

Oak Hall Episcopal School

2026 Summer Reading List

for students entering: Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade Accelerated Reading counts as part of the Language Arts grade. Each student's required points are based on their individual reading level. Points earned during the summer are divided by four and distributed equally toward each nine-week period requirement. Oak Hall students are lifelong and year-round learners! Summer provides many opportunities for our students to enjoy unforgettable books while practicing reading and comprehension skills. Please note the required title for your child's grade. This is the book your child's teacher will use during the first week of school. *The required reading should be read, and the project completed prior to the start of school.* In addition to the required title, your student has been assigned an additional title to read. *The additional book must also be read prior to the first day of school.* A project will be completed in class on the first days of school for that book. Both novels should be returned on the first day of school.

Each student will borrow a copy of the required reading from the library to be returned the first day of school.

Required Reading:

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

AND

Second Novel (Book of your choice within your reading level)

Fifth Grade Summer Reading

Assignment Instructions

All students read Maniac Magee and complete the quotation responses (see attached). Additional projects and activities regarding Maniac Magee will be completed in class.

Each student must also read a second novel of their choice:

Response Journal (over Maniac Magee)

As students complete the reading of the book, Maniac Magee, they are expected to complete the quotation responses. The quotation response consists of a 2-3 sentence response to a list of quotes from the story. There are 19 quotes, which are attached. The responses may be handwritten or typed. Include the chapter of the quote, and use correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar. This project is due on the first day of school.

Example:

Chapter 1- Maniac ran away from his Aunt Dot and Uncle Dan. Their house had two of everything because they refused to get a divorce, even though they hated one another. Maniac never lived with them again.

Book Report (over second novel)

Your child may choose a second book of their choice (within their estimated reading range). Once the selected second novel is completed, students will complete the book report. On the first day of school, your student will use their book report to create a project in class. This book must be read ahead of time, and the book report template filled out in order to complete their project in class.

Maniac Magee

Required Reading Response Questions

Explain the meaning of each of these quotations from *Maniac Magee*.

Chapter 1: “*Never again to return to the house of two toasters.*”

Chapter 3: “*It’s where I’m from, not where I am.*”

Chapter 7: “*...McNab could already feel his strikeout record fading to a mere grain in the sandlot of history.*”

Chapter 15: “*But everything did not love him back.*”

Chapter 19: “*If the Wonders of the World hadn’t stopped at seven, Cobble’s Knot would have been number eight.*”

Chapter 20: “*...because he knew he was finally facing a knot that would stand up and fight, a worthy opponent.*”

Chapter 23: “*The shower needles stung his scratches, but it was a good, welcome-back-to-town stinging.*”

Chapter 25: “*God musta fainted.*”

Chapter 26: “*Stiff, crooked fingers that grappled clumsily with Krimpet wrappers curled naturally around the shape of a baseball.*”

Chapter 27: “*His smile was so wide he’d have had to break it into sections to fit it through a doorway.*”

Chapter 29: “*For most of November, winter toyed with Two Mills, whispered in its ear, tickled it under the chin. On Thanksgiving Thursday, winter kicked it in the stomach.*”

Chapter 31: “*Within an hour or two, the holiday would come bounding down the stairs and squealing ‘round the tinsel trees of Two Mills.*”

Chapter 33: “*No one else would orphan him.*”

Chapter 38: “*Mars Bar did not stop till he was inside Maniac’s phone booth of space...*”

Chapter 39: “*During the night, March doubled back and grabbed April by the scruff of the neck and flung it another week or two down the road.*”

Chapter 40: “*How could he act as a father to these boys when he himself ached to be*

somebody's son?"

Chapter 41: *"But the East Enders stayed in the east and the West Enders stayed in the west, and the less they knew about each other, the more they invented."*

Chapter 46: *"He knew that finally, truly, at long last, someone was calling him home."*

BOOK REPORT SHEET
(Second Required Reading book of your choice)

Name_____

After completion of the novel, answer the following questions and bring to class on the first day of school.

Book Title _____

Author _____

Number of pages _____

Genre _____

(Sci-Fi, Fantasy, Mystery, Historical Fiction, etc...)

Describe three main characters:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Setting (Where does the story take place?)

Conflict (Every story has a problem to solve.)

Climax (The most exciting part of the story.)

Resolution (How is the problem solved?)
