

## 2018 Whitcomb School Summer Reading – Entering Grade 5

### ONE GRADE, ONE BOOK

This year, all students entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade will read *Wishtree*, by Katherine Applegate.



Want an extra challenge? Complete one of the following projects!!

***All projects should include: Your name, Class, Title of Book, Author of Book***

#### Letter to the Author

- Write a letter to the author of your book explaining why you did or did not like the book.
- Include at least 5 reasons you did or did not like the book, and at least 2 questions for the author.

#### Create a Book Trailer

- Create a book trailer for your book using Prezi, Photo Story or Powtoons
- Include the characters and problem, but don't give away the ending!
- See [www.readwritethink.org](http://www.readwritethink.org) for book trailer resources.

#### Write a personal letter to a character

- Write a letter to a character you admire or despise that explains why you feel the way you do.
- Be sure to include character traits, setting elements, and important events from the story and give 5 reasons for your feeling.

#### Create a Caricature

- Choose a character and a scene/chapter
- Draw the character or use "SP-Studio" <http://www.sp-studio.de/index.htm>
- Include a quote or passage from the story as a caption.
- On the back, describe the scene, character's physical traits, and personality traits.

#### Design a New Book Cover / Movie Poster


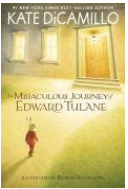
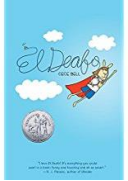
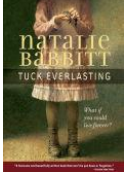
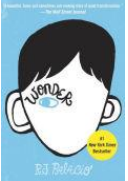


- Use thematic ideas or parts from the book
- Illustrate your cover or poster
- On the back, explain what your book cover or poster means and why your design is better than the original.

#### Reading Options:

- Read independently
- Read with a friend
- Have a parent or adult read aloud to you
- Listen to the audio version

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## Additional Book Options for Students Entering Grade 5

Title	Author	Summary
	<i>Among the Hidden</i> Margaret Peterson Haddix <i>*available in the Open eBook app</i>	In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke, an illegal third child, has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm in this start to the Shadow Children series from Margaret Peterson Haddix. Luke has never been to school. He's never had a birthday party, or gone to a friend's house for an overnight. In fact, Luke has never had a friend. Luke is one of the shadow children, a third child forbidden by the Population Police. He's lived his entire life in hiding, and now, with a new housing development replacing the woods next to his family's farm, he is no longer even allowed to go outside. Then, one day Luke sees a girl's face in the window of a house where he knows two other children already live. Finally, he's met a shadow child like himself. Jen is willing to risk everything to come out of the shadows — does Luke dare to become involved in her dangerous plan? Can he afford not to?
	<i>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</i> Kate DiCamillo <i>*available in the Open eBook app</i>	Once, in a house on Egypt Street, there lived a china rabbit named Edward Tulane. The rabbit was very pleased with himself, and for good reason: he was owned by a girl named Abilene, who adored him completely. And then, one day, he was lost. . . . Kate DiCamillo takes us on an extraordinary journey, from the depths of the ocean to the net of a fisherman, from the bedside of an ailing child to the bustling streets of Memphis. Along the way, we are shown a miracle – that even a heart of the most breakable kind can learn to love, to lose, and to love again.
	<i>El Deafo</i> Cece Bell	Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful—and very awkward—hearing aid. The Phonic Ear gives Cece the ability to hear—sometimes things she shouldn't—but also isolates her from her classmates. She really just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates her as she is. After some trouble, she is finally able to harness the power of the Phonic Ear and become “El Deafo, Listener for All.” And more importantly, declare a place for herself in the world and find the friend she's longed for.
	<i>Tuck Everlasting</i> Natalie Babbitt <i>*available in the Open eBook app</i>	Doomed to—or blessed with—eternal life after drinking from a magic spring, the Tuck family wanders about trying to live as inconspicuously and comfortably as they can. When ten-year-old Winnie Foster stumbles on their secret, the Tucks take her home and explain why living forever at one age is less a blessing than it might seem. Complications arise when Winnie is followed by a stranger who wants to market the spring water for a fortune.
	<i>Wonder</i> RJ Palacio	August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. <b>WONDER</b> , now a #1 <i>New York Times</i> bestseller and included on the Texas Bluebonnet Award master list, begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance.
	<i>Catch You Later, Traitor</i> Avi	<b>Brooklyn, New York, 1951.</b> Twelve-year-old Pete Collison is a regular kid who loves Sam Spade detective books and radio crime dramas, but when an FBI agent shows up at Pete's doorstep accusing his father of being a Communist, Pete finds himself caught in a real-life mystery. Could there really be Commies in Pete's family? At the same time, Pete's class turns against him, thanks to similar rumors spread by his own teacher; even Kat, Pete's best friend, feels the pressure to ditch him. As Pete follows the quickly accumulating clues, he begins to wonder if the truth could put his family's livelihood—and even their freedom—at risk.
	<i>Crenshaw</i> Katherine Applegate <i>*available in the Open eBook app</i>	Katherine Applegate delivers an unforgettable and magical story about family, friendship, and resilience. Jackson and his family have fallen on hard times. There's no more money for rent. And not much for food, either. His parents, his little sister, and their dog may have to live in their minivan. Again. Crenshaw is a cat. He's large, he's outspoken, and he's imaginary. He has come back into Jackson's life to help him. But is an imaginary friend enough to save this family from losing everything? Beloved author Katherine Applegate proves in unexpected ways that friends matter, whether real or imaginary.