

Summer Reading List for Rising 5th Graders

Plainfield School District

RECOMMENDED READING LIST



Applegate, Katherine. ***The One and Only Ivan***. When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

Brown, Peter. ***The Wild Robot***. A graphic novel about a robot who becomes one with nature after she washes up on a seemingly uninhabited island. Except Roz soon finds that the island *is* inhabited — just not by humans.

Bell, Cece. ***El Deafo***. This empowering graphic novel memoir of the author/illustrator's childhood struggle being accepted and finding friends with her severe deafness received a 2015 Newbery Honor.

Brallier, Max. ***The Last Kids on Earth***. Described as Diary of a Wimpy Kid meets The Walking Dead; this post-apocalyptic graphic novel is sure to delight summer readers as Jack Sullivan holes up in his treehouse for as long as he can.

Davies, Jacqueline. ***The Lemonade War***. Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars.

Medina, Meg. ***Merci Suárez Changes Gears***. Using humor and grace, Merci, a charming and plucky protagonist, cycles through life's challenges with the support of her intergenerational family. This richly nuanced novel tackles the complexity of navigating a multicultural identity amidst changing family dynamics.

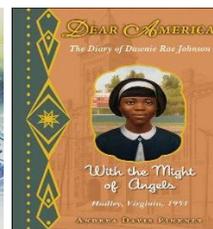
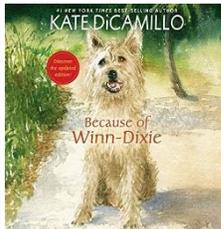
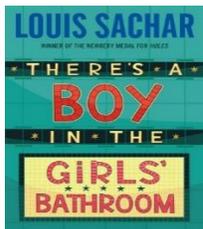
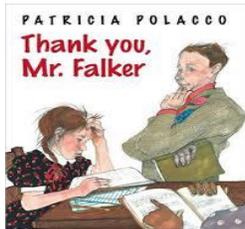
Palacio, R.J. ***Wonder***. Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, where he endures the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

Shurtliff, Liesl. ***Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. Twelve-year-old Rump goes on a quest to discover his true identity and to break a magical curse in this humorous take on the classic fairy tale.

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YOU MAY ALSO SELECT A BOOK FROM ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AUTHORS OR SERIES:

AUTHORS	SERIES
Kate DiCamillo	Dear America
Jack Gantos	I Survived
Lois Lowry	Joey Pigza
Patricia Polacco	DK Eyewitness
Ronald Dahl	39 Clues
Louis Sachar	Jake Maddox



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We want to encourage students to create a short video book review this summer. Book talks provide learners a choice in reading and reflecting, which also promotes fluency, comprehension, and speaking and listening skills. Guide your child to reflect on a book then share their creation on Flipgrid!

How to submit a book talk video to the Grid:

- Log on to Plainfield's Summer Reading Book Talks using this link:
<https://flipgrid.com/summerbooktalk>
- Use your school's Google account or Plainfield email account
- On the right side of the screen you will see a blue scroll down menu **5 Topics** ▼
- Click on the blue arrow to locate the grade you are entering in September
- Click on the title and read the directions then scroll down and click on the big green plus button
- After selecting the green plus, complete these 4 easy steps to submit!

1.  **Tap to record**

Tap the record button on the bottom to start. Add fun stickers, filters, text, and more. Tap the arrow on the bottom right to advance.

2.  **Review your video.**

Trim, rearrange, or add more. Tap the arrow in the bottom right to advance.

3.  **Take a selfie!**

The selfie will be the cover image for your video. Tap the arrow in the bottom right to advance. You may also hold up the title of your book (or a handwritten title) instead of a picture selfie.

4.  **Submit your video!**

Edit your name, add a title, or attach a link. Then submit!