**Summer Reading for Rising Fifth and Sixth Graders, 2020-2021**

* You will read **THREE** self-selected books that fit these categories:
  + a book about a character who doesn’t look like you or live like you. (fiction)
  + a book about a topic you don’t know much about. (nonfiction)
  + a book you are interested in reading just for fun. (fiction or nonfiction)
* Selections must be appropriate for your age and ability. No picture books!
* Selections must be books you have not read before for school or pleasure.
* We have included some suggestions but encourage you to choose books that really appeal to you instead of sticking to this list. Find books you enjoy!
* You must come to school in August having read in all three categories. Even if a book could work for two categories, you must read three selections.

**Summer Reading Questions? We are happy to help!**

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**Suggestions to Get Your Selection Going**

**Someone Who Doesn’t Look/Live Like Me**

* *Inside Out & Back Again* (Thanhha Lai)
* *The Midwife’s Apprentice* (Karen Cushman)
* *Amina’s Voice* (Hana Khan)
* *Counting by 7’s* (Holly Goldberg Sloan)
* *Walking Home* (Eric Walters)

**A Topic I Don’t Know Much About** (nonfiction)

* Consider people whose stories are interesting - biographies and memoirs.
* Consider topics that interest you in science or history or math.
* Consider places you might like to visit or cultures you’d like to learn more about.

**Books Just for Fun**

* *The Wild Robot* (Peter Brown)
* *Because of Mr. Terupt* (Rob Buyea)
* *Tuck Everlasting* (Natalie Babbit)
* *Walk Two Moons* (Sharon Creech)
* *Fuzzy Mud* (Louis Sachar)