for students entering grade 5

Earn BINGO by completing five squares in a row -How many bingos can you earn? up, down, across, or diagonally! Have fun reading this summer!

Student Name:	Parents, please sign here at the end of the summer:			
Read a book about pioneer life Title:	Read a book about sports Title:	Read a great picture book CASTLE WINDOWS AND THE STATE OF THE STATE O	Read historical fiction Title:	Read a book about planets or the universe Title:
Read a book about an animal Title:	Read a poetry book Title:	Read a mystery book MYSTERY Title:	Read a book about the American Revolution Title:	Read a book by a local author Title:
Read at the beach (or outside) Title:	Read a newspaper article Title:	Sign up for Thayer Library's Summer Reading program and start logging your books!	Read a biography Title:	Read a fable or tall tale AREAD TABLES Title:
Read a book about a fifth grader Title:	Read a fantasy or an adventure book Title:	Read a book about colonial life Title:	Read to an adult Title:	Read an award-winning book Title:
Read a book about nature or the environment Title:	Read a story about people in another culture Title:	Read to a younger child, a pet, or a stuffed animal	Read a realistic fiction book Title:	Interview an adult about World War II Who?

Students entering grade 5 are usually ready to do some independent reading. Even though they can read on their own, it's still fine to read books aloud or together as you complete the squares on the bingo board.

No need to initial each square—just sign at the end of the summer to indicate that your child read all of the books that he or she has filled into the board. Children will bring their boards to school in September, so watch for news about bingo recognitions from your school!

As you help your child select books to read this summer, please consider this list a starting point. These titles are suggestions from teachers across town and the librarians at Thayer Library. None of these are required reads, and students are welcome to read from the grade levels above or below their own. We hope you find this list helpful as you look for new great reads and perhapsrevisit some old favorites.

Suggested books for students entering fifth grade...

The Series of Unfortunate Events Series by Lemony Snicket Black Beauty by Anna Sewell Bud, Not Buddy by Paul Christopher Curtis The Guardians of Ga'hoole Series by Kathryn Lasky The *Dealing with Dragons* Series by Patricia Wrede Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine The *Emmy* Series by Lynne Jonnell Eragon by Christopher Paolini Fablehaven by Brandon Mull The King of Mulberry Street by Donna Jo Napoli The Lionboy Books by Zizou Corder Magyk by Angie Sage The Molly Moon Series by Georgia Byng On the Wings of Heroes by Richard Peck The *Penderwicks* Books by Jeanne Birdsall Prince of Fenway Park by Julianna Baggot The Redwall Series by Brian Jacques The Rowan of Rin Series by Emily Rodda Ruby Holler by Sharon Creech The Secret Garden by Frances Burnett The Spiderwick Chronicles Series by Tony DiTerlizzi The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope you and your student are enjoying the conclusion to a productive school year. During the school year, students have many opportunities to read and listen to books. Your support for those same reading experiences at home will help your child continue to grow as a reader, writer, thinker, and learner.

As you plan for the summer, please consider the literacy experiences your child will have in these months away from the classroom. Book Bingo is a great way to keep up the learning and the fun! Use the board on the back of this page to earn bingo (or more than one bingo!) as you read this summer.

In addition to local bookstores and online booksellers, the Thayer Public Library is a valuable (and free!) local resource. If you need help in selecting books, do not hesitate to ask the librarian!

For those of you planning travel this summer, consider going beyond the bookshelves and print pages to include audio books in your child's experience. These are available at the library on CD or on iTunes. While audio books are not a replacement for reading, they are a wonderful supplement, especially when experienced with a copy of the actual book.

As you explore these opportunities, remember that summer reading is for pleasure! I hope you and your child find many enjoyable books and stories to be part of your summer. I look forward to working with you throughout the year to assist with your child's literacy development.

Sincerely,
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