



**Bernardsville Middle School
2011 Summer Reading**



Students Entering Grade 5

Please Note: All suggested summer reading titles are recommended for the 5th grade reading level. It is up to you and your parents/guardians to decide which books are appropriate for you.

One School, One Book

All STUDENTS Entering 5th Grade SHOULD read:

Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie – Jordan Sonnenblick**



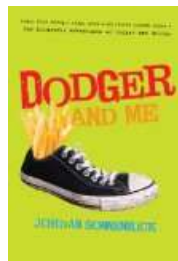
When his younger brother becomes very sick, thirteen-year-old Steven tries to deal with his complicated emotions, his school life, and his desire to support his family.

****Parents of entering 5th graders are highly encouraged to read these titles with their children.**

In addition, all students entering 5th grade should read at least one of the following titles by Jordan Sonnenblick:



After Ever After:**
***Sequel to Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie!**
Although Jeff and Tad, encouraged by a new friend, Lindsey, make a deal to help one another overcome aftereffects of their cancer treatments in preparation for eighth-grade graduation, Jeff still craves advice from his older brother Stephen, who is studying drums in Africa.



Dodger and Me:
Miserable because his only friend moved away and he has again caused his baseball team to lose a game, Willy Ryan's life suddenly becomes a lot more interesting when he finds Dodger, a furry, blue chimpanzee that only he can see, and he has to decide what he really wishes for in life.



Dodger for President:
When Dodger, the big, blue chimpanzee genie, magically impersonates fifth-grader Willie one day at school, Willie finds himself running for student council president.

Teacher Picks:

The Chronicles of Narnia – C.S. Lewis
A seven-part fantasy series in which a group of children walk into a magical realm called Narnia and find themselves in the midst of an ongoing battle between good and evil led by the lion king Aslan.
- Mrs. Tchorz, Literacy – Grade 5

Archer's Quest - Linda Sue Park
Twelve-year-old Kevin helps Chu-mong, a legendary king of ancient Korea, return to his own time.

Harry Potter Series – J.K. Rowling
Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt

and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

39 Clues Series – Various Authors
Amy and Dan, members of the powerful Cahill family, try to uncover the thirty-nine clues which will reveal the secrets of their lineage and find out what really happened to their parents.
- Mrs. McMillan, Literacy – Grade 5

Frindle – Andrew Clements
When he decides to turn his fifth-grade teacher's

love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

***The Penderwicks* - Jeanne Birdsall**

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.

- Miss MacGorman, BMS School Librarian

***The Invention of Huge Cabret* – Brian Selznick**

When Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931,

meets a mysterious toyseller, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

***The Mysterious Benedict Society* – Trenton Lee Stewart**

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

- Mrs. Crowley, Bedwell School Librarian

Additional Suggested Titles:

***A Wrinkle in Time* - Madeleine L'Engle**

Meg Murry, her brother Charles, and their friend Calvin, embark on a journey through space and time, assisted by three otherworldly women, when they set out to find Meg's father, a physicist who disappeared while experimenting with time travel.

***Artemis Fowl* – 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.

***Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* - Roald Dahl**

Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.

***The Million Dollar Shot* - Dan Gutman**

Eleven-year-old Eddie gets a chance to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot at the National Basketball Association finals

***Holes* – Louis Sachar**

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

***Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series* – Rick Riordan**

After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

After celebrating their first nine same-day birthdays together, Amanda and Leo, having fallen out on their tenth and not speaking to each other for the last year, prepare to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately but peculiar things begin to happen as the day of their birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again.

***Harriet the Spy* – Louise Fitzhugh**

Eleven-year-old Harriet keeps notes on her classmates and neighbors in a secret notebook, but when some of the students read the notebook, they seek revenge.

***A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray* - Ann M. Martin**

A stray puppy named Squirrel relates her life story (beginning with her nurturing mother), providing details of her experiences with both nice and mean humans, busy highways, and the seasons and ending with her meeting two friends.

***Bunnica* - James Howe**

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.

***The City of Ember* - Jeanne DuPrau**

In the city of Ember, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

***The Doll People* - Ann M. Martin**

A family of dolls that has lived in the same house for years is taken aback when a family of dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.

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11 Birthdays – Wendy Mass