

Rising 5th Grade
Summer Reading
2017

Name: _____

Hancock Day School
5th Grade Summer Reading

This summer you will be required to read two amazing books before beginning fifth grade. One novel will be a required reading. The second will be a book of your choice from the list below.

Every student is required to read *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen. When we begin school in August, we will focus on this novel, and an assessment will be given as well.

The second book will be chosen from the list below, and you must complete the attached book review. Book reviews must be submitted on the first day of school. You may choose ONE of the following novels to read:

***Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert O'Brien**

Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with four small children, is faced with a terrible problem. She must move her family to their summer quarters immediately or face almost certain death. But her youngest son, Timothy, lies ill with pneumonia and must not be moved. Fortunately, she encounters the rats of NIMH, an extraordinary breed of highly intelligent creatures, who come up with a brilliant solution to her dilemma. And Mrs. Frisby in turn renders them a great service.

***Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins**

In the first novel by Suzanne Collins, author of *The Hunger Games*, young Gregor embarks on a dangerous quest in order to fulfill his destiny -- and find his father. Gregor falls through a grate in the laundry room of his apartment building and hurtles into the dark Underland. This strange world is on the brink of war, and Gregor's arrival is no accident. A prophecy foretells that Gregor has a role to play in the Underland's uncertain future. Gregor wants no part of it -- until he realizes it's the only way to solve the mystery of his father's disappearance. Gregor embarks on a dangerous adventure that will change both him and the Underland forever. This book is the first in a series of five epic fantasy novels by Suzanne Collins.

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Ivan is an easygoing gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. He rarely misses his life in the jungle. In fact, he hardly ever thinks about it at all.

Instead, Ivan thinks about TV shows he's seen and about his friends Stella, an elderly elephant, and Bob, a stray dog. But mostly Ivan thinks about art and how to capture the taste of a mango or the sound of leaves with color and a well-placed line.

Then he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from her family, and she makes Ivan see their home—and his own art—through new eyes. When Ruby arrives, change comes with her, and it's up to Ivan to make it a change for the better.

Savvy by Ingrid Law

For generations, the Beaumont family has harbored a magical secret. They each possess a "savvy" -a special supernatural power that strikes when they turn thirteen. Grandpa Bomba moves mountains, her older brothers create hurricanes and spark electricity . . . and now it's the eve of Mibs's big day.

Thirteen is when a Beaumont's savvy hits, and Mibs Beaumont is eager to see what she gets. But just before the big day, Poppa is in a terrible accident, and now all Mibs wants is a savvy that will save him. In fact, Mibs is so sure she'll get a powerful savvy that she sneaks a ride to the hospital on a rickety bus with her sibling and the preacher's kids in tow. After this extraordinary adventure—full of talking tattoos and a kidnapping—not a soul on board will ever be the same.

Who was your favorite character? Why? _____

What do you feel are the author's strengths? _____

What do you feel are the author's weaknesses? _____

Would you recommend this book to others? Why or why not? _____
