

FIFTH GRADE SUMMER READING

The Book to Read (or read to your child) for Our Theme of commUNITY:

Every rising 5th Grader must read the wonderful book, [A Place to Hang the Moon](#) by Kate Albus. You can check it out of the library, purchase a hard copy or find an audible version of the book. If your child listens to the book, please make sure that he/she is reading along with a hard copy of the book too.

We are asking that your child read at least 30 minutes a day over the summer to help maintain their reading fluency. We also encourage you to ask your child how he/she thinks [A Place to Hang the Moon](#) relates to commUNITY. Happy reading!

Other Wonderful Books to Read Over the Summer:

[Fish in a Tree](#) by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

[The Crossover Series](#) by Kwame Alexander

[The Night Diary](#) by Veera Hiranandani

[I Can Make This Promise](#) by Christine Day

[Apple in the Middle](#) by Dawn Quigley

[New Kid](#) by Jerry Craft

[Over the Moon](#) by Natalie Lloyd

[My Fate According to the Butterfly](#) by Gail Villanueva

[Among the Hidden](#) by Margaret Peterson Haddix

[Refugee](#) by Alan Gratz

[Long Walk to Water](#) by Linda Sue Park

[The Boys in The Boat](#) by Daniel James Brown

[Echo](#) by Pam Ryan

[Other Words for Home](#) by Jasmine Warga

[I Will Always Write You Back](#) by Caitlin Alifirenka, Liz Welch, and Martin Ganda

[The Marvels](#) by Brian Selznick

[A Place to Belong](#) by Joan Nixon

[Ender's Game](#) by Orson Scott Card

[Extraordinary Birds](#) by Sandy Stark-McGinnis

[The Devil's Arithmetic](#) by Jane Yolen
[Bridge to Terabithia](#) by Katherine Paterson
[Front Desk](#) by Kelly Yang
[Walk Two Moons](#) by Sharon Creech
[Greenglass House](#) by Kate Milford
[Blackbird Fly](#) by Erin Estrada Kelly
[Hello, Universe](#) by Erin Estrada Kelly
[Roller Girl](#) by Jamieson
[House Without Walls](#) by Ching Yeung Russell
[The Girl that Drank the Moon](#) by Kelly Barnhill
[Stella by Starlight](#) by Draper

Classics

[The Secret Garden](#) by Burnett
[The Phantom Tollbooth](#) by Juster
[The Black Stallion](#) by Farley

Challenging Classics

[House on Mango Street](#) by Sandra Cisneros
[To Kill a Mockingbird](#) by Harper Lee
[Little Women](#) by May Alcott

Picture Books are not just for our youngest readers. The reading level of many picture books is at the 5th and 6th grade reading level and many are filled with rich language and deep meaning. Encourage your child to read some of the ones listed below:

[Peppe the Lamplighter](#) by Elisa Bartone
[For the Right to Learn: The Malala Yousafzai Story](#) by R.Langston-George
and Janna Rose Bock
[Goin' Someplace Special](#) by Patricia McKissack and Jerry Pinkney
[Alejandro's Gift](#) by Richard E. Albert
[The Raft](#) by Jim LaMarche
[Pink and Say](#) by Patricia Polacco
[The Name Jar](#) by Yangsook Choi
[The Boy Who Drew Birds](#) by Jacqueline Davies
[Thank You Omu](#) by Oge Mora
[All Because You Matter](#) by Tami Charles and Brian Collier

Poetry

Start exploring classic poems to help get ready for our Poetry Slam.

Poetry for Young People William Blake

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai

Poetry for Young People: Maya Angelou

I, Too, Am American by Langston Hughes (some illustrations by Barack Obama)

HEBREW READING

For our theme of Unity in Hebrew we will be reading [דירה להשכיר מאת לאה גולדברג](#)

This year, each child has worked hard to improve fluency in Hebrew. We are asking you to help your child maintain the habit of reading in Hebrew over the summer – even if it is just for 5 minutes each day. The *Bishvil Halvrit* portal will continue to be open through the end of July. If you need any support with *Bishvil Halvrit*, please contact Morah Vardit at vardit@akivanashville.net. If you are interested in borrowing any other books for the summer, please let us know.