**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.