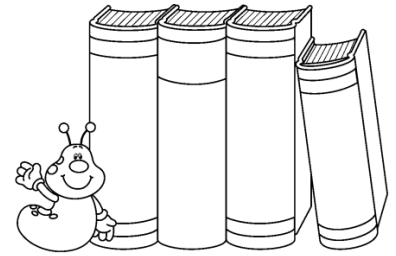


Dartmouth Public Schools Summer Reading List Students Entering Grade 5



Dear Parents,

Summer is a wonderful time to engage in many family activities. Please continue to include reading as part of your family time together. In response to the numerous requests we have received regarding just right books, we have put together a list of book choices that you might find helpful. You will find this list includes titles that are high-interest, award winning titles recommended by Dartmouth teachers. Additionally we have included Dartmouth student's favorites.

Don't' forget...

- Pack a book wherever you go this summer
- Participate in activities at your local library this summer
- Start a kids book club
- Recognize that your child may have additional book choices
- Read to your kids, even the older ones

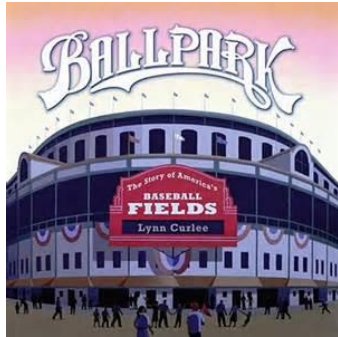


Favorite Books for Grade 5

- **Ballpark: The Story of the Americas Baseball Fields** by Lynn Curlee

If you love baseball, chances are you love one particular ballpark. Boston fans wax poetic about Fenway Park.

Cubs fans are adamant that Wrigley Field is the classic ballpark. Busch Stadium is a hit with folks from Missouri, and Yankee fans are passionate about the House That Ruth Built....



Besides passionate fans, there's one other thing all ballparks -- from the Union Grounds in Brooklyn built in 1862 to the Baltimore Oriole's Camden Yards built in 1992 -- have in common: Each has its own vibrant and unique history.

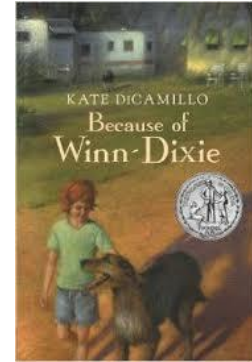
Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea
It's the start of fifth grade for seven kids at Snow Hill School. There's . . . **Jessica**, the new girl, smart and perceptive, who's having a hard time fitting in; **Alexia**, a bully, your friend one second, your enemy the next; **Peter**, class prankster and troublemaker; **Luke**, the brain; **Danielle**, who never stands up for herself; shy **Anna**, whose home situation makes her an outcast; and **Jeffrey**, who hates school.

Only Mr. Terupt, their new and energetic teacher, seems to know how to deal with them all. He makes the classroom a fun place, even if he doesn't let them get away with much . . . until the snowy winter day when an accident changes everything—and everyone.

- **Because of Winn-Dixie** by Kate DiCamillo

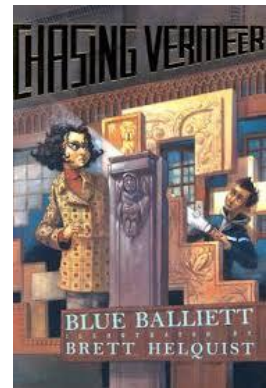
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

It's 1936, in Flint, Michigan, and when 10-year-old Bud decides to hit the road to find his father, nothing can stop him.



- **Chasing Vermeer** by Blue Balliet

When a book of unexplainable occurrences brings Petra and Calder together, strange things start to happen: Seemingly unrelated events connect; an eccentric old woman seeks their company; an invaluable Vermeer painting disappears. Before they know it, the two find themselves at the center of an international art scandal, where no one is spared from suspicion. As Petra and Calder are drawn clue by clue into a mysterious labyrinth, they must draw on their powers of intuition, their problem solving skills, and their knowledge of Vermeer. Can they decipher a crime that has stumped even the FBI?

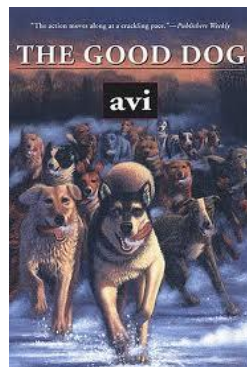


- **Eight Keys** by Suzanne LaFluer
Elise and Franklin have always been best friends. Elise has always lived in the big house with her loving Uncle and Aunt, because Elise's parents died when she was too young to remember them. There's always been a barn behind the house with

eight locked doors on the second floor. When Elise and Franklin start middle school, things feel all wrong. Bullying. Not fitting in. Franklin suddenly seems babyish. Then, soon after her 12th birthday, Elise receives a mysterious key left for her by her father. A key that unlocks one of the eight doors upstairs in the bar . . .

