

Parents of Students Entering the Fifth Grade:

Attached is a recommended summer reading list, three books which are mandatory. A book report form is attached which you may model your reports on.

The Incredible Journey  
The Phantom Tollbooth  
The Castle in the Attic

The other books mentioned are mostly grade appropriate, subject matter grade appropriate. In order to generate a bit more excitement, we are including Chasing The Falconers series by Gordon Korman. The books are fantastically full of adventure, strong moral compass and an exciting way to enjoy reading.

If there are any questions, please give us a call.

Mr. Rosenberg/Mrs. Nolte

**GREENWICH CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUMMER READING  
ENTERING GRADE 5**

**The Incredible Journey** by Sheila Every Burnford. A cat and two dogs travel together 250 miles through the Canadian wilderness to find their family.

**Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes** by Eleanor Coerr. A child in Hiroshima, sick with the “atom bomb disease,” races against time to make herself well.

**Homesick, My Own Story** by Jean Fritz. The author recalls her childhood in China in the 1920’s.

**Joshua’s Song** by Joan Hiatt Harlow. Joshua is a newspaper boy during the influenza epidemic of 1918 in Boston. Then, there is an explosion...

**The Phantom Tollboth** by Norton Juster. Milo travels through a magical tollbooth and ends up trying to end a feud between letters and numbers.

**Fair Weather** by Richard Peck. In 1893, Rosie and her family travel to Chicago to attend the World’s Columbian Exposition. It was a life-changing experience.

**A Year Down Yonder** by Richard Peck. During the recession of 1937, Mary Alice is sent to live with her grandmother in rural Illinois, far from her home in Chicago.

**A Long Way from Chicago** by Richard Peck. A boy remembers his summer trips to rural Illinois to visit his grandmother during the Great Depression.

**Soup** series by Robert Newton Peck. These are the adventures and misadventures of two boys growing up in a small Vermont town.

**All Alone in the Universe** by Lynne Rae Perkins. Debbie is dismayed when her best friend Maureen starts spending more time with boring Glenna.

**Chasing The Falconers** by Gordon Korman – parts 1-3

**Made You Look** by Diane Roberts. Jason dreams of trying out for his favorite TV game show. So, he and his family embark on a cross-country expedition to California.

**Harry Potter** series by J.K. Rowling. Harry and his friends attend a school of witchcraft and wizardry, where they find themselves in danger from dark powers.

**Esperanza Rising** by Pam Munoz Ryan. Mexican immigrants Esperanza and her mother work the fields of Southern California on the eve of the Great Depression.

**A Series of Unfortunate Events** by Lemony Snicket. The Beaudelaire children face a series of misfortunes: murder, kidnapping, lies. Will it every end? (Only books 7-9 are available.)

**The Library Card** by Jerry Spinelli. Four young people in different circumstances are changed by their encounters with books.

**So You Want to be President?** By Judith St. George. Presents an assortment of interesting facts about presidents, from George Washington to George W. Bush.

**Trumpet of the Swan** by E.B. White. A voiceless swan learns to play the trumpet stolen for him by his father. Now he has to pay his father back.

**The Castle in the Attic** by Elizabeth Winthrop. A gift of a toy castle introduces William to a magical adventure and a personal quest.

**Amos Fortune: Free Man** by Elizabeth Yates. In the 1700's, an African prince was brought to Massachusetts by slave traders. This is how he bought his freedom.

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FIFTH GRADE BOOK REPORT



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