



## SUMMER READING 2011

### Grade 5

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Welcome to 5<sup>th</sup> grade! Kensington Intermediate School requires you to read at least one (1) fiction novel from the Summer Reading List. We have included a variety of age-appropriate titles from which you may choose. The titles are organized by genre. You can definitely read more if you want!

The titles we have selected are suggestions. If you prefer, you may select additional titles from the public library or local book stores. You may read non-fiction, too, if you wish. Simply check-off the titles on the checklist as you read them.

On the first day of school in the fall, you will be required to turn in this checklist of the books you read. A form is attached to this letter. Please have a parent or guardian sign the form before you turn it in. Please be prepared to demonstrate your basic understanding of the novel including story elements such as character, mood, plot, setting, theme and point of view.

Your teachers are enthusiastic about our reading program at Kensington. We hope you are too! We look forward to working with you next year!



## **Fifth Grade Summer Reading 2011**



### **Historical Fiction**

- Avi Night Journeys
- Avi The Barn
- Borden Sleds on Boston Common:  
A Story of the American Revolution
- Curtis Bud, Not Buddy
- Giff Lily's Crossing

### **Adventure**

- Burnford The Incredible Journey
- DeFelice The Ghost of Fossil Glenn
- Fleischman The 13<sup>th</sup> Floor: A Ghost Story
- O'Dell Island of the Blue Dolphins
- Paulsen The Voyage of the Frog

### **Realistic Fiction**

- Clements The School Story
- Korman The Chicken Doesn't Skate
- Lisle Afternoon of the Elves
- Lowry A Summer to Die
- Robinson The Best School Year Ever

### **Fantasy**

- King-Smith Babe: The Gallant Pig
- Levine Ella Enchanted
- Alexander The Book of Three

### **Classics**

- Alcott Little Women
- Carroll Alice's Adventures in  
Wonderland
- Verne Around the World in Eighty Days



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### Additional Web Resources

#### **Book Adventure**

([www.bookadventure.com](http://www.bookadventure.com))

Book Adventure is a FREE reading motivation program for children in grades K-8. Children create their own book lists from over 7,000 recommended titles, take multiple choice quizzes on the books they've read, and earn points and prizes for their literary successes.

#### **Reading Planet**

([www.rif.org/kids/readingplanet.htm](http://www.rif.org/kids/readingplanet.htm))

Reading Planet has games, a tool to help children select books, activities, and even reading polls.

#### **ReadWriteThink**

([www.readwritethink.org](http://www.readwritethink.org))

This website has online reading tools for children in grades K-12. When using tools on this site, children can practice phonics, word recognition, and comprehension.

#### **StorylineOnline**

([www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net))

Storyline is a listening and reading website. A selection of great books is read to the listener in a slow, entertaining way. The expressive narration captivates children of all ages. Each book also includes activity and lesson plan suggestions for educators and parents.

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### Relax and Read!

Using these questions will have a powerful impact on your learning!



Where/When did the story take place?

Who was/were the most important characters?

What happened to the character(s) in the end and why do you think that happened?

How did \_\_\_\_\_ happen?

What was the first thing that happened?

What was the last thing that happened?

What was the main problem of the story and how was it resolved?

Explain what the story was about in a few sentences.

In what ways does this story remind you of other stories you have read?

In what way does this story remind you of your own personal experiences?

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