- **The Good Dog** by Avi

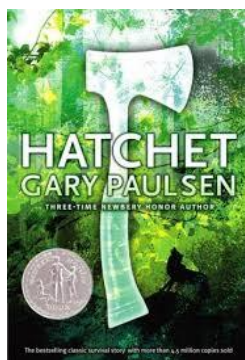
McKinley, a malamute, is a good dog -- he's reliable and trustworthy. Whether it's watching over the other dogs of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, or taking care of his human pup, Jack, McKinley never even thinks of letting anyone down -- until he meets Lupin. Lupin is a she-wolf and she's urging the dogs of Steamboat Springs to leave their domesticated lives and join her wild pack. And though she scares McKinley, he also finds himself drawn to her and the life of freedom that she offers.



For the first time, McKinley's loyalties are torn. Should he stay with his humans and continue to lead the dogs of Steamboat Springs? Or should he join the wolf and live freely, like his ancestors did? When the wild calls, what will McKinley's answer be?

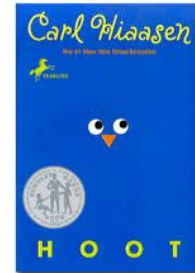
- **Hatchet** by Gary Paulsen*

Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is on his way to visit his father when the single-engine plane in which he is flying crashes. Suddenly, Brian finds himself



alone in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but a tattered Windbreaker and the hatchet his mother gave him as a present -- and the dreadful secret that has been tearing him apart since his parent's divorce. But now Brian has no time for anger, self pity, or despair -- it will take all his know-how and determination, and more courage than he knew he possessed, to survive.

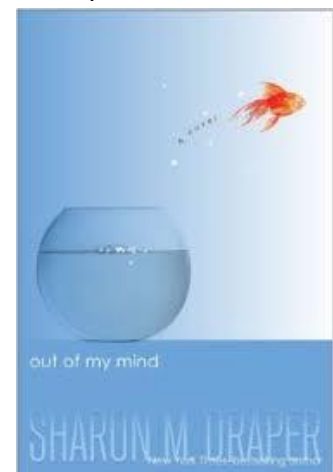
- **Hoot** by Carl Hiassen



- **Invention of Hugo Cabret** by Brian Selznick

Orphan, clock keeper, and thief, Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. But when his world suddenly interlocks with an eccentric, bookish girl and a bitter old man who runs a toy booth in the station, Hugo's undercover life, and his most precious secret, are put in jeopardy. A cryptic drawing, a treasured notebook, a stolen key, a mechanical man, and a hidden message from Hugo's dead father form the backbone of this intricate, tender, and spellbinding mystery.

- **Out of My Mind** by Sharon Draper*
Melody is not like most people. She cannot walk or talk, but she has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She is smarter than most of the adults who try to diagnose her and smarter than her classmates in her integrated classroom—the very same



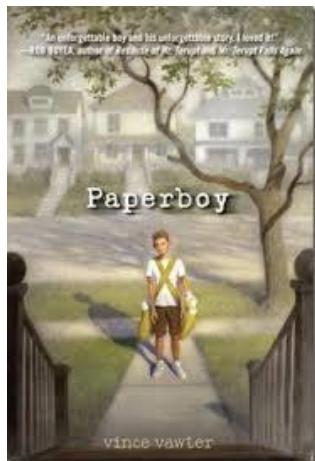
classmates who dismiss her as mentally challenged, because she cannot tell them otherwise. But Melody refuses to be defined by cerebral palsy. And she's determined to let everyone know it...somehow. In this breakthrough story—reminiscent of *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*—from multiple Coretta Scott King Award-winner Sharon Draper, readers will come to know a brilliant mind and a brave spirit who will change forever how they look at anyone with a disability.

- **One and Only Ivan** by Katherine Applegate

Having spent 27 years behind the glass walls of his enclosure in a shopping mall, Ivan has grown accustomed to humans watching him. He hardly ever thinks about his life in the jungle. Instead, Ivan occupies himself with television, his friends Stella and Bob, and painting. But when he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from the wild, he is forced to see their home, and his art, through new eyes.

