event Series

- Who was ... ? Time for Kids Biography Series
- Who is ... ? For Kids Series 21 Activities
- What was ... ? National Geographic Reader Series
- I am ... ? Childhood of Famous American Series

#### Fiction Books

- **The Machine: A Truth Seeker Novel** by Bill Myers
- **The Secret Garden** by Frances Burnett
- **Dancing Home** by Alma Flor Ada & Gabriel Zubizarreta
- **The Island of Dr. Libris** by Chris Grabenstein
- **Pay It Forward: Young Reader's Edition** by Catherine Ryan Hyde
- **The Homework Machine** by Dan Gutman

#### Choose One Project Below

1. Discuss the relevance of the book title (Length: 2-3 paragraphs, 5-7 sentences per paragraph)
2. Write a one minute radio ad or one minute video persuading the public why they should read this book
3. Research and write a report on the author (Length: 2-3 paragraphs, 5-7 sentences per paragraph)
4. Design a time-line of main events from the novel (at least 5 events)
5. Choose your favorite passage and create a comic strip (Length 10 comic strip boxes and 5 lines of dialogue)
6. Create your own test. Include a combination of matching, multiple choice, true/false, short answer, and essay questions (Include the answer key)

All projects will be due anytime during the **first week of school** and will be counted as a Reading test grade. After the first week of school, 10 points will be taken off for every day the project is late. We hope that you have fun reading and creating your projects. See you in August!

Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!

*The Fifth Grade Teachers*

