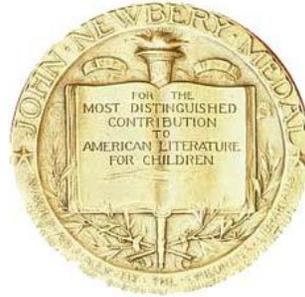


5th Grade Summer Reading

Summer is the perfect time to relax with a book. I like to put aside twenty to thirty minutes in the evening for reading as a healthy life habit. I would prefer that you 'sip' your way through these books rather than 'gulping'. You will find your comprehension as well as your pleasure is deeper.



- I. Choose **one** 2019 Newbery Award novel to read the summer**
- a. *Merci Suárez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina: Using humor and grace, Merci, a charming and plucky protagonist, cycles through life's challenges with the support of her intergenerational family. This richly nuanced novel tackles the complexity of navigating a multicultural identity amidst changing family dynamics.
 - b. *The Night Diary* by Veera Hiranandani: Following introspective Nisha and her family as they flee their homeland for an uncertain future, Hiranandani illuminates the 1947 partition of India with unprecedented balance and sensitivity. Through spare evocative diary entries addressed to her late mother, Nisha discovers the complex beauty of her Hindu-Muslim identity. *(This author will be visiting our school in February!)*
 - c. *The Book of Boy* by Catherine Gilbert Murdock: From Murdock's first line, readers are swept into an epic quest across Europe in 1350 with Boy and a mysterious pilgrim, adventuring to recover seven relics of St. Peter. Layered characters from goats to nuns, lyrical language, and multiple reveals combine to create this powerful story of redemption.

After you read your Newbery choice book, complete the **t-shirt assignment**. I will collect this on the second day of school, although you are welcome to bring it in before then.

Create a t-shirt

Design a t-shirt for this book. Try to capture - at least three- important plot events, character(s), conflicts, symbols, and/or theme(s). Do all of your artwork on the front and write your name on the inside of the backside of the collar, so people can see it when it is displayed.

Along the bottom (front) of the shirt, in “smallish” lettering, include the book’s title. What materials you use are up to you. However, please use a white (or light-colored) youth small or youth medium shirt. I will collect this the second day of school .

II. For your second summer novel, read *The Adventures of a Girl called Bicycle* by Christina Uss



Signposts

Create a document upon which you can document your Signpost responses. Try to have from one to three signposts per chapter. It is easier to find Signposts in the first half of the book, so I expect to see more entries here. While you don't have to do a chart, you do have to document the Signposts type (abbreviated), the example from the book either cited or paraphrased (for longer examples), and your response to the question associated with that Signpost. Every once in a while, a chapter has no signposts, but this is rare.

The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn by Hoobler

Chapter 1

Abbreviation	Book Example	Response to question
W/W	"All religions may have some truth to them We must be sure not to offend any of the gods"	Seikei's father tells him this to remind Seikei to stay on good terms with everyone, especially the gods.
AHA	"Still," said Seikei," it would be better to be a samurai. To have everyone make way for for you."	Seikei realizes that his and his father's outlooks on the Samurai code are very different.
A/A	Samurai	I think this word occurs again and again to show the reader how much Seikei envies the samurai. The samurai way occupies his thoughts and conversations.

Chapter 2

Abbrev.	Book Example	Response to Question
C/C	Seikie's father says that he will not meet with the daimyo, yet he changes his robes and does so anyway.	I think Seikei's father likes to act like he is not interested in politics, but his visit to the daimyo speaks otherwise.

Chapter 3

No signposts.

Chapter 4

Abbrev.	Book Example	Response to Question
M/M	Seikei recalls the story of the <i>jininki</i> that he told to the girl in the garden.	This memory moment helps the reader recall the story so that Seikei's sudden nervousness about the night and the events that follow seem foreshadowed by the story.