

Middle Intermediate – 5th Grade

2026 - 2027 Summer Reading Assignment

Dear Parents:

Summer is an integral part of your child's education. Therefore, each student is required to read **two** books during the summer.

Students should choose two books from the following list and write a summary of **each** book. The summary should include a brief description of the main characters, setting, and key events that summarize the book. The review should be 3-4 paragraphs, plus an additional paragraph stating the student's opinion of the book. Students should cite their favorite or least favorite part of the book or other examples from the story to support their opinion.

Students should also choose a project to complete for **one** of the books in addition to the book review.

*Create an original decorative cover.

*Draw or make a collage of important scenes from the book.

*Create an 8x10-sized postcard. Write to a character in the story, suggesting a new way to solve the problem. The front should have a picture as a postcard would.

Jake and Lily-Jerry Spinelli
Esperanza Rising-Pam Munoz Ryan
Bud, Not Buddy-Christopher Paul Curtis
Letters from Rifka-Karen Hesse
Holes-Louis Sachar
Mr. Popper's Penguins-Richard and Florence Atwater
Maniac Magee-Jerry Spinelli
Cricket in Times Square-George Selden

Please discuss and share your child's reading. If your child is experiencing difficulty with summer reading, please read with them. This will allow you to spend time with your child. If you would like suggestions for additional reading, do not hesitate to ask for help at your library.

Sincerely,
Susan Dallas
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