**GRADE 5 Summer Reading**

**Required Reading**
**All students must read:**Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library by Chris Grabenstein.

If you wish, you may also read the sequel – Mr. Lemoncello’s Library Olympics!
Title available in paperback and as an e-book. MCPL has 51 copies

**Recommended Reading**
**Realistic Fiction**

El Deafo (graphic novel)(Newbery) - Cece Bell
The Penderwicks (series) - Jeanne Birdsall
The Secret Garden – Francis Hodgson Burnett
The Incredible Journey - Sheila Burnford
Dear Mr. Henshaw (Newbery)(sequel) - Beverly Cleary
No Talking - Andrew Clements
Real Friends (graphic novel) – Shannon Hale
Sun and Spoon - Kevin Henkes
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler (Newbery) - E.L. Konigsburg
The Year of the Dog (series) - Grace Lin
Touch Blue - Cynthia Lord
Half a Chance - Cynthia Lord
Comeback Kids (series) – Mike Lupica
The Candymakers (sequel) - Wendy Mass
Binny for Short (series) - Hilary McKay
Shiloh (series) - Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
The Turtles of Oman - Naomi Nye
Wonderstruck – Brian Selznick
Banner in the Sky (Newbery) - James R. Ullman
The Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place (series) - Maryrose Wood

**Historical Fiction**
The Castle Corona - Sharon Creech
The Door in the Wall (Newbery) - Marguerite DeAngeli
The Star of Kazan - Eva Ibbottson
Titanic (and other series) - Gordon Korman
Inside Out and Back Again ( Newbery) - Thanhha Lai
Jip - Katherine Paterson
The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg - Rodman Philbrick
Washington City is Burning - Harriette Robinet
May B - Caroline Rose
Esperanza Rising - Pam M. Ryan
My Name is America (series) - Scholastic Books
The Invention of Hugo Cabret (Caldecott) - Brian Selznick
The Sign of the Beaver - Elizabeth George Speare
Arcady’s Goal - Eugene Yelchin

**Fantasy/Mystery/Myth**
Finding Serendipity (series) – Angelica Banks
The 100-year-old Secret (Sherlock Files series) - Tracy Barrett
The Wild Robot – Peter Brown
The Sisters Grimm (series) - Michael Buckley
Benjamin Pratt and the Keepers of the School (series) - Andrew Clements
D’Aulaire’s Book of Greek Myths - Ingri & Edgar Parin D’Aulaire
Flora & Ulysses (Newbury) - Kate DeCamillo
Honus and Me (Baseball Card Adventure series) - Dan Gutman
The Hero’s Guide to Saving Your Kingdom (series) - Christopher Healy
Emily Windsnap (series) - Liz Kessler
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon (Newbery)(series) - Grace Lin
Bliss (series) - Kathryn Littlewood
The Sixty-Eight Rooms (sequel) - Marianne Malone
Rapunzel, the One with All the Hair (series)- Wendy Mass
Candymakers (sequel) – Wendy Mass
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH (Newbery)(series) - Robert O’Brien
The Mysterious Woods of Whistle Root - Christopher Pennell
Harry Potter (series) - J.K. Rowling
Septimus Heap (series) - Angie Sage
"Who Could that Be at This Hour?" (series) - Lemony Snicket
The Mysterious Benedict Society (series) - Trenton Lee Stewart
The Thickety (series) - J.A. White

**Autobiography/Biography/Nonfiction**
Dangerous Planet: Natural Disasters that Changed History - Bryn Barnard
Amelia Lost: the Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart - Candace Fleming
Lincoln (Newbery) - Russell Freedman
Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt - Jean Fritz
Heroes of Baseball - Robert Lipsyte
Cathedral - David Macaulay
Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous photograph – Roxane Orgill
Around the World (graphic novel) - Matt Phelan
The Autobiography of a Kid - Jerry Spinelli
Some Writer! The Story of E. B. White – Melissa Sweet
Gorilla Doctors (Any of the Scientists in the Field series) - Pamela S. Turner

**For the first week of school, Fifth Graders are asked to:**

1. Have read at least **three** books from the list – **one** required and at least **two** others.
 2. Write a letter to Chris Grabenstein, the author of Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library. Tell the author about yourself. Explain your feelings and questions about the story. Be specific and give details to support your reaction. The letter should be one page in length.
3. Make a cover for your letter which includes a scene from the book.
4. Turn in a list of summer readings signed by parents. Include the title and author of each selection.