

WAKEFIELD COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

Summer Reading List Grade 5

One of Wakefield Country Day School's important goals is that our students learn to enjoy reading a variety of books. The summer reading list is designed with that objective in mind and also with an eye to introducing literature that coordinates with a particular course or theme-- that is of worth and appealing to the students at a given age and that stimulates curiosity and the desire to read more.

Please keep this list in a safe place; you will be asked to refer to it throughout the entire school year.

Students entering Grade 5 must read the books below and will be expected to have a thorough knowledge of these books.

Required Reading (Fiction):

Bridge to Terabithia – Katherine Paterson (ISBN # 978-0060734015)

The Tale of Despereaux – Kate DiCamillo (ISBN # 978-0439692687)

A summary must be written for each novel above using the following format:

Student's Name

Title of Book:

Author:

Setting:

Main characters:

Summary: Included in the summary should be a brief outline of the plot and a comment regarding your favorite part or relating to your personal evaluation of the book.

Required Reading (Non-Fiction):

The New Big Book of U.S. Presidents: Fascinating Facts about Each and Every President, Including an American History Timeline -- Marc Frey (ISBN: 978-0762433377)

For this book, follow these directions:

1. Get 45 index cards.
2. On the first card put the title, "U.S. Presidents" and write your name.
3. On the blank side of each card write the president's name, years in office (ex. 1902-1906) and the number of president he was (1-44).
4. On the lined side, write two interesting facts about the president in complete sentences.
5. Store them in a plastic sandwich bag and bring them in on the first day of school.