

## Projects

You must complete one project for a book you read this summer. Pick one project from the list below:

1. **Book Jacket** - Create new book jacket for the book. Include the title, illustrator, author and an image on the cover. On the inside flap write about a character and on the back flap summarize the story.
2. **Stamp** - Design a large postal stamp to honor the book you read and the author of the book. Your stamp should not be the size of a stamp.
3. **Diorama** - Use a shoebox to create a scene from the story or to display facts about a topic in an informational book.
4. **Create a Comic Book** - Create a comic book of the story or important parts of the story. Use speech bubbles for dialogue.
5. **Ten Facts** - Create a "Ten Facts About [book title]" sheet that lists ten facts you learned from reading the book. The facts, written in complete sentences, must include details you didn't know before you read the book.

More project ideas and resources are available at:

<http://www.trenton.k12.nj.us/read/>

## Helpful Strategies for Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Encourage your child to read every day.

Make reading fun.

Help your child select books that are not too easy and not too hard - just right.

Keep reading to your child even after your child has learned to read.

Talk to your child about your favorite books.

Listen to your child read and show interest in the story.

Be flexible and patient with your child.

If your child is struggling with reading ask for advice from teachers and librarians.

# Summer Reading Program Entering Fifth Grade

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## *A Guide To Summer Reading*



Trenton Public Schools  
Trenton, New Jersey

## Recommended Authors

Bergen, Lara	Candy Apple Series
Christopher, Matt	Sports books
Craighead George, Jean	Many appropriate books
Dahl, Roald	Many appropriate books
Lewis, C.S.	Chronicles of Narnia Series
Paterson, Katherine	Many appropriate books
Riordan, Rick	The Lightning Thief Series
Snicket, Lemony	A Series of Unfortunate Events
Sobel, Donald	Encyclopedia Brown Series

Atwater, Richard and Florence	Mr. Popper's Penguins
Berger, Melvin	Discovering Mars: The Amazing Story of the Red Planet
Bunting, Eve	The In-Between Days
Byars, Betsy	The Pinballs, The TV Kid
Cleary, Beverly	Dear Mr. Henshaw
Clements, Andrew	Frindle
King-Smith, Dick	Babe the Gallant Pig
Kipling, Rudyard	Just So Stories
Lauber, Patricia	Hurricanes: Earth's Mightiest Storms
Myers, Walter Dean	Me, Mop, and the Moondance Kid
Nelson, Kadir	We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball
Reit, Seymour	Guns for General Washington
Sachar, Louis	There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom
Simon, Seymour	Horses
Sobel, Donald	Still More Two Minute Mysteries



*Students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade are expected to read at least 3 books and complete 1 project.*

***READ, READ, READ!***

*If you need assistance finding additional books for summer reading, please consult your local librarian.*