Dear Parents and Students,

The Twelve Rules of Summer Reading:
Read…Read again…Read some more…Read anything…Read about everything…Read enjoyable things…Read things you yourself enjoy…Read and discuss it…Read carefully some things…Read on the run, many things…Don’t think about reading, but…Just read!

Required Reading

We ask that every child purchase and read Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper and be prepared to discuss the novel during the first two weeks of school.

Suggested Reading

Following please find some recommendations from your 5th grade teachers:

Alexander, Kwame. The Crossover, Booked, and Rebound. Three novels in verse describing fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars, Josh and Jordan wrestling with highs and lows on and off the court. (FIC ALE)

Barnhill, Kelli. The Girl Who Drank the Moon. Luna, whose magical abilities are emerging, was raised in the forest by a witch, a swamp monster, and a dragon, but when a young man from the Protectorate is determined to kill the witch, Luna must use her magic to protect her family. (Winner of the 2017 Newbery Medal) (FIC BAR)
Bell, Cece. **El Deafo.** The author recounts in graphic novel format her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her "superpower." (B BEL)

Bryan, Ashley. **Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life.** Draws on original slave auction and plantation estate documents to contrast the monetary value of a slave with the priceless value of the life experiences and dreams that a slave owner could never take away. (FIC BRY)

Burnett, Frances Hodgson. **The Secret Garden.** Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden. (FIC BUR)

Davis, Mo’ne. **Mo’ne Davis: Remember My Name.** At the age of thirteen, Mo’ne Davis became the first female pitcher to win a game in the Little League World Series and the first Little Leaguer to be featured on the cover of *Sports Illustrated.* (B DAV)

Funke, Cornelia. **The Thief Lord.** Two brothers, having run away from the aunt who plans to adopt the younger one, are sought by a detective hired by their aunt, but they have found shelter with--and protection from--Venice's "Thief Lord." (FIC FUN)

Goin, K.L. **The Liberation of Gabriel King.** In Georgia during the summer of 1976, Gabriel, a white boy who is being bullied, and Frita, an African American girl who is facing prejudice, decide to overcome their many fears together as they enter fifth grade. (FIC GOI)

Green, Tim. **Football Genius.** Troy, a sixth-grader with an unusual gift for predicting football plays before they occur, attempts to use his ability to help his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons, but he must first prove himself to the coach and players. (FIC GRE) (Series)

Hunt, Lynda Mullaly. **Fish in a Tree.** Each time Ally lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever distractions, however, her new teacher, Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the troublemaker. (FIC HUN)
Leacock, Elspeth. *Turning Fifteen on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March.* As the youngest marcher in the 1965 voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, Lynda proves that young adults can be heroes. (B LOW)

Lowry, Lois. *Number the Stars.* In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis. (FIC LOW)

McKissack, Patricia. *Black Diamond: the Story of the Negro Baseball Leagues.* Traces the history of baseball in the Negro Leagues and its great heroes, including Monte Irwin, Buck Leonard and Cool Papa Bell. (796.35 McK)

Mitchell, Saundra. *Fifty Impressive Kids and their Amazing (and True!) Stories (They Did What?)* A collection of biographies profiling some of the most influential kids in history and today. These kids prove that fulfilling your dreams and making a difference in the world isn’t just for grown-ups! (920 MIT)

Mull, Brandon. *The Candy Shop War.* When fifth-graders Nate, Summer, Trevor, and Pigeon meet the owner of the new candy store in town and are given a magical candy that endows them with super powers, they find that along with its benefits there are also dangerous consequences. (FIC MUL) (Series)

Paulsen, Gary. *My Life in Dog Years.* The author describes some of the dogs that have had special places in his life, including his first dog, Snowball, in the Phillippines; Dirk, who protected him from bullies; and Cookie, who saved his life. (B PAU)

Pennypacker, Sara. *Pax.* The story of Peter and a fox called Pax, whom he rescued as a kit, but when he’s forced to let Pax go, Peter goes in search of his beloved friend. (FIC PEN)

Chokshi, Roshani. *Aru Shah.* 12 year old Aru Shah has a tendency to stretch the truth in order to fit in at school. While her classmates are jetting off to family vacations in exotic locales, she’ll be spending her autumn break at home, in the Museum of Ancient Indian Art and Culture, waiting for her mom to return from her latest archeological trip. Is it any wonder that Aru makes up stories about being royalty, traveling to Paris, and having a chauffeur? (FIC CHO)
Stewart, Trenton Lee. **The Mysterious Benedict Society.** After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission to foil an evil master who plans to take over the world.  *(FIC STE) (Series)*

Taylor, Theodore. **The Cay.** Phillip Enright, and the ship's cat are castaways on a barren Caribbean island after their ship is torpedoed during World War II.  *(FIC TAY)*

Thimmesh, Catherine. **Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women.** Tells the story of how women throughout the ages have responded to situations confronting them in daily life by inventing such items as correction fluid, space helmets, and disposable diapers.  *(920 THI)*

Woodson, Jacqueline. **Brown Girl Dreaming.** In vivid poems that reflect the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, an award-winning author shares what it was like to grow up in the 1960s and 1970s in both the North and the South.  *(B WOO)*

Yee, Lisa. **Millicent Min, Girl Genius.** In a series of journal entries, eleven-year-old child prodigy Millicent Min records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother's departure, and make friends over the course of a summer.  *(FIC YEE) (Series)*

Thompson, Lee. **The Goldfish Boy.** Matthew Corbin suffers from severe obsessive-compulsive disorder. He hasn't been to school in weeks. When a toddler goes missing, it becomes apparent that Matthew was the last person to see him alive. Matthew is the key to potentially saving a child's life... but is he able to do so if it means stepping out from the safety of his home?  *(FIC THO)*

Behar, Lee. **Lucky Broken Girl.** Ruthie Mizrahi, a young Cuban-Jewish immigrant from Cuba, is adjusting to her new life when her American dream is suddenly derailed. A car accident leaves her in a body cast and confined to her bed for a long recovery. As Ruthie’s world shrinks, her powers of observation and her heart grow larger and she comes to understand how friends, neighbors, and the power of the arts can sweeten even the worst of times.  *(FIC BEH)*
Perez, Celia C. **The First Rule of Punk.** On Day One of school, twelve-year-old Malú (María Luisa, if you want to annoy her) inadvertently upsets Posada Middle School’s queen bee, violates the school’s dress code with her punk rock look, and disappoints her college-professor mom in the process. **(FIC PER)**

Buyea, Rob. **The Perfect Score.** No one likes or wants to take the statewide assessment tests. The whole school is in a frenzy with test time approaching. When one of the kids has a big idea for acing the tests, they’re all in. But things get ugly before they get better, and in the end, the real meaning of the perfect score surprises them all. **(FIC BUY)**

Messenger, Shannon. **Keeper of the Lost Cities.** Twelve-year-old Sophie has never quite fit into her life. And Sophie has a secret—she’s a Telepath, someone who can read minds. But the day Sophie meets Fitz, she learns she’s not alone. He’s a Telepath too, and it turns out the reason she has never felt at home is that, well…she isn’t. Fitz opens Sophie’s eyes and almost instantly she is forced to leave behind her family for a new life in a place that is vastly different from what she has ever known. **(FIC MES)** Series

McCarthy, Meghan. **Pop: The Accidental Invention of Bubble Gum.** Gum. It’s been around for centuries—from the ancient Greeks to the American Indians, everyone’s chewed it. But the best kind of gum—bubble gum!—wasn’t invented until 1928, when an enterprising young accountant at Fleer Gum and Candy used his spare time to experiment with different recipes. **(664 MCC)**