



# SUMMER WORK 2023: RISING 5TH GRADE

Cannon Middle School



## 1) READING COMPONENT

In fifth grade, students will delve into a variety of topics, from learning about the world around them (including the keys to “survival” in middle school); to reading, creating, and sharing mythology; to developing a better understanding of their reading preferences and writing style. The summer reading selections will help launch this journey.

The required readings are:

- *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin
- One book from the reading list (below)

## 2) RELATIONSHIP COMPONENT

In addition to the reading, create a piece of work (poem, song, essay, poster, sculpture, video...the student's choice) that represents you or tells the story of who you are. What are your unique interests? What makes you who you are? Each piece will be presented (3 to 5 minutes in length) to the advisor and the student's advisory group as a way for students to learn about one another.



## Reading List

### Graphic Novel

*The Babysitter's Club* Graphix series

*Stuntboy, in the Meantime* by Jason Reynolds

*Amulet* series by Kazu Kibuishi

Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales series

### Nonfiction

*All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team* by Christina Soontornvat

*Something Rotten: A Fresh Look at Roadkill* by Heather Montgomery

*Race to the Bottom of the Earth: Surviving Antarctica* and *Unbreakable: The Spies Who Cracked The Nazis' Secret Code* by Rebecca Barone

### Fantasy

*Sisters of the Neversea* by Cynthia Leitich Smith

*Last Kids on Earth* series by Max Brallier

*How to Train Your Dragon* series by Cressida Cowell

*Redwall* series by Brian Jacques

### Realistic Fiction

*Rez Dogs* by Joseph Bruchac

*Merci Suarez Changes Gears* series by Meg Medina

*Front Desk* series by Kelly Yang

*Treasure Hunters* series by James Patterson

### Science Fiction

*Boy in the Tower* by Polly Yo-Hen

*Space Case* by Stuart Gibbs

*Lion of Mars* by Jennifer L. Holm

### Historical Fiction

*Ground Zero, Projekt 1065, or Prisoner B-3087* by Alan Gratz

*Bud, Not Buddy, The Watsons Go to Birmingham, The Mighty Miss Malone, or Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis

