

**2016-2017 Incoming Fifth Grade Summer Reading:
Deerfield School**

Dear (Almost) Fifth Graders,

Congratulations on finishing up another great year at Deerfield! We are very excited to meet you in September as we embark on new Reading & Writing units. Below is your summer reading assignment. One purpose of this work is to help you continue practicing all of the new reading and writing skills you've learned this past year so they remain strong. Additionally, as this work will be collected the first week of school, it will give us a little preview of the kind of reader and writer you are! We highly recommend making a plan for this assignment so you don't find yourself rushing to get it done right before school starts. We look forward to working with you all soon!

**Have a wonderful summer!
- 5th Grade Teachers**

Reading:

Choose **two** books from your most recent independent (just-right) reading level. Below you will find some suggested titles that you might enjoy, but you are not limited to only these options. As you read, jot about your reading on post-its or on paper/in a notebook. This will be helpful later on!

Writing:

After reading both books, think about how they connect to each other. Write a Writing About Reading entry that is about 1-2 pages in length (may be typed.) Choices for comparing include (but are not limited to):

- character traits
- relationships between two characters
- how a character changes over time
- big ideas/ themes, messages
- author's perspective
- any other connection you can think of!

It would be smart to plan out your response while you read by note taking using a Venn Diagram, T-chart, or other note-taking structures. Include as many specific details from the text as you can - quotes are a plus!

Happy Reading!

The 5th Grade Teachers

Choose TWO books at your most recent INDEPENDENT (just right) level - here are some **suggestions**:

<p>Level K: Andy Shane, Hero At Last-- Jacobson, Jennifer Houndsley And Catina-- Howe, James Katie's Noisy Music-- Manushkin, Fran Mercy Watson Fights Crime-- DiCamillo, Kate The Monster In The Backpack-- Moser, Lisa Zelda And Ivy The Big Picture-- Kvasnosky, Laura McGee</p>	<p>Level L: Albert The Fix-It Man-- Janet Lord A Birthday Basket For Tia-- Pat Mora Emma's Rug-- Allen Say How Oliver Olson Changed The World-- Claudia Mills Sitti's Secrets-- Naomi Shihab Nye Wolfpack Gang Is Outta Sight!-- Everett Reese</p>	<p>Level M: JoJo's Flying Side Kick-- Brian Pinkney Mighty Monty-- Johanna Hurwitz Birthday Gone Wrong-- Meg Greve My Brother the Knight-- Laura Driscoll Tippy Lemmey-- Patricia McKissack The Keeping Quilt-- Patricia Polacco</p>
<p>Level N: Daisy Dawson On The Farm-- Steve Voake My Name Is Maria Isabel-- Alma Flor Ada Saving Sammy Series: Orca Echoes-- Eric Walters The Fenway Foul-Up-- David F. Kelly Dance Team Dilemma-- Jake Maddox Nadia's Hands-- Karen English</p>	<p>Level O: Baseball Fever-- Johanna Hurwitz Beezus and Ramona-- Beverly Cleary Dogs Don't Tell Jokes-- Louis Sachar The Most Beautiful Place in the World-- Anne Cameron Rats-- Jane Cutler Clementine-- Sara Pennypacker The Talented Clementine-- Sara Pennypacker The Night Crossing-- Karen Ackerman</p>	<p>Level P: Attaboy Sam-- Lois Lowry Felita-- Nicholasa Mohr Fantastic Mr. Fox-- Roald Dahl The in Between Days-- Eve Bunting The Hundred Penny Box-- Sharon Bell Mathis Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World-- Walter and Mildred Pitts Stone Fox-- John Reynolds Gardiner Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear-- Lensey Namioka</p>
<p>Level Q: Dear Mr. Henshaw-- Beverly Cleary The Flunking of Joshua T. Bates-- Susan Shreve Fudge-a-mania-- Judy Blume The Year of the Dog-- Grace Lin The Year of the Rat-- Grace Lin There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom-- Louis Sachar Fourth Grade Rats-- Jerry Spinelli S.O.R. Losers-- AVI Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing-- Judy Blume My Teacher Fried My Brains-- Bruce Coville</p>	<p>Level R: Rules-- Cynthia Lord Because of Winn-Dixie-- Kate DiCamillo The Castle in the Attic-- Elizabeth Winthrop Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher-- Bruce Coville Fig Pudding-- Ralph Fletcher Flying Solo-- Ralph Fletcher Frindle-- Andrew Clements Brian's Winter-- Gary Paulsen The Janitor's Boy-- Andrew Clements Clarice Bean Spells Trouble-- Lauren Child Hatchet-- Gary Paulsen</p>	<p>Level S: From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler-- E.L. Konigsburg The Lightning Thief-- Rick Riordan Which Witch?-- Eva Ibbotson The Secret of Platform 13-- Eva Ibbotson Granny Torrelli Makes Soup-- Sharon Creech Poppy-- AVI The War With Grandpa-- Robert Kimmel Smith</p>
<p>Level T: Bridge to Terabithia-- Katherine Paterson Tiger Rising-- Kate DiCamillo Sammy Keyes series-- Wendelin Van Draanen Joey Pigza series-- Jack Gantos Bud, Not Buddy-- Christopher P. Curtis Harriet The Spy-- Louise Fitzhugh Sign of the Beaver-- Elizabeth George Speare A Week in the Woods-- Andrew Clements Danny The Champion of the World-- Roald Dahl The Penderwicks-- Jeanne Birdsall</p>	<p>Level U: Wonder-- R.J. Palacio Flipped-- Wendelin Van Draanen Report to the Principal's Office-- Jerry Spinelli Picklemania-- Jerry Spinelli The BFG-- Roald Dahl The Boy Who Saved Baseball-- John H. Ritter Ella Enchanted-- Gail Carson Levine Ginger Pye-- Eleanor Estes The View From Saturday-- E.L. Konigsburg</p>	<p>Level V: Crash-- Jerry Spinelli Stargirl-- Jerry Spinelli Esperanza Rising-- Pam Munoz Ryan Becoming Naomi Leon-- Pam Munoz Ryan Pictures of Hollis Woods-- Patricia Reilly Giff Island of the Blue Dolphins -- Scott O'Dell Holes-- Louis Sachar The Westing Game-- Ellen Raskin</p>
<p>Level W: Hoot-- Carl Hiaasen Walk Two Moons-- Sharon Creech Tuck Everlasting-- Natalie Babbitt The Phantom Tollbooth-- Norton Juster A Wrinkle in Time-- Madeleine L'Engle Wringer-- Jerry Spinelli The 39 Clues Book 1 (part of a series)-- Rick Riordan The Red Pyramid-- Rick Riordan</p>		