

# Rising 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading List

**Homework Machine by Dan Gutman**

**R.L. 4.8 Pts. 4. fiction**

**Roxie and the Hooligans by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor**

**R.L. 5.3 Pts. 2. fiction**

**Free Baseball by Sue Corbett**

**R.L. 4.3 Pts. 5. fiction**

**Meet Shelstein by S. Ward**

**R.L. 4.0 Pts. .5 nonfiction**

**Meet A.A. Milne by S. Ward**

**R. L. 3.7 Pts. .5 nonfiction**

**Meet J.K. Rowling by S. Ward**

**R. L. 4.1 Pts. .5 nonfiction**

**Souder by William Howard Armstrong**

**R.L. 5.3 Pts. 3. fiction**

**Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis**

**R.L. 5.0 Pts. 8.0 fiction**

**A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck**

**R.L. 4.5 Pts. 4.0 fiction**

**Amazing Aircraft by Seymour Simon**

**R.L. 4.5 Pts. .5 nonfiction**

**Tale of Desperaux by Kate DiCamillo**

**R.L. 4.7 Pts.5. fiction**

**Dragon Rider by Cornelia Funke**

**R.L. 4.9 Pts. 16. fiction**

**Star Girl by Jerry Spinnelli**

**R.L. 4.2 Pts. 6 fiction**

**Hatchet by Gary Paulson**

**R.L. 5.7 Pts. 7.0 fiction**

**Almost Forever by Marie Testa**

**R.L. 4.6 Pts. .5 fiction**

**Aliens Ate My Homework by Bruce Coville**

**R. L. 4.8 Pts. 5. fiction**

# **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Novels**

**(to be read in class with Mrs. Sanderson)**

**(please purchase these books and give them to Mrs. Sanderson to keep until they are read in class)**

**Where the Red Fern Grows**  
**By Wilson Rawls**

**Maniac Magee**  
**By Jerry Spinelli**

**Welcome to the 5th Grade! You are required to read two books this summer- one fiction and one non-fiction- from the list given to you. Please write a book review following the guidelines below. Your review should be four paragraphs. Remember a paragraph must be at least 4-5 sentences! Have fun reading! See you soon!**

**Mrs. Sanderson**

## **Writing a Book Review**

**Follow these steps when writing your book review.**

**(Note: you do not have to answer every question, these are only suggestions to guide your writing.)**

- 1. Write at least 3-4 sentences about the plot.**
  - **What was the story about?**
  - **Who were the main characters?**
  - **What did the main characters do in the story?**
  - **Did the main characters run into any problems?**
  - **Did the main characters have any adventures?**
  - **Who was your favorite character? Why?**
  
- 2. Your personal experiences**
  - **Could you relate to any of the characters in the story?**
  - **Have you ever done some of the things or felt some of the same things that the characters did?**
  
- 3. Your opinion**
  - **Did you like the book?**
  - **What was your favorite part of the book?**
  - **Do you have a least favorite part of the book?**
  - **If you could change something in the book, what would it be?**
  
- 4. Your recommendation**
  - **Would you recommend this book to another person?**
  - **What type of person would like this book?**