

# Fifth Grade Summer Reading List

## Summer 2024

Please choose **a minimum of two books** from the following list so your student will be prepared for the class activities in August.

**Choose TWO of the following:**

***Snow Treasure*** by Marie McSwigan - In the bleak winter of 1940, Nazi troops parachute into Peter Lindstrom's tiny Norwegian village and hold it captive. Nobody thinks the Nazis can be defeated, that is until Uncle Victor tells Peter how the children could fool the enemy and slip past Nazi guards with nine million dollars in gold.

***Number the Stars*** by Lois Lowry – Ten-year-old Annemarie Johansen and her best friend, Ellen Rosen, often think about life before the war. But it's now 1943 and their life in Copenhagen is filled with school, food shortages,... and Nazi soldiers marching into their town.

***Prince Caspian*** by C. S. Lewis - The Pevensie siblings travel back to Narnia to help a prince denied his rightful throne as he gathers an army in a desperate attempt to rid his land of a false king. But in the end, it is a battle of honor between two men alone that will decide the fate of an entire world.

***Mr. Lincoln's Drummer*** by G. Clifton Wisler -The fascinating, true story of 10-year-old Willie Johnston who, for his courage as a drummer in the Union Army during the Civil War, was bestowed the Congressional Medal of Honor.

***Freewater*** by Amina Luqman-Dawson – Siblings Homer and Ada escape life as slaves, unwillingly leaving their beloved mother behind. Much as they adore her and fear for her life, they know there's no turning back. They take shelter within a mysterious community deep in the Southern swamps.

***A Place to Hang the Moon*** by Kate Albus – Three young Londoner siblings are orphaned and shipped to the country to avoid German bombs. They also take the opportunity to find a new family, taking solace and finding kinship among the books of the local library.

***The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*** by Avi - Charlotte Doyle is excited to sail home from her school in England to her family in Rhode Island. When the two families she was supposed to travel with mysteriously cancel their trips, Charlotte finds herself the lone passenger onboard. Soon after stepping aboard the ship, she becomes enmeshed in a conflict and finds herself put on trial. . . for Murder!