

To the Parents of Rising Fifth Graders:

Rising fifth graders are required to read two books and take reading tests on them over the summer. These books are integrated with your child's 5<sup>th</sup> grade social studies curriculum. Your child must take these tests at [www.bookadventure.com](http://www.bookadventure.com) by the first day of school. She/he will need to print out her/his test results, print her/his name and title of the book on the pages, and turn it into me on the first day of school. Your child may also write a book report on one of these books if she/he cannot find it in BookAdventure. That will be her/his ticket to a successful first day back to school because your child will be credited for these two books at the beginning of the year. You may purchase these awesome books at any area bookstores. Please choose two books from the following list.

*\*Civil War*

Soldier's Heart by: Gary Paulsen, A.R. level 5.7

Shades of Gray by: Carolyn Reeder, A.R. level 5.3

Iron Thunder. The Battle between The Monitor and the Merrimac by: Avi, A.R. level 4.3

Behind Rebel Lines by: Seymour Reit, A.R. level 5.7

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by: James L. Swanson, A.R. level 7.5

*\*Immigration*

The Orphan of Ellis Island by: Elvira Woodruff, A.R. level 4.9

*\*Dustbow/Depression*

Out of the Dust by: Karen Hesse, A.R. level 5.3

A Year Down Yonder by: Richard Peck, A.R. level 4.5

*\*World War II*

On the Wings of Heroes by: Richard Peck, A.R. level 4.6

I look forward to being your child's fifth grade language arts teacher. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me at 368-2535 (cell), 766-0966(home) or email me at [betsy-pace@tatesschool.com](mailto:betsy-pace@tatesschool.com).

Sincerely,

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