

## **SUMMER READING LIST** for Grade 5 students entering Grade 6

Please choose **ONE book from this list** and **ONE** book that is **any book of your own choice** you haven't read yet, and read them by the first day of school. For the "free choice" book, please use the back of this paper to take notes on the book because during the first week of school, you will be using these notes to do a one-minute talk about the book in your English class.

### ***Counting by 7's*** by Holly Goldberg Sloan

*Fiction.* Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius for whom it has never been easy to connect with anyone other than her adoptive parents, but that hasn't kept her from leading a quietly happy life . . . until now.

### ***A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story*** by Linda Sue Park

*Historical fiction.* Two stories, told in alternating sections, about two eleven-year-olds in Sudan in 1985, enduring every hardship from loneliness to attack by armed rebels to contact with killer lions and crocodiles.

### ***Warriors #1 Into the Wild*** by Erin Hunter

*Fantasy.* Rusty, a housecat, yearns to be free of his boring existence and joins up with a group of feral cats called Thunderclan, and the adventure begins. Feel free to read any book from this series.

### ***Loot*** by Jude Watson

*Mystery/Adventure.* When master jewel thief Alfie McQuinn dies, he leaves behind a hidden set of clues and cryptic last words for his 12-year-old son to uncover.

### ***Crash*** by Jerry Spinelli

*Sports Fiction.* "Crash" Coogan is the outgoing, confident captain of the football team. Penn Webb is the scrawny sensitive boy who lives down the street. Their story of their relationship is funny and heart-warming.

### ***The Transall Saga*** by Gary Paulsen

*Science Fiction.* A camping trip in the desert turns into a thrilling adventure when a mysterious beam of light transports 13-year-old Mark into another time on what appears to be another planet.

### ***My Life with the Chimpanzees*** by Jane Goodall

*Autobiography.* When she was a young girl, Jane Goodall dreamed of working with animals, and she eventually got her wish. She tells her exciting story of her life working with chimps in an entertaining and inspiring way.

### ***Lucky Strike*** by Bobbie Pyron

*Fiction.* Nate Harlow would love to be lucky, just once. Then, when Nate is struck by lightning—and survives—his luck permanently changes. A magical book filled with quirky, lovable characters. Perfect summer read.

### ***Firegirl*** by Tony Abbott

*Fiction.* Fans of the book *Wonder* won't be able to resist this story of a friendship between a boy and girl with severe burns. Touching story. Easy to read. Hard to forget.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rockport Middle School Summer Reading**  
**Notes on My Free Choice Book**

**Assignment:** Read any age-appropriate book that you haven't read before and use this form to take some notes on it. When you return to school, you will use these notes to give a one-minute talk about the book.

Name of Book: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_

List and describe two of the main characters:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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In general, what was the book about? \_\_\_\_\_

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What was the best part about this book? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is this a book you would recommend to others? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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