



# 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer 2011 Reading List

## Grade 5

### **Mandatory:**

*The Twenty-One Balloons* - William Pene du Bois

### **Choice Book: Choose one of the following -**

1. *Bud, Not Buddy* - Christopher P. Curtis
2. *The Cay* - Theodore Taylor

## Grade 6

### **Mandatory:**

*Number the Stars* - Lois Lowry

### **Choice Book: Choose one of the following -**

1. *Black and Blue Magic* - Zilpha Keatly Snyder
2. *The Slave Dancer* - Paula Fox

## Grade 7

### **Mandatory:**

*The Call of the Wild* - Jack London

### **Choice Book: Choose one of the following -**

1. *Heart of the Shepard* - Roseanne Parry
2. *The Writing on the Wall* - Wendy Lichtman

## Grade 8

### **Mandatory:**

*Across Five Aprils* - Irene Hunt

### **Choice Book: Choose one of the following -**

1. *The Hound of the Baskervilles* - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
2. *And Then There Were None* - Agatha Christie

Students will have assignments to do over the summer that will coincide with the **mandatory** summer reading book. The project for the choice book will be given out when school begins in September. Students will complete the project on their choice book during the second week of school. Have a summer full of wonderful reading adventures.

### **Grade 5 Assignment:**

- Complete one of the one-paragraph essay questions.
- Design Your Own Hot-Air Balloon on paper. Provide an explanation how it works.

### **Grade 6 Assignment:**

- Create a Personal Reflections Diary.

### **Grade 7 Assignment:**

- Create a children's book of the story.

### **Grade 8 Assignment:**

- Writing Assignment: Choice of a letter, a research report on a Civil War General, or a research report on a Civil War Battle.

All work should be your best work. The written work must be in your best cursive handwriting or typed. Written work will be assessed on thoroughness, neatness, grammar, punctuation, and capitalization. Projects will be assessed on creativity/originality, neatness, and following directions. If you have any questions as you are working on the assignments over the summer, please feel free to email Ms. Cookson @ [ecookson@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:ecookson@newburyportcatholic.org). I will get back to you within 24 hours.