



Incoming Grade 5 WCS Summer Reading 2022

Name: _____

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CHOOSE at least 2 books from the grade level list to read



READ the entire book (s)



COMPLETE the log (rate each book, write summary sentence)



Be prepared to participate in a “book talk”. Students will create a book poster of one book (to be completed in class during the first week of school).

Windham Center School

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Please record your reading on the summer reading log! On the log you are going to record the book titles, authors and rate the book on a scale of 0-5, with zero being the lowest and 5 being the highest. You can also write a summary sentence of the book to help you remember what the story was about.

When you come to fifth grade in the fall you will have an opportunity to have a “book talk” with your peers and share what you read- encouraging others to read. In school you will choose one book that you read and make a book poster that will be displayed.

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Summer 2022 Reading List

Lifeboat 12, Susan Hood (610 L)

ISBN-13: 9781481468848

This novel in verse based on true events tells the story of a boy's harrowing experience on a lifeboat after surviving a torpedo attack during World War II.

With Nazis bombing London every night, it's time for thirteen-year-old Ken to escape. He suspects his stepmother is glad to see him go, but his dad says he's one of the lucky ones—one of ninety boys and girls to ship out aboard the SS City of Benares to safety in Canada.

Life aboard the luxury ship is grand—nine-course meals, new friends, and a life far from the bombs, rations, and his stepmum's glare. And after five days at sea, the ship's officers announce that they're out of danger. They're wrong. Late that night, an explosion hurls Ken from his bunk. They've been hit. Torpedoed! The Benares is sinking fast. Terrified, Ken scrambles aboard Lifeboat 12 with five other boys. Will they get away? Will they survive?

The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise, D Gemeinhart (730 L)

ISBN-13: 9781250196705

Five years. That's how long Coyote and her dad, Rodeo, have lived on the road in an old school bus, criss-crossing the nation. It's also how long ago Coyote lost her mom and two sisters in a car crash.

Coyote hasn't been home in all that time, but when she learns that the park in her old neighborhood is being demolished—the very same park where she, her mom, and her sisters buried a treasured memory box—she devises an elaborate plan to get her dad to drive 3,600 miles back to Washington state in four days...without him realizing it.

Along the way, they'll pick up a strange crew of misfit travelers. Lester has a lady love to meet. Salvador and his mom are looking to start over. Val needs a safe place to be herself. And then there's Gladys...

Over the course of thousands of miles, Coyote will learn that going home can sometimes be the hardest journey of all...but that with friends by her side, she just might be able to turn her "once upon a time" into a "happily ever after."

Sidetracked, Diana Asher (690 L)

ISBN-13: 9781419731396

Seventh-grader Joseph Friedman is friendless and puny, with ADD to boot. He spends most of his time avoiding the class bully and hiding out in the Resource Room. But the Resource Room teacher encourages (i.e., practically forces) him to join the school cross country team, and he meets Heather, a new student who's tough and athletic and refuses to be pushed around by anybody.

The Trail, Meika Hashimoto (780 L)

ISBN-13: 9781338035872

Toby and his friend, Lucas, made a list of things to do the summer before they entered middle school, but now Lucas is gone. So Toby sets out to fulfill the promise he made to his friend, to finish the list by hiking the Appalachian Trail from Velvet Rocks to Mt. Katahdin—an undertaking that he is poorly prepared for—and which will become not only a struggle for survival, but a rescue mission for the starving and abused dog who he finds along the way.

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Blended, Sharon Draper (610 L)

ISBN-13: 9781442495012

Eleven-year-old Isabella's parents are divorced, so she has to switch lives every week: One week she's Isabella with her dad, his girlfriend Anastasia, and her son Darren living in a fancy house where they are one of the only black families in the neighborhood. The next week she's Izzy with her mom and her boyfriend John-Mark in a small, not-so-fancy house that she loves.

Because of this, Isabella has always felt pulled between two worlds. And now that her parents are divorced, it seems their fights are even worse, and they're always about HER. Isabella feels even more stuck in the middle, split and divided between them than ever. And she is beginning to realize that being split between Mom and Dad is more than switching houses, switching nicknames, switching backpacks: it's also about switching identities. Her dad is black, her mom is white. And when her parents, who both get engaged at the same time, get in their biggest fight ever, Isabella doesn't just feel divided, she feels ripped in two. What does it mean to be half white or half black? To belong to half mom and half dad? And if you're only seen as half of this and half of that, how can you ever feel whole?

It seems like nothing can bring Isabella's family together again—until the worst happens. Isabella and Darren are stopped by the police. A cell phone is mistaken for a gun. And shots are fired.

On Thin Ice, Michael Northrop (640 L)

ISBN-13: 9780545495905

If I did something risky now, something big -- it's almost like it wouldn't even be my fault. Almost like it might even work. Ked Eakins is about to lose everything. He's just discovered that his dad has gambled away their rent money. They're going to get kicked out of their home. But Ked is determined to fight back. He hatches a plan to save their apartment by rebuilding a vintage minibike in his school's maker space, which he'll sell for a profit. Still, the plan is a gamble of his own: Going to maker space forces Ked into the path of a school bully, who torments him about his progressive spinal condition. Can Ked -- with the help of some unlikely new friends -- find a way to fix the bike and save his family from going under before it's too late? *New York Times* bestselling author Michael Northrop has written a powerful story about a boy who -- against all odds -- decides to bet on himself and create something new from broken pieces.

Wildfire, Rodman Philbrick (700 L)

ISBN-13: 9781338713640




































12-year-old Sam is trapped by explosive flames and deadly smoke that threaten to take his life. Can he survive? Flames race toward Sam Castine's summer camp as evacuation buses are loading, but Sam runs back to get his phone. Suddenly, a flash of heat blasts him as pine trees explode. Now a wall of fire separates Sam from his bus, and there's only one thing to do: Run for his life. Run or die.

Lungs burning, Sam's only goal is to keep moving. Drought has made the forest a tinderbox, and Sam struggles to remember survival tricks he learned from his late father. Then, when he least expects it, he encounters Delphy, an older girl who is also lost. Their unlikely friendship grows as they join forces to find civilization. The pace never slows, and eventually flames surround Sam and Delphy on all sides. A powerful bond is forged that can only grow out of true hardship -- as two true friends beat all odds and outwit one of the deadliest fires ever.

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My Summer Reading Log



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