

5th Grade Summer Reading List

Notre Dame Academy - 2019-2020

Students entering the 5th grade in the 2019-20 school year must choose one of the following novels to read during their summer break. After reading, the student must complete **one** task on the novel study choice board that is attached. When the students return to school, they will take an AR test on the book. In Literature class, they will discuss the themes in their novel and will complete assignments at the beginning of the school year. A short description is provided with the list below.

Novel	Summary	# of pages	Reading Level	AR Points
Almost Home Author: Joan Bauer	When twelve-year-old Sugar's grandfather dies and her gambling father takes off yet again, Sugar and her mother lose their home in Missouri. They head to Chicago for a fresh start, only to discover that fresh starts aren't so easy to come by for the homeless. Nevertheless, Sugar's mother has taught her to be grateful no matter what, so Sugar does her best. With the help of a rescue dog, Shush, a foster family, a supportive teacher, a love of poetry, and her own grace and good humor, Sugar comes to understand that while she can't control the hand life deals her, she can control how she responds.	273	3.7	6 points Quiz# 154885
Schooled Author: Gordon Korman	Capricorn Cap Anderson has been homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Rain. When Rain is injured in a fall, Cap is forced to attend the local middle school. Although he knows a lot about Zen Buddhism, nothing has prepared him for the politics of public school.	224	4.9	6 Quiz #: 116008 EN
Frindle Author: Andrew Clements	When Nick Allen decides to turn his fifth-grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, he cleverly invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves	112	5.4	2 Quiz #: 16637 EN

	beyond his control.			
Bud Not Buddy Author: Christopher Paul Curtis	Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.	272	5.0	8 Quiz # 29554 EN
Eggs Author: Jerry Spinelli	Mourning the loss of his mother, nine-year-old David forms an unlikely friendship with independent, quirky thirteen-year-old Primrose as the two help each other deal with what is missing in their lives.	240	3.6	4 Quiz # 114833 EN
Crash Author: Jerry Spinelli	Seventh-grader "Crash" Coogan is comfortable with his tough, aggressive behavior, until his relationship with a Quaker boy and his grandfather's stroke make him consider the meaning of friendship and the importance of family.	176	3.6	4 Quiz # 14993 EN
Bloomability Author:	When her aunt and uncle take her from New Mexico to Lugano, Switzerland, to attend an international school, thirteen-year-old Dinnie discovers an expanding world and her place in it.	288	5.2	7 Quiz #. 34713 EN
No Talking Author: Andrew Clements	The noisy fifth-grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth-grade girls to a "no talking" contest.	160	5.0	4 Quiz No. 115396 EN
Sugar Author: Jewell Parker Rhodes	In the 1870s, Reconstruction brings big changes to the Louisiana sugar plantation where spunky ten-year-old Sugar has always lived, including her growing friendship with Billy, the son of her former master, and the arrival of workmen from China.	288	2.9	4 Quiz No. 158360 EN

