

Saint Philip Neri School  
Summer Reading 2021  
**FIFTH GRADE ENTERING SIXTH GRADE**

Over the summer break, each student is required to read at least one book and complete the attached graphic organizer. The list of books is attached for your grade level. For any of the books that you read, you may fill in additional graphic organizers. You will use this information the first week of school to develop your BASELINE Writing piece. You may read any number of books that you wish. Then in September, you can choose the book to use for your Writing.

***Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen** A mystery/suspense novel, where new arrival Roy makes two oddball friends and a bad enemy, and joins an effort to stop construction of a pancake house which would destroy a colony of burrowing owls who live on the site. © 2005 Grade Level 5-6

***The Mysterious Benedict Society Book 1* by Trenton Lee Stewart** Dozens of children respond to this peculiar ad in the newspaper and are then put through a series of mind-bending tests. (And you, dear listener, can test your wits right alongside them.) Only four children - Reynie, Kate, Sticky, and Constance - succeed. Their challenge: to go on a secret mission that only the most intelligent and inventive children could complete. To accomplish it, they will have to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. But what they'll find in the hidden labyrinth of the school's underground tunnels is more than your average school supplies. © 2008 Grade Level 3-7

***Tesla's Attic: The Accelerati Trilogy, Book 1 of 3: The Accelerati Trilogy* | by Neal Shusterman & Eric Elfma** After their home burns down, fourteen-year-old Nick, his younger brother, and their father move into a ramshackle Victorian house they've inherited. When Nick opens the door to his attic room, he's hit in the head by a toaster. That's just the beginning of his weird experiences with the old junk stored up there. After getting rid of the odd antiques in a garage sale, Nick befriends some local kids--Mitch, Caitlin, and Vincent--and they discover that all of the objects have extraordinary properties. What's more, Nick figures out that the attic is a strange magnetic vortex, which attracts all sorts of trouble. © 2015 Grade Level 3-7

***Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life* by Wendy Mass** In one month Jeremy Fink will turn thirteen. But does he have what it takes to be a teenager? He collects mutant candy, he won't venture more than four blocks from his apartment if he can help it, and he definitely doesn't like surprises. On the other hand, his best friend, Lizzy, isn't afraid of anything, even if that might get her into trouble now and then. Jeremy's summer takes an unexpected turn when a mysterious wooden box arrives in the mail. According to the writing on the box, it holds the meaning of life! The problem is, the keys are missing, Jeremy and Lizzy set off to find the keys. © 2008 Grade Level 3-7

***Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt** Everybody is smart in different ways. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its life believing it is stupid." Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? ©2017 Grade Level 5-9

***The Best Man* by Richard Peck** Archer Magill has spent a lively five years of grade school with one eye out in search of grown-up role models. Three of the best are his grandpa, the great architect; his dad, the great vintage car customizer. ©2017 Grade Level 5-6

***A Handful of Stars* by Cynthia Lord** When Lily's blind dog, Lucky, slips his collar and runs away across the wide-open blueberry barrens of eastern Maine, it's Salma Santiago who manages to catch him. ©2017 Grade Level 5-7

***Isabel Feeney, Star Reporter* by Beth Fantaskey** It's 1920s Chicago—the guns-and-gangster era of Al Capone—and it's unusual for a girl to be selling the *Tribune* on the street corner. But ten-year-old Isabel Feeney is unusually obsessed with being a news reporter. ©2017 Grade Level 5-7

***Merci Suarez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina** Merci Suarez knew that sixth grade would be different, but she had no idea just *how* different. For starters, Merci has never been like the other kids at her private school in Florida, because she and her older brother, Roli, are scholarship students. 2019 Newbery Medal ©2018 Grade Level 5-7

***Pay Attention, Carter Jones* by Grey D. Schmidt** Carter Jones suddenly has an English butler who insists on helping his family during a time of grief: teaching and letting Carter drive the huge family car and taking over the school soccer field so everyone can play cricket, among other absurd and humorous events. ©2020 Grade Level 5-7



Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Fiction Story Map

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Author:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Main Characters** (Major or minor? Give a description of the character as well as traits (what quality would they be remembered for in the story?)

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**Problem/Conflict** (the main dilemma that caused the characters to act/do what they did)

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**Solution/Resolution** (How was the problem/conflict resolved? Who helped?)

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**Theme/Author's Message** (What can the reader learn from this story?)

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**Personal connection** (How can something in your life change to help a friend who might face the same problem?)

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