

**DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**SUMMER READING LIST**  
**FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
**SEPTEMBER 2025**

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**CHOOSE -1- BOOK FROM THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Historical Fiction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Number the Stars</u> by Lois Lowry</li> <li>● <u>I Survived: The Battle of D-Day, 1944</u> by Lauren Tarshis</li> <li>● <u>I Survived: The Hindenburg Disaster, 1937</u> by Lauren Tarshis</li> <li>● <u>I Survived: The Eruption of Mount St. Helens</u> by Lauren Tarshis</li> <li>● <u>Sign of the Beaver</u> by Elizabeth George Speare</li> <li>● <u>Esperanza Rising</u> by Pam Munoz Ryan</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Science Fiction/ Fantasy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief</u> by Rick Riordan</li> <li>● <u>Crenshaw</u> by Katherine Applegate</li> <li>● <u>The Fourteenth Goldfish</u> by Jennifer L. Holm</li> <li>● <u>The Borrowers</u> by Mary Norton</li> <li>● <u>City of Ember</u> by Jeanne DuPrau</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mystery/ Adventure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>My Side of the Mountain</u> by Jean Craighead George</li> <li>● <u>From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankenweiler</u> by E.L. Konigsburg</li> <li>● <u>Spy School</u> by Stuart Gibbs</li> <li>● <u>Chasing Vermeer</u> by Blue Balliett</li> <li>● <u>Holes</u> by Louis Sachar</li> <li>● <u>The Book Scavenger</u> (Book 1) by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Realistic Fiction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Out of My Mind</u> by Sharon M. Draper</li> <li>● <u>The Lemonade Wars</u> by Jacqueline Davies</li> <li>● <u>Ungifted</u> by Gordon Korman</li> <li>● <u>The One and Only Ivan</u> by Katherine Applegate</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Classics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Where the Red Fern Grows</u> by Wilson Rawls</li> <li>● <u>The Secret Garden</u> by Frances H. Burnett</li> <li>● <u>The Black Stallion</u> by Walter Farley</li> <li>● <u>White Fang</u> by Jack London</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Babe and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure</u> by Dan Gutman</li> <li>● <u>Comeback Kids</u> by Mike Lupica</li> <li>● <u>The Crossover</u> by Kwame Alexander</li> <li>● <u>Final Season</u> by Tim Green</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <u>Jake and Lily</u> by Jerry Spinelli</li><li>● <u>Bridge to Terabithia</u> by Katherine Paterson</li><li>● <u>Hatchet</u> by Gary Paulsen</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <u>A Wrinkle in Time</u> by Madeleine L'Engle</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <u>The Underdogs</u> by Mike Lupica</li></ul>
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