

Fifth Grade

Students entering fifth grade are required to read three books. Additional titles are suggested for further reading pleasure. The Hackley Hornets' Nest will not be carrying summer reading books. **Books can be purchased at the Hackley Book Fair, April 23 to 27.**

REQUIRED READING

Bridge to Terabithia, by Katherine Paterson
Jesse reluctantly befriends his new neighbor, Leslie, and discovers her world of imagination and dreams

The Lightning Thief, by Rick Riordan
Percy Jackson knows he doesn't quite fit in at his boarding school, but it isn't until his math teacher turns into a monstrous creature from ancient Greek myth that he realizes there may be more to his story, and if he wants to survive he must find out who he is.

Castle Diary, by Richard Platt
The 'personal journal' of Tobias Burgess, a young man who lived in the Middle Ages.

SUGGESTED READING

Banner in the Sky, by James Ramsey Ullman
You won't be able to put down this suspenseful and gripping novel. Join Matt on his quest to climb in the Alps.

The Book of Three, by Lloyd Alexander
Read this magical fantasy packed with humor and action. This is the first book in the series, *The Prydain Chronicles*.

The Book without Words, by Avi
At the dawning of the Middle Ages, Thorston, an old alchemist, works feverishly to create gold and to dose himself with a concoction that will enable him to live forever. The key to his success lies in a mysterious book with blank pages that can only be read by desperate, green-eyed people.

The Chocolate War and ***Beyond the Chocolate War***, by Robert Cormier
Does Jerry Renault dare to disturb the universe? You wouldn't think that his refusal to sell chocolates during his school's fundraiser would create such a stir, but it does; it's as if the whole school comes apart at the seams. *Beyond the Chocolate War* continues the story of dark deeds at Trinity High School.

Dave at Night, by Gail Carson Levine
The story of Dave Caros, an orphan growing up amid the Harlem Renaissance.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (Harry Potter #6), by J. K. Rowling
The deeds of Voldemort's Death Eaters are spreading even to the Muggle world, which is enshrouded in a mist caused by Dementors draining hope and happiness.

Inheart and ***Inkspell***, by Cornelia Funke
Characters from books literally leap off the page in this engrossing fantasy and its sequel.

Jacob Have I Loved, by Katherine Paterson
This is the story of twin sisters, Caroline and Sara Louise. With Caroline receiving every opportunity, Sara Louise wonders if she will ever have a life of her own.

The Last Book in the Universe, by Rodman Philbrick
Spaz, a boy who lives on the fringes of his surreal future world, partly because epilepsy prevents him from using the mind probes most people use to blot out reality, sets out on a classic quest to save his ill foster sister. To do so, he must cross forbidden territory and face frightening gangs and their leaders.

The Liberation of Gabriel King, by K. L. Going
In Georgia during the summer of 1976, Gabriel, a white boy who is being bullied, and Frita, an African American girl who is facing prejudice, decide to overcome their many fears together as they enter fifth grade.

The Perilous Road, by William Steele
An exciting and suspenseful tale set during the Civil War.

Silent to the Bone, by E.L. Konigsburg
Did the British nanny do it? She says it was 13-year-old Branwell who dropped his baby sister, Nikki, and he's the prime suspect.

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase, by Joan Aiken
This is the exciting first book in the *Wolves Chronicles*.

Sixth Grade

Students entering sixth grade must read four books: two required readings for English; one required reading for history; and at least one each from the Suggested English List. The Hackley Hornets' Nest will not be carrying summer reading books. **Books can be purchased at the Hackley Book Fair, April 23 to 27.**

REQUIRED ENGLISH READING

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, by Mildred D. Taylor
Tells the story of one African American family, fighting to stay together and strong in the face of brutal racist attacks, illness, poverty, and betrayal in the Deep South of the 1930s. Nine-year-old Cassie Logan, growing up protected by her loving family, has never had reason to suspect otherwise.

Where the Red Fern Grows, by Wilson Rawls
Billy and his precious coonhound pups romp relentlessly through the Ozarks, trying to "tree" the elusive raccoon. In time, the inseparable trio wins the coveted gold cup in the annual coon-hunt contest, captures the wily ghost coon, and bravely fights with a mountain lion.

ENGLISH READING LIST (SELECT AT LEAST ONE)

Bronx Masquerade, by Nikki Grimes
While studying the Harlem Renaissance, students at a Bronx high school read aloud poems they've written, revealing their innermost thoughts and fears to their formerly clueless classmates.

Call it Courage, by Armstrong Sperry
An Indian boy, Mafatu, sets out alone to conquer the sea he fears.

Children of the River, by Linda Crew
Sundara fled Cambodia with her aunt's family to escape the Khmer Rouge army when she was thirteen, leaving behind her parents, her brother and sister, and the boy she had loved since she was a child. Now, four years later, she struggles to fit in at her Oregon high school and to be "a good Cambodian girl" at home. A good Cambodian girl never dates; she waits for her family to arrange her marriage to a Cambodian boy, yet...

Coraline, by Neil Gaiman
Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others.

