

# SUMM□R *reading*



Welcome VCS 5th Grade Families! I hope you are having an amazing summer. It is so important to keep reading during the summer to avoid the summer slide.

This reading assignment is for all incoming 5th graders at Victory Christian School. You will choose one book from the list to read and write a book report over. You need to print out the book report form. Please follow all directions and fill out the book report completely.

The book report will be due Tuesday, August 25, 2026. If you enroll after July 31st, then your due date will be Tuesday, September 8th.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [cmoore@victory.com](mailto:cmoore@victory.com). Enjoy your summer. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Mrs. Moore

**Directions:** You will choose one book from the following list to read and write a book report over. You need to print out the book report form (2 pages). I suggest using notebook paper to answer the questions first and then use the form as your final copy. Please follow all directions and fill out the book report completely.

**Ruby Holler by Sharon Creech** "Trouble twins" Dallas and Florida are orphans who have given up believing there is such a thing as a loving home. Tiller and Sairy are an eccentric older couple who live in the beautiful, mysterious Ruby Holler, but they're restless for one more big adventure. When they invite the twins to join them on their journeys, they first must all stay together in the Holler, and the magic of the place takes over. Two pairs of lives grow closer and are changed forever.

**Frindle by Andrew Clements** Is Nick Allen a troublemaker? He just likes to liven things up at school -- and he's always had plenty of great ideas. When Nick learns some interesting information about how words are created, suddenly he's got the inspiration for his best plan ever...the Frindle.

**Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo** One summer's day, ten-year-old India Opal Buloni goes down to the local supermarket for some groceries—and comes home with a dog. But Winn-Dixie is no ordinary dog. It's because of Winn-Dixie that Opal begins to make friends. And it's because of Winn-Dixie that she finally dares to ask her father about her mother, who left when Opal was three. In fact, as Opal admits, just about everything that happens that summer is because of Winn-Dixie.

**The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo** Welcome to the story of Despereaux Tilling, a mouse who is in love with music, stories, and a princess named Pea. It is also the story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in the darkness and covets a world filled with light. And it is the story of Miggery Sow, a slow-witted serving girl who harbors a simple, impossible wish.

**Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan** Esperanza thought she'd always live a privileged life on her family's ranch in Mexico. She'd always have fancy dresses, a beautiful home filled with servants, and Mama, Papa, and Abuelita to care for her. But a sudden tragedy forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California and settle in a Mexican farm labor camp. Esperanza isn't ready for the hard work, financial struggles brought on by the Great Depression, or lack of acceptance she now faces. When Mama gets sick and a strike for better working conditions threatens to uproot their new life, Esperanza must find a way to rise above her difficult circumstances- -because Mama's life, and her own, depend on it.

**Summer of the Monkeys by Wilson Rawls** The last thing fourteen-year-old Jay Berry Lee expects to find while trekking through the Ozark Mountains of Oklahoma is a tree full of monkeys. But then Jay learns from his grandpa that the monkeys have escaped from a traveling circus, and there's a big reward for the person who finds and returns them. His family could really use the money, so Jay sets off, determined to catch them. But by the end of the summer, Jay will have learned a lot more than he bargained for—and not just about monkeys.

**Old Yeller by Fred Gibson** At first, Travis couldn't stand the sight of Old Yeller. The stray dog was ugly, and a thieving rascal, too. But he sure was clever, and a smart dog could be a big help on the wild Texas frontier, especially with Papa away on a long cattle drive up to Abilene. Strong and courageous, Old Yeller proved that he could protect Travis's family from any sort of danger. But can Travis do the same for Old Yeller?

**Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery** The Cuthberts didn't plan to bring a little orphan girl to live with them at Green Gables. At first they wonder if they've made a mistake. But once they come to know Anne Shirley, they can't help loving her. Though Anne is overjoyed to find a home, settling in there isn't always easy. She's never had a family, and never learned many things, such as how to follow rules of etiquette or how to say her prayers. The neighbors repeat stories of the new girl and her strange ways. And with her impulsive spirit, quick temper, and habit of daydreaming, she has a way of getting into one scrape after another.



What was your favorite part of the story? (10 points)

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What was your least favorite part of the story? (10 points)

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If you could change anything about the story, what would you change? (10 points)

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Would you recommend this book? (5 points)                      yes                      no

Why would you recommend or not recommend this book? (10 points)

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How many stars would you give this book, 1 being not great and 5 being amazing? (5 points)



