

## **SUMMER 2010 – GRADE 5**

**Fifth graders** are required to read two novels over the summer. You should bring your novels to class on the first day of school in August. We will be discussing them and completing some activities during the first **two weeks of school**.

### **Required Reading:**

*The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau

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Choose any one of these novels:

*The Thief Lord* by Cornelia Funke

*The View From the Cherry Tree* by Willo Davis Roberts

*Summer of the Monkeys* by Wilson Rawls

*The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare

*Here is a list of some of your teachers' favorites:*

### **Mrs. Karavitis:**

*Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen

*Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson

*Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

*Holes* by Louis Sachar

*Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry

### **Ms. Hawkins:**

*The Chocolate Touch* by Patrick Skene Catling

*Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* by Alvin Schwartz

*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott

*Sideways Stories from Wayside School* by Louis Sachar

Plus...books by Roald Dahl

In addition to the books listed above, please check out the award-winning books found on the following sites:

American Library Association (ALA) Notable Books

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/childrensnotable/notablebooklist/currentnotable.htm>

Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award

<http://www.rycrba.org/>

Newbery Medal Winners

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/literaryasds/newberymedal/newberyhonors/newberymedal.htm#00s>

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**More Summer Reading 2010**

**Poetry...it does a mind good!**

As part of your summer reading requirements, we'd like you to treat yourself to poetry. Make a commitment to read at least a poem a week or check out a whole book of poetry from your local library. Tag the ones that you like best and **bring in copies of at least TWO of your favorites during the first week of school.** Be sure the two you choose are from **different authors** so that we get a great mix of poetry. Your choices may end up in our "Poetry Explosion" competition that will be held in the fall.

Some of our favorite poets are:

Langston Hughes

William Carlos Williams

William Wordsworth

Robert Frost

Billy Collins

Ogden Nash

Get ready to share your favorite poems with us!

*Mrs. Erickson, Mrs. Veltri, and Mr. Stanbury*

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