



Summer Reading 2026-2027

Dear Families,

This summer, all fourth grade students are expected to read *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown. Our first class novel will be the sequel, *The Wild Robot Escapes*, so it is necessary for students to return to school familiar with the characters, setting, and events from the first book.



Although there is a movie adaptation of *The Wild Robot*, students are still expected to read the novel in its entirety. The book includes important details, character development, and themes that are not fully presented in the film. Reading the novel will help students become familiar with the text's complexity and better prepare them to actively participate in the beginning of year **assignments and discussions**.

If your child has already read *The Wild Robot* and taken the AR quiz, they should choose another book from the options below and complete the same required activities for that book. If your child took an AR quiz after viewing the movie but has not read the book, they are responsible for reading the novel.

Students are encouraged to watch the movie after reading the novel. We will also compare how stories are presented through different forms of media, which is one of our fifth grade standards.

Watching the movie can be a fun way to end the summer and build community. Invite a few friends, grab some favorite snacks, and enjoy a movie night together!

Thank you for your support and happy reading!

Options for those who have read *The Wild Robot* or those who wish to read some more!



The 100 Year Old Secret
Book 1
By: Tracy Barrett

Xena and Xander Holmes have just discovered they're related to Sherlock Holmes and have inherited his unsolved casebook! The siblings set out to solve the cases their famous ancestor couldn't solve.

Genre: Mystery



The Contract
By: Derek Jeter

Eight-year-old Derek dreams of being the starting shortstop of his favorite team, the New York Yankees, but he has to get through Little League first! Derek faces the challenge of being a leader on and off the field while striving to be a champion.

Genre: Fiction



Raising Lumie
By: Joan Bauer

Olive Hudson desperately wants a dog but that doesn't seem to be a possibility right now. Newly orphaned, she's moving in with the half sister and their life is too chaotic to include a dog. But then something wonderful happens: Olive gets a chance to raise Lumie, a guide dog puppy.

Genre: Fiction



Back to the Bright Before
By: Katherin Nolte

A magical adventure about two brave siblings determined to find a treasure that could save their family.

Genre:
Fantasy/Adventure



Fifth Grade Book Report



Student Name: _____

Complete the questions below for the book you selected. Answer using complete sentences.

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

1. What is **one** challenge the main character faced in the book? Explain why this was a challenge.

2. How did he/she overcome this challenge? If they were not able to overcome it, explain why.

3. What are **two** character traits to describe the main character? Provide an example from the book for each trait to show how each trait describes the character.

4. What is **one** lesson you learned while reading this book? How will you use this in your own life?

5. If you had the chance to meet the main character, what are two questions you would ask him/her?
