

## Summer 2023 Required Readings | 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Continue reading even when school is out for the summer! Reading promotes fluency, increases children's vocabulary, stimulates their imagination, expands their knowledge of the world, and increases/maintains their comprehension skills. To prevent the typical "summer slide" students experience when not in school, we are requiring students to read. Each grade level has developed a specific reading assignment (see your grade level below). These are also some resources and many offer prizes.

- Sign up for your local library summer reading program. The Harker Heights summer library program has kicked off and offers many great opportunities. The Killeen Public Library also has a summer reading program with prizes when completed.
- Texas State Library and Archives – Sign up for their summer reading program  
<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texastalkingbooks/2023/03/28/announcing-2023-summer-reading-program/>
- Read books on-line through Open Library, Story Line online, Tumble books, Goodread Free shelves, and many more. All for free.
- Army MWR Summer Reading Program – Sign up online, visit Casey Memorial Library on Fort Cavazos to earn your reward.
- Earn a free book! Read 8 books, fill out the form and take it to Barnes & Noble.
- Join the HEBuddy Summer Reading Club (<https://www.heb.com/static-page/article-template/H-E-Buddy-Reading-Club>)
- Check out Camp Book IT! (Pizza Hut Summer reading Program)  
<https://www.bookitprogram.com/articles/summer-reading/camp-book-it>
- Land on Home Base the Scholastic Summer reading program  
<https://www.scholastic.com/site/summer/home.html>
- Purchase summer materials from BJUPress (Vacation Stations \$15).

### Entering 5th Grade

Required reading: Call It Courage by Armstrong Sperry  
(free: <https://books-library.net/files/books-library.online-01111609t1E1.pdf>)

- Plot Diagram
- Character Trait Chart for each character: be creative when creating your character trait chart.

Additional Reading Options – Triple Crown books  
*Available to be checked out through the front office.*

Billy Miller Makes A Wish by Kevin Henkes  
Code Breaker, Spy Hunter: How Elizebeth Friedman Changed the Course of Two World Wars by Laurie Wallmark  
Cooper's Story by W. Bruce Cameron  
Dear Student by Elly Swartz  
Jack vs. the Tornado by Amanda Cleary Eastep  
Mr. Lemoncello's Very First Game by Chris Grabenstein  
When Winter Robeson Came by Brenda Woods  
A Shared Secret by Patricia MacLachlan  
The Beatryce Prophecy by Kate DiCamillo

### Entering 6th Grade

Required reading: Wonder by: R.J. Palacio  
(*copy available in the office*)

- Plot Diagram
- Character Trait Chart for each character: be creative when creating your character trait chart.

Additional Reading Options – Triple Crown books  
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From Here to There: Inventions that Changed the Way the World Moves by Vivian Kirkfield  
Lily's Promise by Kathryn Erskine  
Operation Do-Over by Gordon Korman  
Out of My Heart by Sharon M. Draper  
Rescue by Jennifer A. Nielsen  
Rez Dogs by Joseph Bruchac  
The Adventure is Now by Jess Redman  
The Ogress and the Orphans by Kelly Barnhill  
The School for Whatnots by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
The Star that Always Stays by Anna Rose Johnson

The Islanders by Mary Alice Monroe and Angela May

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Plot Diagram for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Novel name)

9. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
1. \_\_\_\_\_

**Rising Action**

(The story's events, problems, and conflicts.)

**Falling Action**

(What events help wrap up the story?)

**Climax:** (The turning point in the story.)

10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. \_\_\_\_\_
13. \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution:** (How is the conflict resolved?)

**Exposition**

- Protagonist: \_\_\_\_\_
- Antagonist: \_\_\_\_\_
- Setting – Time: \_\_\_\_\_
- Setting – Place: \_\_\_\_\_
- Internal Conflict: \_\_\_\_\_
- External Conflict: \_\_\_\_\_

Author's Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

Symbolism: \_\_\_\_\_

Foreshadowing: \_\_\_\_\_

Irony: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# CHARACTER MAP # 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

