

## Grade 5 Suggested Summer Reading List

**Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth Speare** A pioneer boy is left by his father to guard their homestead. He survives because of the friendship of the Indian chief's son.

**Snow Treasure by May McSwigan** Can the boys and girls of Norway smuggle thousands of pounds of gold past the eyes of the German Nazi guards? Read to find how their clever plan works!

**The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes** Read about two girls who repented of making fun of a classmate who claimed she had 100 dresses in her closet--a most touching story!

**The Brooklyn Bridge by Elizabeth Mann** The fascinating story of why and how this famous bridge was built is enhanced with photos, diagrams, and illustrations.

**The Borrowers\* by Mary Norton** Enter the small world of the little people called the Borrowers. Enjoy the way many items are recycled for use as beds, dressers, dishes, etc.

**The Well\* by Mildred Taylor** After sharing their well with all, black and white, during a severe drought, the Logans are persecuted by neighbors, ending in shame for those who are not kind to others.

**All-of-a-Kind Family\* by Sydney Taylor** 5 Jewish sisters, ages 12, 10, 8, 6, and 4, have lots of fun as they live in NYC just before WWI. Learn about the Jewish celebration of Old Testament feasts.

**Insectlopedia by Douglas Florian** These fun poems are matched perfectly with the illustrations.

**Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink** A tomboy experiences Indians and enjoys daily farm life.

**The Door in the Wall by Marguerite De Angeli** Set during a plague in the Middle Ages, this book shows the crippled boy Robin finding his door in the wall.

**Henry and Ribsy by Beverly Cleary** Meet Beverly Cleary's famous friends, Henry and Ribsy, as Henry has many adventures with his dog.

**The Perilous Road by William Steele** Learn the meaning of courage as a Tennessee mountain boy experiences the terror of war during the Civil War.

**Hero: Hurricane Rescue\* by Jennifer Shotz** Join search-and-rescue dog Hero, who must find and rescue Jack, Scout his pup, and a group of campers during a dangerous hurricane.

**Blue Willow by Doris Gates** A migrant worker girl holds on to her beloved blue willow plate as a symbol of her longed-for home. Will she ever have a home of her own?

**Otto of the Silver Hand by Howard Pyle** When robber barons attack the castle and kidnap little Otto what they ask for is almost more than he can bear. A fascinating adventure from medieval times!

**Florence Nightingale by Ruth Hume** Enjoy this and other biographies in the Landmark series.

**The Kite Fighters by Linda Sue Park** Set in old Japan, this book shows brothers becoming friends.

**Stubby, the War Dog by Ann Bausum** The true story of the bravest dog in World War I who even learned to salute!

**Hunchback Joe by S. Bison** This book shows God's providence in life and His care for the afflicted and needy.

**The Holy War by John Bunyan** Try this Christian classic as a family read-aloud.

\* These books are from a series, and you may enjoy reading more books from the series.