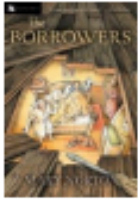


Dear Future 5th Grader,

We are so excited to see you in 5th grade next year! To get ready for 5th grade ELA, 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**. Please read one of these books and fill out the book report form below. I can't wait to see you in August!

All the best,
Ms. Hladik

Reading Options:



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...



Chomp by Carl Hiaasen. When Wahoo Cray's dad--a professional animal wrangler--takes a job with a reality-TV survival show, Wahoo figures he'll have to do a bit of wrangling himself to keep his father from hurting the show's inept and egotistical star. But the job keeps getting more complicated--and it isn't just the animals who are ready to chomp.

5th Grade ELA

Summer Book Report

Name: _____

Date: _____

Title of Book:

Author:

Setting: Where and when did the story take place?

Where: _____ When: _____

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

Write a paragraph (at least **five complete sentences**) about the most interesting character in the story. Explain **why** this character is interesting.

What is the main **challenge or problem** the main character faces? Please describe in at least one complete sentence.

Write about the main **theme or message** of the story here. The theme/message is often the lesson the author would like their readers to gain from the story. Describe in at least three complete sentences.

Summarize the story. What are the main events that happen? How is the main character’s challenge/problem resolved? Please answer in at least four complete sentences.

Would you recommend this book to a classmate? Why or why not? Please answer in at least two complete sentences.
