

**Entering Fifth Grade  
Covenant Christian Academy  
Summer 2021**

Summer is a time of rest and relaxation after another year of hard work at school. At CCA, we encourage families to spend time together playing and growing closer over the break. We also would like to encourage our students to keep exercising their minds by keeping them active.

**Summer Reading Lists**

Each student entering 5th grade is required to read three novels. Two of these are selected by CCA. In addition, each grade level has a list of novels from which students are required to choose **one** to read, but we encourage them to read as many as possible. Fifth grade students will be **required to complete activities for the required novels**. The Sign of the Beaver will be discussed the first week of school. Students will be required only to AR test on the Island of the Blue Dolphin. **Students will AR test on *all summer* books the first days of school.** Please see the following pages for reading list and the project requirements. Please encourage your child to read as much as possible during the summer.

**Required:**

The Sign of the Beaver – Complete 3 activities from the Literature Activity Choice Board.

Island of the Blue Dolphin – AR test at school for a grade.

Choice Novel from List – AR test at school during the first week.

## Summer Reading Lists Entering Fifth Grade

### *Required*

#### **The Sign of the Beaver**

Book Level: 4.9

By Elizabeth Speare

AR Points: 5.0

*Although he faces responsibility bravely, thirteen-year-old Matt is more than a little apprehensive when his father leaves him alone to guard their new cabin in the wilderness. When a renegade white stranger steals his gun, Matt realizes he has no way to shoot game or to protect himself. When Matt meets Attean, a boy in the Beaver clan, he begins to better understand their way of life and their growing problem in adapting to the white man and the changing frontier.*

#### **The Island of the Blue Dolphins** Book Level: 5.4

By Scott O' Dell

AR Points: 6.0

*This is the story of Karana, the Indian girl who lived alone for years on the Island of the Blue Dolphins. Year after year, she watched one season pass into another and waited for a ship to take her away.*

### *Choose One of the Following*

#### **Bridge to Terabithia**

Book Level: 4.6

By Katherine Patterson

AR Points: 5.0

*Jess Aarons' greatest ambition is to be the fastest runner in his grade. He's been practicing all summer and can't wait to see his classmates' faces when he beats them all. But on the first day of school, a new girl boldly crosses over to the boys' side and outruns everyone. That's not a very promising beginning for a friendship, but Jess and Leslie Burke become inseparable. Together they create Terabithia, a magical kingdom in the woods where the two of them reign as king and queen, and their imaginations set the only limits. Then one morning a terrible tragedy occurs. Only when Jess is able to come to grips with this tragedy does he finally understand the strength and courage Leslie has given him.*

#### **Brian's Hunt**

Book Level: 5.9

By Gary Paulsen

AR Points: 3.0

*When Brian finds a dog one night, a dog that is wounded and whimpering, he senses danger. The dog is badly hurt, and as Brian cares for it, he worries about his Cree friends who live north of his camp. His instincts tell him to head north, quickly. With his new companion at his side, and with a terrible, growing sense of unease, he sets out to learn what happened. He sets out on the hunt.*

#### **Ginger Pye**

Book Level: 6.0

By Eleanor Estes

AR Points: 9.0

*Eleanor Estes's Ginger Pye, a 1952 Newbery Medal winner, is a warm, witty mystery set in a small-town American community. Ginger Pye, the star of the show, is the very smart dog that ten-year-old Jerry Pye buys for a hard-earned dollar. The most famous pup in Cranbury (a town between Boston and New York), Ginger knows many tricks, is as loyal as he is smart, and steals the hearts of everyone he meets . . . until someone steals him! Will Jerry and his sister Rachel ever be able to find their beloved terrier? The author's own black-and-white sketches leave just enough to the imagination.*

#### **Ella Enchanted**

Book Level: 4.6

By Gail Carson Levine

AR Points: 8.0

*How can a fairy's blessing be such a curse? At her birth, Ella of Frell was given a foolish fairy's gift—the "gift" of obedience. Ella must obey any order given to her, whether it's hopping on one foot for a day or chopping off her own head! But strong-willed Ella does not tamely accept her fate. She goes on a quest, encountering ogres, giants, wicked stepsisters, fairy godmothers, and handsome princes, determined to break the curse—and live happily ever after.*