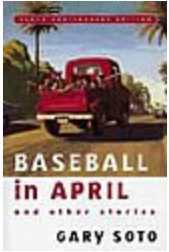


SUMMER READING FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 5TH GRADE At Pinewood Elementary

Students- I would like for you to read 2 books from this list over the summer. You can read more if you want to. Some of these books are free online. Others you can buy through Amazon.Uk Of course if you have access to a library, you can also borrow them. Be prepared to talk about one of the books. Write a book report about the other. If you have any questions, whatsoever, you can contact me at varsakopoulos@pinewood-school.gr



Baseball in April- by Gary Soto ISBN-13: 978-0152025670 or ISBN-10: 0152025677

The Mexican American author Gary Soto draws on his own experience of growing up in California's Central Valley in this finely crafted collection of eleven short stories that reveal big themes in the small events of daily life. Crooked teeth, ponytailed girls, embarrassing grandfathers, imposter Barbies, annoying brothers, Little League tryouts, and karate lessons weave the colorful fabric of Soto's world. The smart, tough, vulnerable kids in these stories are Latino, but their dreams and desires belong to all of us. Glossary of Spanish terms included. Awards: ALA Best Book for Young Adults, Booklist Editors' Choice, Horn Book Fanfare Selection, Judy Lopez Memorial Honor Book, Parenting Magazine's Reading Magic Award, John and Patricia Beatty Award



The Adventures of Beanboy, by Lisa Harkrader. ISBN-10: 0547550782 or ISBN-13: 978-0547550787

Never underestimate the power of the bean. Tucker MacBean has been drawing comic books almost as long as he's been reading them. When his favorite comic has a contest for kids, he hopes he has finally found a way to fix his family—all he has to do is create the winning superhero sidekick . . . Introducing "Beanboy"—the first comic book character to truly harness the power of the bean for good. He is strong, he is relentless, he can double in size overnight (if given enough water). With thoughtful characterizations and copious comic book illustrations, this laugh out-loud novel will have readers rooting for a superhero with true heart.



Dogtag Summer by Elizabeth Partridge. ISBN-10: 1599908298 or ISBN-13: 978-1599908298 12-year-old

Tracy finds an ammunition box that her father brought home from the Vietnam War. Tracy has always known of her Vietnamese heritage, but can't explain the violent scenes playing in her mind since finding the box.



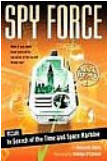
True (...Sort of) by Katherine Hannigan. ISBN-10: 0061968757 or ISBN-13: 978-0061968754

Delly is a big-hearted, but tough-as-nails tomboy who seems to find trouble at every turn. Best friend Ferris helps to put her on the straight and narrow, but all that changes when Delly finds out the truth: Ferris is in some real trouble of her own. A compelling story about friendship, trouble, and facing the truth.



The Silver Bowl by Diane Stanley. ISBN-10: 0061575461 or ISBN-13: 978-0061575464

Scullery maid Molly might have the key to the kingdom's safety. It's a fast read to find out how. Grounded in her life at Dethemere Castle, Molly is perfectly poised for the moment when a grisly curse rears its head. A no-nonsense plot leads the way through a good starter book for beginning fantasy readers.



Spy Force Mission: In Search of the Time and Space Machine by Deborah Abela, illustrated by George O'Connor (Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2005). ISBN-10: 1416925015 or ISBN-13: 978-1416925019

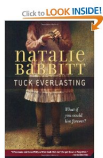
An 11-year-old girl discovers boredom is the least of her problems during the summer she spends at her aunt's farm. Her secret-agent stories take on a new reality when she happens upon a real spy ring. This story is the ultimate thriller for our age. 240 pages.



The Absolute Value of Mike Kathryn Erskine ISBN-10: 0142421014 or ISBN-13: 978-0142421017

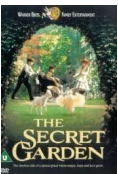
Ages 10 up | Grades 5 up

Mike is looking forward to proving himself to his Dad when he is sent to distant relatives in rural Pennsylvania to work on an engineering project. When he arrives, however, nothing is what it seems and his engineering project turns out to be a town-wide project to adopt a boy from Romania, teaming him up with his wacky aunt, a homeless man and a punk rock girl during a summer that is far from ordinary.



TUCK EVERLASTING- by Natalie Babbitt. ISBN-10: 0747564175 or ISBN-13: 978-0747564171

Doomed to—or blessed with—eternal life after drinking from a magic spring, the Tuck family wanders about trying to live as inconspicuously and comfortably as they can. When ten-year-old Winnie Foster stumbles on their secret, the Tucks take her home and explain why living forever at one age is less a blessing that it might seem. Complications arise when Winnie is followed by a stranger who wants to market the spring water for a fortune.



THE SECRET GARDEN free online book- by Frances Hodgson Burnett

http://www.pagebypagebooks.com/Frances_Hodgson_Burnett/The_Secret_Garden/ or Amazon ISBN-10: 1853261041 or ISBN-13: 978-1853261046

This timeless classic is a poignant tale of Mary, a lonely orphaned girl sent to a Yorkshire mansion at the edge of a vast lonely moor. At first, she is frightened by this gloomy place until she meets a local boy, Dickon, who's earned the trust of the moor's wild animals, the invalid Colin, an unhappy boy terrified of life, and a mysterious, abandoned garden..

