

Hackensack Middle School
Incoming 5th Grade Suggested Summer Reading List
2014-2015

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Title	Author	Description	Genre
<i>Better Nate Than Never</i>	Tim Federle	An eighth-grader who dreams of performing in Broadway musical concocts a plan to run away from New York and audition for the role of Elliot in the musical version of "E.T."	Fiction / Realistic
<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i>	Christopher Paul Curtis	Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.	Fiction / Historical
<i>Bridge to Terabithia</i>	Katherine Paterson	The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.	Fiction / Realistic
<i>The Tail of Emily Windsnap</i>	Liz Kessler	After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world.	Fiction / Fantasy
<i>Floors</i>	Patrick Carman	Leo, the son of the maintenance man of the Whippoorwill Hotel, opens a series of cryptic boxes which reveal hidden floors, strange puzzles, and unexpected alliances and lead him on an adventure to save the building and his future.	Fiction / Mystery
<i>The Great Gilly Hopkins</i>	Katherine Paterson	An eleven-year-old foster child tries to cope with her longings and fears as she schemes against everyone who tries to be friendly.	Fiction / Realistic
<i>Out of My Mind</i>	Sharon Draper	Seemingly imprisoned by physical limitations	Fiction / Realistic

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		misunderstandings, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the very first time.	
<i>Shiloh</i>	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.	Fiction / Realistic
<i>Liar & Spy</i>	Rebecca Stead	Seventh-grader Georges adjusts to moving from his house to an apartment, his father's efforts to start a new business, his mother's extra shifts as a nurse, being picked on at school, and Safer, a boy who wants his help spying on another resident of the building.	Fiction / Mystery
<i>Artemis Fowl</i>	Eoin Colfer	When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic technology, and a particularly nasty troll.	Fiction / Fantasy Adventure
<i>One Crazy Summer</i>	Rita Williams-Garcia	In the summer of 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with their mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.	Fiction / Historical
<i>Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger</i>	Louis Sachar	Unusual things continue to happen in the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom	Fiction / Humor

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<i>Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made</i>	Stephen Pastis	Resolving to earn so much money that his mother no longer stress out over the bills, eleven-year-old Timmy Failure launches a detective business with a lazy polar bear partner named Total but finds the enterprise "Total Failure, Inc." challenged by a college-bound spy and a four-foot-tall girl who Timmy refuses to acknowledge.	Fiction / Humor
<i>Bad Girls</i>	Cynthia Voigt	After meeting on the first day in Mrs. Chemsky's fifth-grade class, Margalo and Mikey help each other in and out of trouble, as they try to maintain their friendship while each asserts her independence.	Fiction / Realistic

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