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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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