

May 27, 2016

Dear Students and Parents,

This summer all students are encouraged to make the effort to read as much as possible. Reading for understanding and appreciation is a skill, which translates effectively into every academic area. While, I hope that all students will read voraciously this summer, it is requested that each fifth grade student read one required book.

All incoming fifth graders must read The Trumpet of the Swan, by EB White. Students can choose any grade level appropriate book for their second assignment. Upon returning to school, a reading report form must be completed for only the mandatory book. A copy of the report form is available on-line at [valleyschool.com](http://valleyschool.com).

The purpose of the summer reading program is to provide students with the opportunity to read books, which are of literary merit, from lists developed by teachers. Every effort has been made to choose grade level titles, which are both enjoyable and worthwhile. The teachers and I hope to encourage reading for pleasure as well as reading for enlightenment. We would also like to emphasize that our requirements are minimum standards and should be thought of as a starting point for summer reading rather than an entirety of what a conscientious student should undertake.

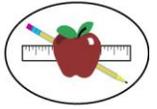
This is not an optional assignment. Completed reports will count as grades for the first marking period.

We wish you a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you this fall!

Sincerely,



James Haddad  
Principal



## FIFTH GRADE READING LIST

### MANDATORY BOOK

The Trumpet of the Swan (EB White)

### SUGGESTED BOOKS

A Wrinkle in Time (Madeleine L'Engle)

Because of Winn Dixie (Kate DiCamillo)

Caddie Woodlawn (Carol Ryrie Brink)

Charlie Bone and the Red Night (Jenny Nimmo)

Dear Mr. Henshaw (Carol Ryrie Brink)

Dragon Rider (Cornelia Funke)

Five Children and It (E. Nesbit)

How to Eat Fried Worms (Thomas Rockwell)

Island of the Blue Dolphins (Scott O'Dell)

Is It Night or Day? by (Fern Schumer Chapman)

My Side of the Mountain (Jean George)

Nothings Fair in Fifth Grade (Barthe Declements)

Raiders Ransom (Emily Diamond)

Ranger's Apprentice Book One: The Ruins of Gorlan (John Flanagan)

Simon Bloom: The Octopus Effect (Michael Reisman)

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate (Jacqueline Kelly)

The Fizzy Wiz Kid (Maiya Williams)

The Great Gilly Hopkins (Katherine Paterson)

The Mousehunter (Alex Milway)

The Phantom Tollbooth (Norton Juster)

The Secret Garden (Frances Burnett)

The Shadows of Elsewhere (Jacqueline West)

The Tales of Lost Ga'Hoole (Kathryn Lasky)

Toby Alone (Timothee de Fombelle)

Shiloh (Phyllis Naylor)

Walk Two Moons (Sharon Creech)