The titles selected for this recommended summer reading list were chosen specifically for those students leaving grades 4 and 5. Titles included are just a sampling of the books you may enjoy reading during this summer. Many of the authors on this list have written more than one book. Check out some of these titles, too.

**Oceans of Possibilities**

*Adventure*
- Peter Lee's Notes from the Field by Angela Ahn
- Race to the Bottom of the Sea by Lindsay Eager
- Spy School at Sea by Stuart Gibbs
- The Mouse Watch Underwater by J.J. Gilbert
- Pony by R.J. Palacio
- Time Villians by Victor Pinerio
- Call it Courage by Armstrong Sperry
- Explorer Academy (series) by Trudi Trueit
- Navigating Early by Clare Vanderpool

*Belonging*
- Being Clem by Lesa Cline-Ransome
- No Vacancy by Tziporah Cohen
- I Can Make This Promise by Christine Day
- Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids by Cynthia Leitich Smith, ed.
- A Place at the Table by Saadia Faruqi
- How to Make Friends with the Sea by Tanya Guerrero
- Ahmed Aziz’s Epic Year by Nina Hamza
- The Magic in Changing Your Stars by Leah Henderson
- Lupe Wong Won’t Dance by Donna Barba Higuera
- The Way of the Hive: A Honey Bee’s Story by Jay Hosler
- The Science of Breakable Things by Tae Keller
- Caterpillar Summer by Gillian McDunn
- First Generation: 36 Trailblazing Immigrants and Refugees Who Make America Great by Sandra Neil Wallace

**Possibilities**

- The Complete Cookbook for Young Scientists by Molly Birnbaum, ed.
- A Shot in the Arm by Don Brown
- One Time by Sharon Creech
- When You Look Up by Decur
- Scrumptious Cookies with a Slice of Science by M.M. Eboch
- Recycled Science (series) by Tammy Enz and Jodi Whellen-Toppen
- Super Good Baking for Kids by Duff Goldman
- Origami Explosion: Scorpions, Whales, Boxes and More! by Christopher Harbo
- Out of Left Field by Ellen Klages
- Anne of Green Gables: a Graphic Novel by Mariah Marsden
- Stuntboy, In the Meantime by Jason Reynolds
- Hide and Don’t Seek: And Other Very Scary Stories by Anica Mrose Rissi
- Sisters of the Neversea by Cynthia Leitich Smith
- The Roots of Rap: 16 Bars on the Pillars of Hip-Hop by Carole Boston Weatherford

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Conservation

Stella Diaz Never Gives Up by Angela Dominguez
The Science of Oceans: The Watery Truth about 72 Percent of our Planet’s Surface by Fiona Macdonald
Upcycled Plastic Projects by Marcy Morin
Cast Away: Poems for Our Time by Naomi Nye
Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California’s Farallon Islands by Katherine Roy
Orphan Island by Laurel Snyder
A Girl, a Raccoon, and the Midnight Moon by Karen Romano Young

Nature’s Fury

The Storm Keeper’s Island by Catherine Doyle
Titanic: Voices from the Disaster by Deborah Hopkinson
Escaping the Giant Wave by Peg Kehret
The Titanic (History Smashers) by Kate Messner
What Was the Titanic? by Stephanie Sabol
All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys’ Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat
Where is the Bermuda Triangle? by Megan Stine
The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau by Dan Yaccarino

Tails and Truths of the Sea

Extreme Ocean: Amazing Animals, High-Tech Gear, Record-Breaking Depths, and Much More! by Sylvia Earle and Glen Phelan
Sharks: Nature’s Perfect Hunter by Joe Flood
The Great White Shark Adventure by James Fraioli
The Tail of Emily Windsnap by Liz Kessler
Everything Awesome About Sharks and Other Underwater Creatures! by Mike Lowery
Kensuke’s Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo
Beneath the Waves: Celebrating the Ocean through Pictures, Poems, & Stories by National Geographic
Weird But True! Ocean: 300 Fin-tastic Facts from the Deep Blue Sea by National Geographic
Aquicorn Cove by Katie O’Neill
Lena, the Sea, and Me by Maria Parr
Secrets at Sea by Richard Peck
The Science of Seafaring: The Float-tastic Facts About Ships by Anne Rooney
Coral Reefs: Cities of the Ocean by Maris Wicks

Tales from Other Lands

Rise of the Jumbies by Tracey Baptiste
Sea Sirens by Amy Chu
Sky Island by Amy Chu
Odd and the Frost Giants by Neil Gaiman
When the Sea Turned to Silver by Grace Lin
The Last Gate of the Emperor by Kwame Mbalia
Poseidon: Earth Shaker by George O’Connor

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