Dragonflight, by Anne McCaffrey

A community called Pern is threatened by a rain-like substance that destroys everything it touches. *Dragonflight* is the first book in the "Dragonriders of Pern" series.

Edurance, by Alfred Lansing

The astonishing tale of Ernest Shackleton and his crew who survived for over a year on the Antarctic seas after their ship was trapped in ice.

Flowers for Algernon, by Daniel Keyes

Charlie Gordon is retarded and all he wants in life is to be a genius. When he gets picked for experimental surgery, it looks like his dream may finally come true. But the surgery has side effects that could kill Charlie. Can Charlie survive being just plain old "Charlie Gordon and will his newfound romance survive this test of character?"

How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents, by Julia Alvarez.

In fifteen stories, follow the four Garcia girls, from the time they leave their home Island until adulthood, as they adjust to living in America.

The Prince and the Pauper, by Mark Twain

Raised in a raucous family of beggars and thieves, Tom dreams and reads of princely life to escape his miserable 16th century London existence. After wandering to Westminster and meeting benevolent Prince Edward Tudor (who bears an uncanny resemblance to the ragamuffin Tom), the pair exchange clothes and, unwittingly, identities.

Rebecca, by Daphne du Maurier

A mysterious old estate and an unusual housekeeper arouse a young bride's suspicions about the death of her husband's first wife.

The Seeing Stone, by Kevin Crossley-Holland

In 12th century England, a boy named Arthur recounts how Merlin gives him a magical seeing stone which reveals the legendary King Arthur, whose life is similar to his.

The Sight, by David Clement-Davies

In Transylvania during the Middle Ages, a pack of wolves sets out on a perilous journey to stop an evil power from controlling all animals.

The Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants, The Second Summer of the Sisterhood and Girls in Pants, by Ann Brashares

They were just a soft, ordinary pair of thrift-shop jeans until the four girls took turns trying them on--four girls, that is, who are close friends, about to be parted for the summer, with very different sizes and builds, not to mention backgrounds and personalities.

Summerland, by Michael Chabon

Ethan Feld, a self-described really bad ball player, is recruited by a 100-year-old scout called Mr. Chiron "Ringfinger" Brown. Ethan is needed to help the ferishers, essentially fairies, to save their world from eradication. On the great infinite tree of worlds, Summerland is on the boundary between two such worlds, and a particularly destructive fairy called Coyote and his band of warriors are nearby and threatening to destroy everything

When I Was Puerto Rican, by Esmeralda Santiago

The author shares her experiences as a child growing up in Puerto Rico.

The Witch of Blackbird Pond, by Elizabeth George Speare

A teen-aged girl moves from her Caribbean home to the colony of Connecticut and immediately comes into conflict with the customs and values of this 17th-century Puritan society.

REQUIRED HISTORY READING

Blood Red Horse, by K. M. Grant

Based on the Third Crusade with England's King Richard I and the Muslim leader Saladin, this novel takes readers from the de Granvilles' Hartslove Castle to the bloody battlefields of the Middle East.

SUGGESTED HISTORY READING LIST

The Ramsay Scallop, by Frances Temple

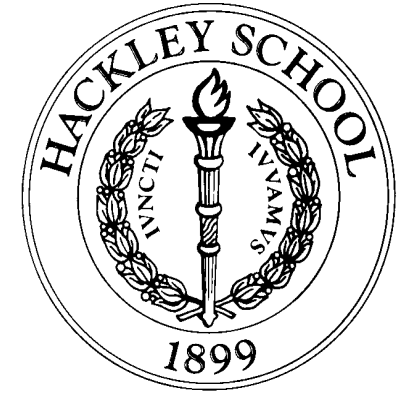
The year is 1299. Fourteen year-old Elenor reluctantly awaits the return of her betrothed - a man she hardly knows - from the Crusade. When the village priest sends the two on a religious pilgrimage before the marriage, both Elenor and Thomas are relieved.

The Beduin's Gazelle, by Frances Temple

It is 1302 and Halima, the gazelle of the title, is betrothed to her cousin Atiyah. Saladeen, a powerful kinsman, sends Atiyah to Fez. After Halima falls into the hands of the enemy, Atiyah sets out to rescue his beloved. With fascinating glimpses of everyday life, the book explores the struggle between Islam and Christianity as well as the story of young people striving to reconcile their individual hopes within the demands of a traditional society.

The Star and the Sword, by Pamela Melnikoff

After their family and the rest of the Jews of Lymford are massacred, Benedict, 12, and his sister Elvira, 10, set out on foot for Oxford, hoping to start a new life. Their journey takes them through Sherwood forest, where they meet Robin Hood, Friar Tuck, Will Scarlet, and all the rest - and embark on an adventure to help a Crusader knight rescue King Richard the Lionhearted.



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SUMMER READING LIST

2006

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING

GRADES 5 AND 6

HACKLEY BOOK FAIR

Allen Memorial Hall

APRIL 23 TO APRIL 27

April 23 (Sunday)	12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
April 24 (Monday)	8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
April 25 (Tuesday)	8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
April 26 (Wednesday)	8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
April 27 (Thursday)	8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.