- **Paperboy** by Vince Vawter

An 11-year-old boy living in Memphis in 1959 throws the meanest fastball in town, but talking is a whole different ball game. He can barely say a word without stuttering, not even his own name. So



when he takes over his best friend's paper route for the month of July, he knows he'll be forced to communicate with the different customers, including a housewife

who drinks too much and a retired merchant marine who seems to know just about everything.

- **Rules** by Cynthia Lord

Twelve-year-old Catherine just wants a normal life. Which is near impossible when you have a brother with autism and a family that revolves around his disability. She's spent years trying to teach David the rules from "a peach is not a funny-looking apple" to "keep your pants on in public"---in order to head off David's embarrassing behaviors. But the summer Catherine meets Jason, a surprising, new sort-of friend, and Kristi, the next-door friend she's always wished for, it's her own shocking behavior that turns everything upside down and forces her to ask: What is normal?

- **Shakespeare's Secret** by Elise Broach

Starting sixth grade at a new school is never easy, especially when your name is Hero. Named after a character in a Shakespeare play, Hero isn't at all interested in this literary connection. But when she's told by an eccentric neighbor that there might be a million dollar diamond hidden in her new house and that it could reveal something about Shakespeare's true identity, Hero is determined to live up to her name and uncover the mystery.



- **Spy School** by Adrian Gilbert

The enduring appeal of spies and their technology, codes and mysterious ways are

explored in this engaging series of four colorful books. Each explores a different aspect of the spy trade, interspersing historical tidbits with tales of spies from popular culture and contemporary movies. Other titles in this series include: **Codes and Ciphers**, **Secret Agents**, and **Top Technology**. **Spy School** reveals some of espionage's best tricks, like how to shake a tail, how to set up a dead drop and how to capture important information through surveillance. Factual sidebars profile famous intelligence incidents, like Watergate and the Berlin Tunnel, and spies like Josephine Baker.

- **There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom** by

Louis Sachar

Bradley Chalkers IS the oldest kid in the fifth grade. He tells enormous lies. He picks fights with girls. No one likes him—except Carla, the new school counselor. She thinks Bradley is sensitive and generous, and knows that Bradley could change, if only he weren't afraid to try. But when you feel like the most-hated kid in the whole school, believing in yourself can be the hardest thing in the world. . . .

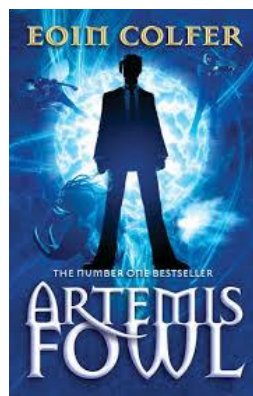


- **When You Reach Me** by Barbara Park

Favorite Series:

- **Artemis Fowl** by Eoin Colfer

Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a millionaire, a genius-and, above all, a criminal mastermind. But even Artemis

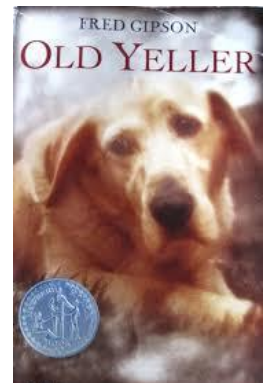


doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. These aren't the fairies of bedtime stories; these fairies are armed and dangerous. Artemis thinks he has them right where he wants them but then they stop playing by the rules.

- **Dear Mr. President** by various authors
- **Harry Potter** by JK Rowling
- **Henry Zipzer** by Henry Winkler
- **Lemony Snicket's Unfortunate Events**
- **Mysterious You (science books)**
Published by Kids Can Press
- **Percy Jackson and the Olympians** by Rick Riordan
- **Wayside School** by Lois Sachar

Classics:

- **Old Yeller** by Fred Gipson
When a novel like Huckleberry Finn, or The Yearling, comes along it defies customary adjectives because of the intensity of the response it evokes in the reader. Such a book, we submit, is *Old Yeller*; to read this eloquently simple story of a boy and his dog in the Texas hill country is an unforgettable and deeply moving experience



- **Little Women** by Louisa May Alcott

Dartmouth Kid Picks Summer 2015

Grade 5 Kid Picks:

- Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
- Kizzy Ann Stamps by Jeri Watts
- Tangerine by Edward Bloor
- Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
- A Brand-New Me by Henry Winkler
- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
- The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S.Lewis
- Ida B...and Her Plans to Save the World by Katherine Hannigan
- Brian's Winter by Gary Paulsen
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patrica Reilly Giff
- Percy Jackson (Series) by Rick Riordan