



Summer Reading Assignment: Grades 5 & 6
Portersville Christian School
Summer 2026

To travel far, there is no better ship than a book.
-Emily Dickinson

If you are going to get anywhere in life, you have to read a lot of books!
-Roald Dahl

Goal: It's important to be a lifelong reader. Reading helps you grow in many ways, including becoming a better writer. We want to encourage you to keep reading through the summer with books you may not have considered reading before and ones that you just can't put down!

How it works: Select **one book from the list below and one book of your choice** (that does not have to be from the list) to read this summer. When you've finished reading both, please select one book to use to complete the reading reflection on the back of this page. Submit this to your English teacher during the first week of school.

A Note to Parents: Use discretion when helping your child select their summer reading. All families have different levels of comfortability when it comes to certain subject matter. Please review your child's book selections and contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

*Audio books are acceptable for use.

Classic Fiction

- *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth Speare
- *Souder* by William Armstrong
- *The Secret Garden* by Francis Burnett
- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
- *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Christian Fiction

- Any by C.S. Lewis
- *Wingfeather Saga* by Andrew Peterson
- Any from the *Christian Heritage Series*

Historical Fiction

- *Alone, Yet Not Alone* by Tracy Leininger
- *Snow Treasure* by Marie McSwigan
- *The Mighty Miss Malone* by Christopher Curtis
- *JP: His Story* by Katherine Paterson
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor

Realistic Fiction

- *Anne of Green Gables* by Lucy Montgomery
- *Holes* by Louis Sachar
- Any by *From the Mixed Up Files Series*
- *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Rules* by Cynthia Lord

Fantasy Fiction

- *Escape/Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Grabenstein
- *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate
- *The One and Only Bob* by Katherine Applegate

Adventure - Survival/Mystery

- *White Fang* by Jack London
- *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
- *Masters of Disaster* by Gary Paulsen
- Any from the *Sugar Creek Gang Series*
- Any from the *39 Clues Series*
- Any from the *Nancy Drew/Hardy Boys Series*

Novels In Verse/Poetry

- *Love That Dog AND Hate That Cat* by Sharon Creech (counts as 1)

Sports

- *The Hero Two Doors Down* by Sharon Robinson
- Any by Mike Lupica
- Any by Matt Christopher

Biography/Autobiography

- Any from the *Christian Heroes* series
- *Soul Surfer* by Bethany Hamilton
- *The Boy Who Harnessed Wind* by Kamkwamba
- *Story of My Life* by Helen Keller

