

Summer Reading List For Students Entering Grade 5 Weymouth Public Schools

The Birchbark House / Louise Erdrich

Summary: Omakayas, a Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.

The Blizzard Disaster / Peg Kehret

Summary: Despite careful preparation and warm clothing Warren and Betsy nearly lose their lives in a suspenseful adventure as they travel back in time to a 1940s Minnesota blizzard.

Bo & Mzzz Mad / Sid Fleischman

Summary: When his father dies, Bo Gamage warily moves to the Mojave Desert home of his distant and estranged relatives, the Martinkas, and finds that "Mad" lives up to her name, PawPaw despises him, and Aunt Juna hopes he'll help search for the gold mine that started a family feud.

The Case of the Missing Cutthroats: An Ecological Mystery / Jean Craighead George

Summary: After Spinner Shafter catches a cutthroat trout in the Snake River, she and her cousin Alligator search the nearby mountains to determine where the endangered fish came from and how it survived.

The Castle in the Attic / Elizabeth Winthrop

Summary: A gift of a toy castle, complete with silver knight, introduces William to an adventure involving magic and a personal quest.

Cherokee Sister / Debbie Dadey

Summary: Because she is mistaken for an Indian, Allie, a white girl, is forced to travel the Trail of Tears along with her best friend, a young Cherokee.

Dillon Dillon / Kate Banks

Summary: During the summer Dillon Dillon learns the surprising story behind his name and develops a relationship with three loons, living on the lake near his family's New Hampshire cabin, that help him make sense of his life.

Everything on a Waffle / Polly Horvath

Summary: Primrose, living in a small fishing village in British Columbia recounts her experiences and all that she learns about human nature and the unpredictability of life in the months after her parents are lost at sea.

The Field Guide (Spiderwick Chronicles) / Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black

Summary: When the Grace children go to stay at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences.

Finding Buck McHenry / Alfred Slote

Summary: Jason, believing the school custodian Mack Henry to be Buck McHenry, a famous pitcher from the old Negro League, tries to enlist him as a coach for his Little League team by revealing his identity to the world.

Frindle / Andrew Clements

Summary: When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

The Great Turkey Walk / Kathleen Karr

Summary: In 1860, a somewhat simple-minded fifteen-year-old boy attempts to herd one thousand turkeys from Missouri to Denver, Colorado, in hopes of selling them at a profit.

Joey Pigza Loses Control / Jack Gantos

Summary: Joey, who is still taking medication to keep him from getting too wired, goes to spend the summer with his hard-drinking father.

Little House on the Prairie / Laura Wilder

Summary: A family travels from the big woods of Wisconsin to a new home on the prairie, where they build a house, meet neighboring Indians, build a well, and fight a prairie fire.

Love. Ruby Lavender / Deborah Wiles

Summary: When her quirky grandmother goes to Hawaii for the summer, Ruby learns to survive on her own in Mississippi by writing letters, befriending chickens as well as the new girl in town, and finally coping with her grandfather's death.

The Malted Falcon: From the Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko. Private Eye! Bruce Hale

Summary: Chet Gecko and his partner Natalie try to find a missing valentine and the winning ticket to a fantastic dessert.

The Many Troubles of Andy Russell / David A. Adler

Summary: When some of his gerbils escape and he gets in trouble for not paying attention in class, Andy Russell worries about asking if a friend can move in with his family--especially when he learns that his mother is going to have another baby.

The Meanest Doll in the World / Ann M. Martin and Laura Godwin

Summary: Annabelle and Tiffany, dolls who are best friends living in the Palmer house, have an adventure when they hide in Kate Palmer's backpack, are carried to school, mistakenly go to another house, and try to stop Princess Mimi, a doll who threatens all dollkind.

Midnight for Charlie Bone / Jenny Nimmo

Summary: Charlie Bone's life with his widowed mother and two grandmothers undergoes a dramatic change when he discovers that he can hear people in photographs talking.

The Princess Test / Gail Carson Levine

Summary: In this humorous retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Princess and the Pea," Lorelei must pass many difficult tests in order to prove that she is a true princess and win the hand of Prince Nicholas.

Regarding the Fountain: A Tale. in Letters, of Liars and Leaks / Kate Klise

Summary: When the principal asks a fifth-grader to write a letter regarding the purchase of a new drinking fountain for their school, he finds that all sorts of chaos results.

Soup / Robert Newton Peck

Summary: The adventures and misadventures of two boys growing up in a small Vermont town.

Stay!: Keeper's Story / Lois Lowry

Summary: Separated early in life from his mother and siblings, Keeper, a dog, tells of his adventures with various human masters and his continual search for his little sister.

The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread /

Kate DiCamillo

Summary: The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

The Thief of Always / Clive Barker

Summary: After a mysterious stranger promises to end his boredom with a trip to the magical Holiday House, Harvey learns that his fun has a high price.

The 13th Floor: A Ghost Story / Sid Fleischman

Summary: When his older sister disappears, Buddy Stebbins follows her back in time and finds himself aboard a seventeenth-century pirate ship captained by a distant relative.

2095 / Jon Scieszka

Summary: While on a field trip to New York 's Museum of Natural History , Joe, Sam, and Fred travel one hundred years into the future, where they encounter robots, anti-gravity disks, and their own grandchildren.

The Warriors / Joseph Bruchac

Summary: Jake has left the reservation for Weltime Academy and entered a different world. Everyone there loves lacrosse, but no one understands it the way Jake does, as an Iroquois. No one understands Jake either.