

SUMMER READING LIST
(Students entering 5th grade)

Students entering 5th grade at Mobile Christian are to choose **two** of the following books to read over the summer. Students should be prepared to write a short essay on one of the books and take an AR test for each when they return to school.

MATH: Please be sure your rising 5th grade student has multiplication and division facts memorized. They are expected to know all of them (0-12) the **first day of school**.

The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks

"This is the magical story of a young boy, Omri, who discovers that his magic cupboard and key can bring toys to life, beginning with a secondhand plastic Indian who comes to life as Little Bull."

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

"A ten-year-old orphan goes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors, where she discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden."

Frindle by Andrew Clements

"When Nick Allen decides to turn his fifth-grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, he cleverly invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control."

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl (or The BFG)

"Wonderful adventures abound after James escapes from his fearsome aunts by rolling away inside a giant peach."

The Last Dog on Earth by Daniel Ehrenhaft

"Logan Moore develops a strong bond with Jack, a stray dog, but even that relationship is threatened when a deadly disease emerges which causes canines to turn vicious before they die, and has humans reacting in a typically irrational manner."

The Castle in the Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop

"William has a fantastic present in the attic that is able to transport him to another land and another time for a challenging and exciting adventure."

Howliday Inn by James Howe

"While investigating the horrible howling that emanates from Chateau Bow Wow, Chester the Cat and Harold the Dog stumble on a mystery involving some suspicious disappearances and maybe murder."

Swindle by Gordon Korman (or any other book by Gordon Korman)

"After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palomino cons sixth-grader Griffin Bing out of a valuable baseball card, Griffin puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back. Book #1"

The Capture by Lasky (or any other from the *Guardians of Ga'hoole* series)

"When Soren is pushed from his family's nest, he is rescued from certain death on the forest floor by agents from a mysterious school for orphaned owls. He and his new friend, Gylfie, find out that there is more to the school than meets the eye. Book #1"

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis (or any other from the *Chronicles of Narnia* series)

"Four English school children find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch. Book #1"

The Big Field by Mike Lupica

"Hutch feels threatened when Darryl becomes the shortstop and Hutch is relegated to second base. He tries to work through his insecurities about both Darryl and his remote and silent father, who was once a great ballplayer, too."

Island of the Blue Dolphin by Scott O'Dell

"Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends eighteen years, not only merely surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life."

Disney After Dark by Ridley Pearson (or any other from the *Kingdom Keepers* series)

"Finn is hired to be hologramed as a Disney World park 'guide' but soon finds himself being transported into the Magic Kingdom in the dead of night to help fight a group of Disney villains who want to take over Disney World – and maybe more. Book #1"

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan (or any other from the *Percy Jackson & the Olympians* series)

"Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods, where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. Book #1"

****Book synopses taken from www.arbookfind.com**

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