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Summer Reading List for Students Entering 5th Grade

The faculty and staff at TCA strongly believe that reading over the summer for all students is academically beneficial in so many ways. Students who read over the summer improve vocabulary, reading comprehension, and critical thinking skills, just to name a few of the many advantages. As upper elementary students ponder many important literary devices, such as character, conflict, and plot, they will discover new insight in their own reading abilities as they think about what they are reading. Therefore, we have created a required Summer Reading List for each grade level, based on students' interests, reading levels, and the books' literary merit.

Choose at least **two** books from the following list to read this summer in preparation for 1st grade at TCA. Please be aware that you will be expected to complete an activity when we return to school based on the books you read. Your teacher will provide more information along with the assignment during the first week of school.

The Indian in the Cupboard

Lynne Reid Banks

Dear Mr. Henshaw

Beverly Cleary

Trapped at the Bottom of the Sea (Cooper Kids Series)

Frank Peretti

Harriet Tubman, Conductor on the Underground Railroad

Anne Petry

My Side of the Mountain

Jean Craighead George

The Watsons Go to Birmingham 1963

Christopher Paul Curtis

The Sign of the Beaver

Elizabeth George Speare

Akeelah and the Bee

James W. Ellison

Out of the Dust

Karen Hesse

Esperanza Rising

Pam Munoz Ryan

Whether you are on the beach or riding in a car,
Anywhere you go, near or far
Your book can go with you and provide lots of fun
And as an added bonus, your brain will grow by a ton!