

Summer Reading for Students Entering Fifth Grade

The benefits of summer reading are well documented. To prevent the fall-off of acquired reading skills during the vacation months, students are expected to read a minimum of two books. *Wanted: Mud Blossom* by Betsy Byars is required reading for all incoming fifth-grade students. Students should expect a test on story content early in the school year.

At least one additional book should be chosen from the listed selections. These books have been selected primarily for their enjoyment value as rated by children's librarians and young readers. May they spur the desire for many more relaxing summer afternoons with a good book.

Recommended Reading

1. Any book in the *Goosebumps* series by R. L. Stein
2. Any of the books by Andrew Clements:
 - A Week in the Woods*
 - The Landry News*
 - The School Story*
 - The Janitor's Boy*
 - Frindle*
3. Any of the books by Kate Klise
4. *Babysitting is a Dangerous Job* by Willa Davis Roberts
5. *The Captain's Dog* by Roland Smith
6. *Shades of Gray* (Civil War historical fiction) by Carolyn Reeder
7. *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine
8. *Sahara Special* by Esme Raji Codell
9. *Stray Dog* (a tear-jerker) by Carol Beach York
10. *Sticks* by Joan Bauer
11. Any of the *Nancy Drew* series books by Carolyn Keene
12. Any of the *Hardy Boys* books by Franklin W. Dixon
13. Any of the *Chronicles of Narnia* books by C. S. Lewis
14. *Sharks: Challengers of the Deep* by Mary Cerullo
15. *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo

SUMMER READING VERIFICATION FORM

For students entering Grade 5

Fill out the verification form when the student has completed reading each book for the Summer Reading Program. Students are required to read the book Wanted: Mud Blossom and one other book from the recommended Reading List.

Student _____

I have read Wanted: Mud Blossom by Betsy Byars.

Parent/Guardian Signature **Date**

Student _____

I have read (title) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature **Date**