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Dear Fifth Grade Students and Parents,

Below is a list of book choices for summer reading for incoming sixth graders.  Many of the selected novels will be available for sale at the upcoming Book Fair at St. Michael's

*Holes*, by Louis Sachar is required, and two books from the following list, one from each of the following categories:

Category 1: Historical

*Al Capone Does My Shirts* Gennifer Choldenko

*Call of the Wild* Jack London

*Catherine Called Birdy* Karen Cushman

*Crispin: The Cross of Lead* Avi

*Fever 1793* Laurie Hals Anderson

*The Kite Rider* Geraldine McCaughrean

*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* Mildred D. Taylor

*Samurai Shortstop* Alan G. Gratz

*Treasure Island* Robert Louis Stevenson

*The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963* Christopher Paul Curtis

Category 2: Contemporary/Fantasy

*Black Cauldron* (or any from this series) Lloyd Alexander

*Chasing Redbird* Sharon Creech

*The Ear, The Eye, and The Arm* Nancy Farmer

*Hoot* Carl Hiaasen

*The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place* E.L. Konigsburg

*The Phantom Tollbooth* Norton Juster

*Phoenix Rising* Karen Hesse

*Redwall* (or any from this series) Brian Jacques

*The Schwa Was Here* Neil Shusterman

*When You Reach Me* Rebecca Stead

*Wonder* R.J. Palacio

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