



# Katz Hillel Day School of Boca Raton

## Fifth Grade English Summer Reading List, 2021

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**Directions:** For the summer reading assignment, you must read **two** of the following four books listed below.

- Please purchase the novels instead of checking them out from the library as you will be asked to have your texts in class during the early weeks of the school year.
- Be a careful reader to prepare yourself for the assessments and literary activities we will engage in during the first few weeks of class.
- Enjoy your reading!
- Have a fantastic summer!

1. *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Koningsburg (ISBN: 0689711816)  
Claudia, who does not like discomfort, knows that she could never pull off the old-fashioned kind of running away. Therefore, when she decides to leave home, Claudia does not simply run from somewhere she does not want to be, she goes to a place she really wants to live. So Claudia decides to move to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, and when she does, she finds herself in the middle of some mysterious headlines.

2. *When the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin (ISBN: 0316038636)  
Minli's dad loves telling his daughter stories, and one night he tells her the story of the Old Man On The Moon, who can answer any question one asks. Minli decides she needs to find the Old Man On The Moon and ask him how to bring fortune to her home and to her parents. With the help of a talking goldfish, she sets off on an incredible adventure. Along the way she meets all sorts of magical creatures and mysterious characters, including a dragon that joins Minli on her journey.

3. *Anything but Typical* by Nora Raleigh Baskin (ISBN: 9781416995005)  
Jason Blake is an autistic 12-year-old living in a neurotypical world. Most days it's just a matter of time before something goes wrong. But Jason finds a glimmer of understanding when he comes across PhoenixBird, who posts stories to the same online site as he does. Jason can be himself when he writes and he thinks that PhoenixBird — her name is Rebecca — could be his first real friend. But as desperate as Jason is to meet her, he's terrified that if they do meet, Rebecca will only see his autism and not who Jason really is.

4. *The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks (ISBN: 9780375847530)  
When Omri's big brother has no birthday present for him, he gives Omri an old wooden medicine cabinet he's found. The cabinet doesn't seem like much of a present to nine-year-old Omri, until he deposits inside it another present he receives for his birthday: a miniature plastic Indian. His mother comes up with a key for the cabinet, and the real magic begins. When Omri turns the key once, the Indian, named Little Bear, comes alive; but turn the key a second time and it's an ordinary plastic Indian again.

5. *No Summit out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits* by Jordan Romero, Linda LeBlanc (ISBN: 9781481432764)

At the age of thirteen, American teenager Jordan Romero became the youngest person to climb to the summit of Mount Everest. At fifteen, he became the youngest person to reach the summits of the tallest mountains on each of the seven continents. In this energizing memoir for young adults, Jordan, now seventeen, recounts his experience, which started as a spark of an idea at the age of nine and, many years of training and hard work later, turned into a dream come true.