

LCS Summer Reading List for Students Entering Fifth Grade

Required Reading and Project: Choose one of these two books	<u><i>Joey Pigza Loses Control</i></u> by Jack Gantos	realistic fiction	800	5.2	11	Make a postcard pretending you are Joey. Your postcard will be written to your (Joey's) mother. Include some of the things you did with your father. It should be a highlight of Joey's favorite moments of his trip with his dad to Pennsylvania. Be creative and include a picture on the front.
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SUGGESTED Reading List

STUDENTS MUST CHOOSE 3
BOOKS FROM BELOW

Author	Title	Type of Book	Lexile	Reading Level	RC Points	Description
Porter	<u><i>Pollyanna</i></u>	realistic fiction	870	5.8	12	This is the story of an orphan girl with an irresistible love for life, who is sent East to live with her spinster aunt.
DiCamillo	<u><i>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</i></u>	fantasy	700	4.5	6	Edward Tulane is a selfish, thoughtless toy rabbit until he loses the little girl who loves him.
Spyri	<u><i>Heidi</i></u>	action, realistic fiction	960	7.9	15	A Swiss orphan is heartbroken when she must leave her grandfather and their home in the mountains to go to school and to care for an invalid girl in the city.
Hesse	<u><i>The Music of Dolphins</i></u>	fiction	560	4.7	4	This story centers around a girl who was raised by dolphins for most of her life.
Farley	<u><i>The Black Stallion</i></u>	action/adventure, fiction	680	6.5	12	While he is returning home after visiting his uncle in India, Alec Ramsay nearly loses his life when his ship sinks during a storm. Follow the adventures of Alec and the stallion that saves his life.
Levy	<u><i>My Life as a Fifth Grade Comedian</i></u>	humorous fiction	520	3.5	9	Although Bobby's father thinks that Bobby might be expelled just like his older brother, with the encouragement of a new fifth-grade teacher, Bobby tries to channel his penchant for humor into a learning experience.
Lupica	<u><i>Heat</i></u>	fiction	940	5.5	14	Michael, an unusually talented twelve-year-old pitcher has a lot going on at home that only his best friend and the kindly lady upstairs of his apartment know about.
Smith	<u><i>Chocolate Fever</i></u>	fiction	680	4.8	3	Henry Green loved chocolate so much that he ate it at every meal. One morning he broke out in large, brown chocolate smelling spots and was diagnosed with "Chocolate Fever".
Ryan	<u><i>Esperanza Rising</i></u>	fiction	750	5.5	11	Set during the Great Depression in the United States, Esperanza's story also stems from a series of historical events in Mexico.
Lewis	<u><i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i></u>	fantasy, fiction	940	6.1	9	Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into a magic land of Narnia.