

Rising 5th Grade Summer Reading
Oakbrook Preparatory School 2020
English/Language Arts
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Study after study has shown the best way to acquire vocabulary, improve reading comprehension, and enhance writing skills is through wide-reading. Not only does reading provide students a chance to engage in interesting narratives, but it also provides the opportunity to develop language skills. Consider the following:

One way to build academic vocabulary students need is through reading, reading, and more reading. As students read extensively over time, they develop academic vocabulary. This vocabulary helps them to read more complex texts, and that prepares them to read even more complex texts.

To read complex texts, students need a knowledge base that is both broad and deep. Much of this knowledge base is built through reading itself. Students must read both widely and deeply, to find topics that interest them and to learn about those topics at a complex, academic level.

Journeys, 5th grade Ed., p.vi, 2014 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Required Summer Reading:

- Read *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George. Please log this book as one of the seven required books on your 5th Grade Reading Log. (*My Side of the Mountain* is fiction.)

Required Reading:

Fifth grade students are required to read seven books for English. The books you read this summer may count toward this requirement so be sure to log in all the books you read. Please choose books from the following lists:

- Nominees for the South Carolina Junior Book Award or any previous South Carolina Junior Book Award Winner
<http://www.scasl.net/junior-book-award>
- Any Newbery Book Award Winner (middle school)
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberyhonors/newberymedal>

***Although the majority of these novels are recommended by the American Library Association, we encourage parents and students to investigate and discuss book options together in order to make appropriate choices.**

Required Writing:

Fifth grade students are required to keep a summer journal. Your journal must contain 8 dated entries that are five complete sentences or more in length. It may be written in your best handwriting or typed. Please feel free to decorate your journal, draw illustrations, and add graphics as you see fit. The journal will be due the first full week of school and will be a test grade.