

## ESK 5th Grade Summer Reading List 2017-2018

Students are expected to read at least three books. Students are required to read the core novel, *Running out of Time* and one book of their choice. The summer reading is to be completed before returning to school in August. The core novel will be discussed during literature class.

### **The Required Core Novel:**

#### **Margaret Peterson Haddix *Running out of Time***

When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840 village, thirteen-year-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1995 tourist site under unseen observation by heartless scientists, and it's up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of the dying children.

### **Summer Reading Options:**

#### **J.K. Rowling *Harry Potter Series***

Follow the adventures of Harry Potter after he is rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry.

#### **Wendy Mass *Every Soul a Star***

Three young teens witness a total solar eclipse and are changed forever in this novel, told in alternating narratives, that weaves exciting astronomy facts into the teens' personal lives.

#### **Heidi Schulz *Hook's Revenge***

Twelve-year-old Jocelyn dreams of becoming every bit as daring as her infamous father, Captain James Hook. Her grandfather, on the other hand, intends to see her starched and pressed into a fine society lady.

#### **Mary Ann Rodman *Yankee Girl***

The year is 1964, and Alice Ann Moxley's FBI-agent father has been reassigned from Chicago to Jackson, Mississippi. Alice finds herself thrust into the midst of the racial turmoil that dominates current events, especially when a black girl named Valerie Taylor joins her sixth-grade class.

#### **Douglas Evans *MVP\*: Magellan Voyage Project***

Every kid's dream is to be named Most Valuable Player. But how many ever dream that the game is a race around the world (no flying allowed) in just forty days? That's the challenge Adam faces in the Great Global Game.

#### **Jack London *The Call of the Wild***

Join Buck on his heartbreaking canine adventure is set against the epic backdrop of inhospitable winters in the American wilderness in the 1890s. Will Buck ever come to experience the kinder side of humans?

**Jennifer L. Holm *Sunny Side Up***

After her older brother starts acting strangely, Sunny Lewin is shipped off to Florida to spend the summer with her grandfather. She just wants things to go back to how they were before.

**Patricia C. Wrede *Dealing with Dragons***

Join Princess Cimorene--a princess who refuses to be proper. She is everything a princess is not supposed to be: headstrong, tomboyish smart...And bored - So bored that she runs away to live with a dragon.

**Jean Craighead-George *My Side of the Mountain***

A young boy relates his adventures during the year he spends living alone in the Catskill Mountains including his struggle for survival, his dependence on nature, his animal friends, and his ultimate realization that he needs human companionship.

**Jon Scieszka *Guys Read: Funny Business***

The funny fellow (Jon Scieszka) with the impressive title (Emeritus National Ambassador for Children's Literature) presents a collection of 10 humorous stories by a notable group of talented authors. This book is designed to encourage young people to read.

**Cynthia Lord *Rules***

Twelve-year-old Catherine just wants a normal life. Which is near impossible when you have a brother with autism and a family that revolves around his disability. She's spent years trying to teach David the rules. All of which forces her to ask: What is normal?

**Jacqueline Davies *The Lemonade War***

Fourth-grader Evan Treski is people-smart. He's good at talking with people, even grownups. His younger sister, Jessie, on the other hand, is math-smart, but not especially good with people. So when the siblings' lemonade stand war begins, there really is no telling who will win.

**Jonathan Auxier *Peter Nimble and his fantastic eyes***

*Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes* is the utterly beguiling tale of a blind 10-year-old orphan who has been schooled in a life of thievery. One fateful afternoon, he steals a box from a mysterious haberdasher and embarks on an unforgettable adventure to discover his true destiny.

**Ingrid Law *Savvy***

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.