

# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading

## Required Book

*Read one (or more) of these books. We will complete a project based on these books..*

*A Wrinkle in Time*, by Madeleine L'Engle.

Three children travel through time in search of their father.

*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*, by Robert C. O'Brien.

A field mouse seeks the help of the mysterious rats of HIMN to help save her sick son from the spring plowing. Will they be able to help in time?

*Bridge to Terabithia*, by Katherine Paterson.

An unlikely friendship leads to the creation of an imaginary place, Terabithia, trouble with a bully at school and unexpected disaster.

*My Brother Sam Is Dead*, by Christopher Collier.

Young Tim is caught in the middle of the Revolutionary war, with his brother fighting on one side and his father fighting on the other.

*Hatchet*, by Gary Paulsen

After a plane crash, a boy finds himself alone in the wilds of Alaska with only one thing to help him – a hatchet.

## Recommended Books

*Read any of these books for fun.*

*The Secret Garden*, by Frances Burnnet

*Number the Stars*, by Lois Lowry

*Over Sea, Under Stone*, by Susan Cooper

*A Wizard of Earthsea*, by Ursula Le Guin

*Haroun and the Sea of Stories*, by Salman Rushdie

*Inkheart*, by Cornelia Funke

*Alanna: The First Adventure*, by Tamora Pierce.    *Catherine, Called Birdy*, by Karen Cushman.

*Flying With the Eagle, Racing the Great Bear*, by Joseph Bruchac.

*Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales*, by Jon Scieszka.

*Holes*, by Louis Sackar

*Three Cups of Tea: Young Readers Edition*, by Greg Mortenson