

Summer Reading 2021

for Grades 4, 5 and 6

Hello students and parents of students entering grades 4, 5 and 6 in 2021! Our summer reading looks a little different this summer. Usually, we ask students to read one book from a selected list of 5 from a specific genre. This year, since access to specific books may be difficult, we've decided to change it up providing you with more choice and accessibility.

As you may or may not know, each year since 1975, Salem State University compiles a list of 25 books as nominees for the Massachusetts Children's Book Award. These titles are carefully chosen by a panel of professors who strive for a list of excellent fiction and non-fiction books which are appealing and appropriate for readers in grades 4, 5 and 6. This year we are asking you to choose **one** book **from any MCBA list, (2011-2021)**. We do participate in the MCBA program and encourage you to read books from this year's list but we are not limiting you to that for the summer. (We will send out more info about our school MCBA program in the Fall).

If you go to <https://massachusettschildrensbookaward.blogspot.com/> you will find this year's nominees and the nominees and winners from years past. You will see that books are listed as appropriate for a certain grade level. If you are up for a challenge, go for a higher level book! If you're more comfortable with or more interested in a lower level book, that's fine too. We hope that you will choose to read many books from the lists but you are only **required to write a reflection on one.**

The reflection sheet is attached to this document and is **a required summer reading assignment.** Please print out and complete your reflection sheet and bring it with you on the first day of school, **September 1, 2021** to your homeroom teacher.

Also, please visit the Georgetown Peabody Library at <https://georgetownpl.org/kids/summer-reading> with information about book access, on-line access and <https://georgetownpl.org/services/personal-book-lists/> to help students with book choice.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at oconnorm@georgetown.k12.ma.us

Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!

Sincerely,

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