

## Tuscaloosa Academy 5th grade Summer Reading 2026-2027

*Note: The TA library will be open on Wednesdays from 9am - 1pm all summer for AR tests, starting on June 5th, except for June 19th, will be open on 6/18 instead, and July 3rd.*

**BOOK 1**→ **Required Summer Reading:** *Song for a Whale* by Lynne Kelly. Students will take an AR Test on the novel during summer break. At the beginning of the school year, the students will use this novel for our first literature lessons: Literary Elements.

**BOOK 2**→ **Choice of 1 of 10:** Students will choose from the list below one book. Students will need to take an AR Test during summer break. Students will complete an assignment regarding their choice book for the Literary Elements unit at the beginning of the school year.

<i>Number the Stars</i> by Lois Lowry	<i>Turtle in Paradise</i> by Jennifer L. Holm
<i>Anne of Green Gables</i> by L.M. Montgomery	<i>The Puppets of Spelhorst</i> by Kate DiCamillo
<i>Esperanza Rising</i> by Pam Munoz Ryan	<i>Ella Enchanted</i> by Gail Carson Levine
<i>Prisoner B-3087</i> by Alan Gratz	<i>Leeva at Last</i> by Sara Pennypacker
<i>Warriors, Into the Wild</i> by Erin Hunter	<i>Inside Out and Back Again</i> by Thanhha Lai

**BOOK 3**→ Free choice of a young adult novel. Students will need to take an AR test during the summer. The TA English department encourages parents and students to research content using the trusted website:

<https://www.common sense media.org>

**Some excellent YA authors to check out (Your book does not *have* to be written by one of these authors):**

5th Grade Authors to Consider	6th Grade Authors to Consider	7th Grade Authors to Consider	8th Grade Authors to Consider
M.T. Anderson	Gary D. Schmidt	Gary D. Schmidt	Gary D. Schmidt
Jennifer Holm	Daniel Nayeri	Francis Hodgson Burnett	Francis Hodgson Burnett
Lois Lowry	Lois Lowry	Lois Lowry	Lois Lowry
C.S. Lewis	C.S. Lewis	C.S. Lewis	Jennifer A. Nielson
Blue Balliett	Jennifer L. Holm	Jerry Spinelli	Suzanne Collins
Katherine Applegate	Cynthia Lord	Lynda Mullaly Hunt	Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Kate DiCamillo	Jasmine Warga	Jasmine Warga	John Green
R.J. Palacio	R.J. Palacio	Kwame Alexander	Kwame Alexander
Alan Gratz	Alan Gratz	Alan Gratz	Alan Gratz
Louis Sachar	Louis Sachar	Rick Riordan	Rick Riordan
J.K. Rowling	J.K. Rowling	J.K. Rowling	J.K. Rowling
	Lauren Wolk	Lauren Wolk	J.R.R. Tolkien
			Kiera Cass
			Laurie Halse Anderson
			Robert Cormier
			Sue Monk Kidd
			Jane Austen

### Novels for the 2025-2026 School Year (In Class Units):

1. *Wonder* 2. *The Eyes and the Impossible* 3. *Chasing Vermeer* 4. *The Magician's Nephew*