

AQUINAS ACADEMY  
2018-19 SUMMER READING LIST  
GRADE 5

Dear Parents,

Your rising 5th grader will choose two (2) novels from the selections below for summer reading. After reading, your student follows these instructions:

For book number one, students should take notes while reading. These notes should be about important plot events, characters, settings, themes, and any other significant information.

Questions to guide your notes include the following:

- Where and when does this book take place?
- How is the setting important to this story?
- What is the conflict of the story?
- How is the conflict resolved?
- Who is the protagonist--the main character--in the book?
- Did any of the characters change throughout the story? If so, how?
- What were some themes of the book? (For example: friendship, love, family, good vs. evil, etc.)
- What surprised you in the book?

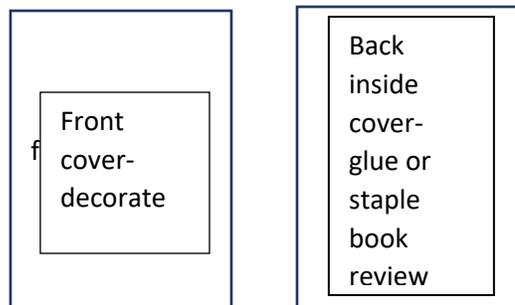
For the other choice, write a book review and create a book cover.

The review should be written in paragraph form (either typed or neatly composed on loose leaf) and include specific information about:

characters, plot, setting, conflict, theme

Be sure to rate the book as well (between 1 – 5 stars) and tell why you give it that rating!

To complete the book cover, please use either white construction paper or white printer paper. Fold the paper in half vertically. Creatively decorate your cover, but don't just color it! Please include something either symbolic or important from the book. Be sure to include the book title and author too. The review should be glued or stapled to the back inside cover so when the front covered is opened, the review can be read. This "book style" book review will be displayed on the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Read Box.



**CHOOSE 2:**

Swiss Family Robinson, Johann Wyss

Ben and Me, Robert Lawson

Snow Treasure, Marie McSwigan

My Side of the Mountain, Jean Craighead George

Call It Courage, Armstrong Sperry

Adam of the Road, Elizabeth Janet Gray

The Upstairs Room, Johanna Reiss

Gone Away Lake, Elizabeth Enright

Blue Willow, Doris Gates

Magical Melons, Carol Rylie Brink

Miracles on Maple Hill, Virginia Sorensen

The Westing Game, Ellen Raskin