

St. Mary's Episcopal School
2020-2021, Summer Reading List
Grade 5

1. **Required Summer Reading:** *Louisiana's Way Home* by Kate DiCamillo—Girls will need to bring this book to literature class the first week of school.
2. **Requirements during the school year (not to be read during the summer):**
 - **Letters from Rifka*, by Karen Hesse: 2nd quarter
 - **Freedom Train*, by Dorothy Sterling: 3rd quarter
 - **Tuck Everlasting*, by Natalie Babbitt: 4th quarter
3. **Choose at least one book that you have not already read from the following list:** Since this book will be the subject of your first book report, you will need to bring it when you return to school in August. You must also complete the attached Summer Reading Log, and bring it to Literature class during the first week of school.

***The Frog Prince* by ED Baker:** Fourteen-year-old Princess Emeralda meets a frog that needs a kiss to turn him back to Prince Eadric, his identity before an evil witch cast a spell on him. Emeralda kisses the frog, turns into a frog, and both search for the witch and a spell reversal.

***Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Balliet:** Set in Chicago, a Vermeer painting is stolen and Petra and Calder, two bright, quirky sixth-graders, come together to solve the crime that has the whole world baffled. **(2005 Edgar Award for Best Juvenile Mystery)**

***The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters* by Jeanne Birdsall:** The motherless Penderwick sisters, Rosalind, 12; Sky, 11; Jane, 10; and Batty, 4, spend the summer in a Berkshire cottage with their botanist father and protective dog, Hound. The cottage is on the grounds of a mansion owned by snobby Mrs. Tifton whose young son Jeffrey, with whom the girls become friends, is a brilliant pianist forced by his mother to attend military school. Rosalind also has a crush on the cute, 18-year-old gardener.

***The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett:** Bratty, spoiled and orphaned Mary Lennox is sent to live with Uncle Archibald Craven at Misselthwaite Manor in England where she discovers an overgrown garden, closed since her aunt's death ten years ago, and invalid cousin Colin, shut away in a hidden room. Mary soon begins transforming the garden into a thing of beauty than changes her and Colin, too.

***Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko:** In 1935, when Alcatraz was a prison for notorious criminals like Al Capone, 12-year-old Moose moves there so his father can work as a prison guard and his autistic sister Natalie can attend a special school in San Francisco. Not only does Moose have to leave the baseball team and fit in at a new school, he must avoid getting caught up in the warden's irresistible daughter Piper's countless plots, and keep an eye on his sister Natalie. **(2005 Newbery Honor Book)**

***Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr:** The true story of a Japanese girl who develops leukemia because of the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima. During long hospital stays, she makes origami cranes to pass the time. Her goal is to make 1000, but she dies with only 644 completed. Sadako's classmates finish making the cranes, and all 1000 are buried with her.

***The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell* by Chris Colfer:** Twins Alex and Conner Bailey are given a fairy-tale book by their grandmother. The twins fall into the book and into the very weird Land of Stories where goldilocks is a fugitive, Red Riding Hood runs her own kingdom, and Cinderella is a queen about to become a mother! The twins try to get back home, but Evil Queen is hot on her trail preventing them from doing so.

***Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo:** Through the love she gains from her adopted pet Winn-Dixie, ten-year-old Opal gains the courage to ask her father about the mother who abandoned him. **(2001 Newbery Honor Book)**

***Olive's Ocean* by Keven Henkes:** Martha's classmate Olive Barstow was killed by a car a month before Martha leaves for her summer at Cape Cod. Martha can't understand why Olive's mother gives her a page from her daughter's journal when Martha wasn't even that friendly with Olive. The journal reveals that Olive, like Martha, also wanted to be a writer, to see the ocean, and "hoped to get to know Martha Boyle as she is the nicest person in my whole entire class." Martha is touched by this and awed by their similarities. That summer, Martha experiences her first kiss, her first betrayal, a first boyfriend, and deepens her relationship with Godbee, her elderly grandmother. **(2004 Newbery Honor Book)**

***The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame:** The story follows the adventures of a fearless animal foursome: agreeable Mole, good-natured, water-loving Water Rat, society-hating Badger, boastful Toad, and the rest of the creatures they meet along the way.

