

HICKORY VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
2009 SUMMER READING LIST FOR RISING FIFTH GRADERS

Required Reading:

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

During the first full week of school the student will be tested over the material in this book. The test grade will be counted toward the first nine-week grading period.

In addition, each student is required to **read at least three additional books from the list and complete a different project for each book. One of the three must include a non-fiction.** A list of the projects is listed below. A grade will be given for each of the three required activities.

Accelerated Reader tests may be taken on any book read over the summer. Points received will count toward reading goals for the first nine-week grading period.

Recommended Reading:

Adventure books by Frank Peretti

Adventure books by Gary Paulsen, but not *Hatchet* as this book will be studied in class

Adventure books by Will Hobbs

Books by Andrew Clements

Books by Lois Lowry

Books by Mike Lupica

Books by Pam Munoz Ryan

Books by Avi

Books by Phyllis Naylor

Books by E. B. White

Little House books

Newberry Winner Award books

Horse Stories by Marguerite Henry

Amelia's War, *The Staircase*, and *The Coffin Quilt* by Ann Rinaldi

Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis

Mandie books by Lois Leppard

Sugar Creek Gang Mysteries

Sammy Keyes Mystery books by Wendelin Van Draanen

Christian Heritage Series by Nancy Rue (Focus on the Family)

The Great Brain and *The Great Brain is Back* by John D. Fitzgerald

Frightful's Mountain by Jean George

A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck

Esperanza Rising and *Becoming Naomi* by Pam Ryan

Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

Hoot and *Flush* by Carl Hiaasen

Chronicles of Narnia books by C. S. Lewis

Nancy Drew books by Carolyn Keene

Hardy Boy books by Franklin W. Dixon

Eragon by Christopher Paolini

The BFG by Roald Dahl

Titles from... *A Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snicket

Esther's Story by Diane Wolkstein (Christian title)

Pharaoh's Daughter by Julius Lester (Christian title)

Preacher's Boy by Katherine Patterson (Christian title)

The Spyglass by Richard Paul Evans (A story of faith)

Dear America Diaries

Sacajawea by Joseph Bruchac



Choices for Projects:

- 1) Write a book report that includes a summary of the story, climax, and a critique of the book explaining what you did or did not like about it.
- 2) Create a diorama in a shoebox depicting a scene from the book. Include the title, author, and a paragraph explaining the scene and why you chose that particular scene.
- 3) Create a movie poster about the book. This should include the title and author of the book, an original drawing depicting a scene from the book, and choice of real-life actors to star in the movie. If there is already a movie from the book, students may not use scenes or actors from the actual movie. Pictures of actors may be printed from the internet. Make your poster attractive so that people will want to see the movie.
- 4) Make an original book cover for the book. It cannot look like the cover of the published book. The book cover must include the title, author, and an original drawing of a scene that represents the book on the front cover, a short summary of the book on the front inside flap, a critique of the book on the back inside flap, and 3-4 “quotes” from newspapers or magazines on the back cover. The cover must entice people to read the book. These quotes are to be written by you, the designer of the jacket. An example of this is, “Dog lovers must read this book!” *Time Magazine*.
- 5) Create a poster containing at least 10 outstanding or unusual facts about your non-fiction book. Include the title and author of the book.

All projects are due the first full week of school, August 24-28. Each project will count as a test grade for the first nine-week grading period.