Dear Families,

Studies show that children who do not read during summer break regress as much as 2 months of reading performance. If this continues throughout elementary school, by the time these children enter middle school, they may be as much as 2 1/2 years behind. For this reason, it is imperative that you set aside time for your child/children to read daily.

In order to help your child/children to continue to make reading progress, we’re providing the attached summer reading list.

Your child/children must do the following:

- Read for at least 30 minutes daily
- Select at least 2 books from the list
- 1 of the books must be the assigned book
- 1 of the books can be a free choice
- Complete the response to literature based on the assigned book

Let’s work together to reduce or prevent the summer slide and promote reading growth!

Stronger Together,

Grade 5 Team
• **Esperanza Rising** by Pam Munoz Ryan *(Required)*

• **Stone Fox** by John Reynolds Gardiner

• **Through My Eyes** by Ruby Bridges

• **Sugar** by Jewell Parker Rhodes

• **Bluish** by Virginia Hamilton

• **Little House on the Prairie** by Laura Ingalls Wilder

• **Love That Dog** by Sharon Creech

• **The Landry News** by Andrew Clements

• **Giant Steps to Change the World** Spike Lee and Tonya Lewis Lee

• **Because of Winn-Dixie** by Kate DiCamillo
Response to Literature

After reading the book “Esperanza Rising” by Pam Munoz Ryan, use details from the book to determine and describe the theme. In your response be sure to:

- State the theme
- Discuss the challenges Esperanza faced and how she responded to those challenges
- Describe how she changes over time and what she learns
- Interesting details to support your response