



## Entering Grade 5 Suggested Reading List

The following is a list of suggested books to read and includes some of our favorite authors. Books labeled in red are new books added to the list this year. This list is also located at [www.mcamustangs.org](http://www.mcamustangs.org)

### Suggested Bibles and Bible Reading:

*NIV Adventure Bible* by Lawrence O. Richards

YouVersion app – (students may access devotionals and Bible stories for kids.)

Parable of the Sower: Matthew 13:1-23

The Good Samaritan: Luke 10: 25-37

Parable of the Talents: Matthew 25:14-30

Parable of Lost Things: Luke 15: 1-32

### Favorite Series (arranged by Lexile Level):

560L – *The Treehouse Series* by Andy Griffiths

790-850L- *Great Brain* by John D. Fitzgerald

590-690L- *Brixton Brothers* by Mac Barnett

810-850L- *Cooper Kids Adventures* by Frank Peretti

610-770L- *Sir Cumference* math series by Cindy Neuschwander

810-860L- *Book Scavengers* by Jennifer Bertman

640-650L- *Prince Warriors Series* by Priscilla Shirer

880-910L- *Great Illustrated Classics*- multiple authors

640-790L- *Hero Series* by Jennifer Li Shottz

*Left Behind--Kids* by Jerry Jenkins and Tim LaHaye

660-670L- *Life According to Og the Frog* by Betty Birney

*Get to Know...* by Nancy Sanders (Bible characters)

700-770L- *Wild World of Buck Bray* by Judy Young

### Single Titles (arranged by Lexile Level):

#### 500-600L

510L – *Banjo* by Graham Salisbury

570L- *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate

550L – *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

570L- *Wild River* by P.J. Peterson

560L – *Because of Mr. Terrupt* by Rob Buyea

580L- *Fighting Ground* by Avi

570L-*The One and Only Bob* by Katherine Applegate

590L- *Roll* by Darcy Miller

#### 600-700L

610L- *Piper Reed Navy Brat* by Kimberly Willis Holt

680L- *Framed* by James Ponti

610L- *Turtle in Paradise* by Jennifer L. Holm

680L- *Trapped* by James Ponti

630L- *Night Fairy* by Laura Amy Schlitz

690L- *Ground Zero* by Alan Gratz

630L- *Wild River* by Rodman Philbrick

700L- *Masterpiece* by Elise Broach

650L- *Mike Stellar: Nerves of Steel* by K. A. Holt

700L- *Calli Be Gold* by Michelle Weber Hurwitz

670L- *Cinderella Smith* by Stephanie Barden

700L- *Capture the Flag* by Kate Messner

670L- *Diamond Willow* by Helen Frost

700L - *Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar

690L- *Vanished* by James Ponti

700L- *Fort* by Cynthia DeFelice

690L- *Quarterback Season* by Fred Bowen

700L- *Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper

## 700-800L

710L- *The Doughnut Fix* by Jessie Janowitz  
710L- *The Doughnut King* by Jessie Janowitz  
720L- *Double Dog Dare* by Lisa Graff  
730L- *Kid Who Ran for President* by Dan Gutman  
730L- *Restart* by Gordon Korman  
750L- *Four Story Mistake* by Elizabeth Enright  
750L- *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia  
760L- *Gone-Away Lake* by Elizabeth Enright  
760L- *Elvis and the Underdogs* by Jenny Lee

720L- *Two Times A Traitor* by Karen Bass  
720L- *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein  
760L- *Chicken Soup for the Kids Soul* by Jack Canfield  
770L- *Klipfish Code* by Mary Casanova  
770L- *Trouble River* by Betsy Byars  
770L- *Secret of Zoom* by Lynne Jonell  
780L- *Then There Were Five* by Elizabeth Enright  
790L- *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio  
800L- *The Harlem Charade* by Natasha Tarpley

## 800-900L

800L- *Fledgling* by Jane Langton  
810L- *Roller Skates* by Ruth Sawyer  
810L- *Thimble Summer* by Elizabeth Enright  
820L- *Saturdays* by Elizabeth Enright  
820L- *Once Upon a Camel* by Kathi Appelt  
830L- *King of the Wind* by Marguerite Henry  
830L- *Extra Credit* by Andrew Clements

830L- *Call it Courage* by Armstrong Sperry  
840L- *Strider* by Beverly Cleary  
860L- *Homesick, My Own Story* by Jean Fritz  
860L- *Tom's Midnight Garden* by Philippa Pearce  
870L- *Every Living Thing* by Cynthia Rylant  
880L- *Justin Morgan Had a Horse* by Marguerite Henry  
890L- *Steal Away Home* by Lois Ruby

## 900-1000L

910L- *Search for Delicious* by Natalie Babbitt  
930L- *Midnight Fox* by Betsy Byers  
930L- *Dogsong* by Gary Paulson  
980L- *Five Children and It* by E. Nesbit  
1000L- *Album of Horses* by Marguerite Henry

1000L- *Homer Price* by Robert McCloskey  
1010L- *Ben and Me* by Robert Lawson  
1050L- *Rabbit Hill* by Robert Lawson  
1120L- *Blue Fairy Book* by Andrew Lang  
1200L- *Bird's Christmas Carol* by Kate Douglas Wiggin

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