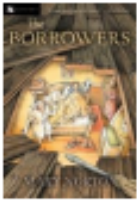


Dear Future 5th Grader

We are so excited to see you in 5th grade next year. To get ready for 5th grade ELA next year, the best thing you can do is read. To be a successful student, it is important to read as much as you can over the summer. Read every day if you can. To help you, here is a list of books to choose from for your book report that will be due on the first full day of school. Read one of these books and fill out the book report form. Can't wait to see you in August.



The Borrowers by Mary Norton -Beneath the kitchen floor is the world of the Borrowers -- Pod and Homily Clock and their daughter, Arrietty. In their tiny home, matchboxes double as roomy dressers and postage stamps hang on the walls like paintings. Whatever the Clocks need they simply "borrow" from the "human beans" who live above them. It's a comfortable life, but boring if you're a kid. Only Pod is allowed to venture into the house above, because the danger of being seen by a human is too great. Borrowers who are seen by humans are never seen again. Yet Arrietty won't listen. There is a human boy up there, and Arrietty is desperate for a friend.



Lunch Money by Andrew Clements. Greg Kenton has always had a natural talent for making money -- despite the annoying rivalry of his neighbor Maura Shaw. Then, just before sixth grade, Greg makes a discovery: Almost every kid at school has an extra quarter or two to spend almost every day. Multiply a few quarters by a few hundred kids, and for Greg, school suddenly looks like a giant piggy bank. All he needs is the right hammer to crack it open. Candy and gum? Little toys? Sure, kids would love to buy stuff like that at school. But would teachers and the principal permit it? Not likely. But how about comic books? Comic books might work.



A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle. Out of this wild night, a strange visitor comes to the Murry house and beckons Meg, her brother Charles Wallace, and their friend Calvin O'Keefe on a most dangerous and extraordinary adventure—one that will threaten their lives and our universe.



The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling. In this zany twist on the legend of King Midas and his golden touch, a boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate! If you like chocolate, what would happen if everything that you touched turned to chocolate? Can you ever have too much of your favorite food? John Midas is about to find out....



Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo.The summer Opal and her father, the preacher, move to Naomi, Florida, Opal goes into the Winn-Dixie supermarket—and comes out with a dog. A big, ugly, suffering dog with a sterling sense of humor. A dog she names Winn-Dixie.. Winn-Dixie is better at making friends than anyone Opal has ever known, and together they meet the local librarian, Miss Franny Block. They meet Gloria Dump, who is nearly blind but sees with her heart, and Otis, an ex-con who sets

the animals in his pet shop loose after hours, then lulls them with his guitar.

5th Grade ELA

Summer Book Report

Name: _____

Date: _____

Title of Book:

Author:

Body of Report:

Setting: When and Where the Story Took Place:

Time: _____

Place: _____

Characterization: Who are the people in the story? Write a short description of each of the main characters.

Characters: _____

Write a paragraph about the most interesting character of story you read in the book. Explain why this character was interesting.

What happened to main character of the story?

Write about main theme of the story here. The theme is the main message of the story.

Summarize the story. What are the main things that happened? What was the problem in the story? How was it resolved?

Would you recommend this book to a classmate? Why or why not?
