

Book Assignment—Summer 2010
Incoming 5th Graders

Your summer reading book is A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck. After you finish reading it, be prepared to write about and discuss the following when you return to school in September:

- What message did you take away from this book?
- Who were your favorite characters?
- What questions do you still have about this book?
- Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

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Summer is a time to enjoy reading...books, magazines, comic books, newspapers, and even directions for projects and shortcuts for video games!! Select books that you will enjoy, and are at your own level. Do try to read every day for at least 30 minutes. Enjoy!!

Here are some suggestions for books you can most likely find at your local library. In addition, websites such as KidsReads.com (includes a link to Great Books for Boys) and [Wikispaces.com/5th+grade+](http://Wikispaces.com/5th+grade+ favorites) favorites have some terrific and up-to-date recommendations.

[A Wind in the Door](#) by Madeleine L'Engle
[Anne of Green Gables](#) by L.M. Montgomery
[Mick Hart was Here](#) by Barbara Park
[The Great Brain](#) by John Fitzgerald
[Poppy](#) by Avi
[Running Out of Time](#) by Margaret Peterson Haddix
[Princess Academy](#) by Shannon Hale
[Castle in the Air](#) by Elizabeth Winthrop
[Silverwing](#) by Kenneth Oppel
[Hatchet](#) by Gary Paulsen
[Harris and Me: A Summer Remembered](#) by Gary Paulsen
[Spring-Heeled Jack](#) by Philip Pullman
[The Westing Game](#) by Ellen Raskin
[The Boy who Saved Baseball](#) by John Ritter
[Soup and Me](#) by Robert Peck
[My Side of the Mountain](#) by Jean Craighead George
[Walk Two Moons](#) by Sharon Creech
[View from the Cherry Tree](#) by Willo Davis Roberts
[M.C. Higgins the Great](#) by Virginia Hamilton
[Dear Napoleon I Know You're Dead But...](#) by Elvira Woodruff