***The Goose Girl* by Shannon Hale:** Ani, Crown Princess of Kildenree, can speak to animals. The king dies and the queen announces that Ani's brother, not Ani, will succeed her on the throne, as the queen has promised Ani in marriage to the Prince of Bayern. Ani is betrayed by lady-in-waiting Selia and most of her guards. She escapes, takes the name "Isi," disguises herself, and becomes a tender of geese until she can reveal her true identity and reclaim her crown from imposter Selia.

***A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L 'Engle:** Meg, Charles Wallace, and their friend Calvin dangerously search through space for their missing scientist-father by means of a "tesseract," or wrinkle in time, and arrive at the dark planet Camazotz, whose puppetlike inhabitants are controlled by IT, a brain without a body. (1963 Newbery Award)

***The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis:** In this first book in the Chronicles of Narnia Series, Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy find a passage in a wardrobe to the land of Narnia where they help the lion Aslan save Narnia from the White Witch, who has the land locked in perpetual winter.

***Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery:** Orphan Anne dreams of being part of a proper family and is thrilled when she is chosen by the Cuthberts to help them on their Green Gables farm. Although they wanted a boy, Anne soon wins them over.

***Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor:** Eleven-year-old Marty Preston finds a mistreated beagle pup in Friendly, West Virginia, but he is not prepared for the ethical questions he has to face. Should he return the dog to its owner, only to have the animal abused again? Should he tell his parents? Should he steal food to help the poor creature? Marty's efforts to cope with these questions provide the moral backbone for this story.
(1992 Newbery Award)

***The Lightning Thief: Percy Jackson and the Olympians* by Rick Riordan:** Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson is expelled from another school because he clashed with mythological monsters only he can see and is taken to Camp Half-Blood where he learns he is a demigod, and his father is the Greek god Poseidon, ruler of the sea. A prophecy from the Oracle sends Percy on his first quest, a mission to the Underworld to prevent a war among the gods of Olympus.

***The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick:** Orpah, clock keeper, and thief Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. An eccentric, bookish girl and a bitter old man who runs a toy booth in the station put Hugo's undercover life in jeopardy. A cryptic drawing, a notebook, a stolen key, a mechanical man, and a hidden message from Hugo's dead father form the backbone of this spellbinding mystery. **(2008 Caldecott Award Winner)**

***The Case of the Missing Marquess* by Nancy Springer:** Fourteen-year-old Enola Holmes, the much younger sister of detectives Sherlock and Mycroft, is a late-life baby, a scandal in Victorian society. She investigates the disappearance of their 64-year-old mother who leaves ciphers explaining why she left and how she is doing. Enola escapes from boarding school and her protective brothers, goes to London to look for her mom, but also solves the disappearance of young Viscount Tewksbury, the "Missing Marquess."

***When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead:** In 1979 New York City, a sixth-grader Miranda's best friend Sal abruptly quits being her friend, mysterious notes accurately predicting the future arrive (as she reads *A Wrinkle in Time* and tries to learn about time travel,) her apartment keys disappears, a homeless, crazy guy annoys her on the way to school, and her mom is practicing to appear on Dick Clark's \$20,000 Pyramid quiz show. All this comes together at the end of this **2009 Newbery Award winner**.

***Surviving the Applewhites* by Stephanie S. Tolan:** Thirteen-year-old bratty Jake Semple has been expelled from several schools before being homeschooled by the Applewhites, a quirky, rural North Carolina "artistic dynasty" family. Since the family doesn't believe in telling students what or when to study, Jake is left to his own devices. As he becomes involved in the family's production of *The Sound of Music*, Jake allows himself to belong and begins to discover his own potential. **(2003 Newbery Honor Book)**

***Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief* by Wendelin Van Draanen:** Living illegally in her grandmother's no-kids-allowed retirement community while her actor parents travel about working, Sammy sees a thief stealing something from a room at the Heavenly Hotel across the street. The thief sees Sammy, who tries to solve the mystery of the hotel thief before the thief finds her and before the police discover that she has been living illegally with her grandmother. **(1999 Edgar Award for Best Juvenile Mystery)**

You may also choose any other book written by an author on this list. Please use the Summer Reading Log to keep a record of books that you read both from this list and other titles not on this list. Bring your reading log to class during the first week of school. I love knowing what books you enjoy!

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Parental Permission is required for all reading.

2019 - 2020 Summer Reading Log

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