**Friends Academy**

**Locust Valley, NY 11560**

**Summer Reading Suggestions 2019**

**For Students Entering Fifth Grade**

Anderson, M.T.

Whales on Stilts.

A zany science fiction tale of three friends who must stop a madman from taking over the world by releasing his whales on stilts with laser-beam eyes.

Applegate, Katharine.

The One and Only Ivan.

The touching story of the friendship between a captive silverback gorilla and a young elephant.

Avi.

The Good Dog.

McKinley, a malamute, must choose between domestic life with his human family, or life in the wild with a wolf named Lupin.

Poppy.

A deer mouse named Poppy must battle the terrifying owl, Mr. Ocax, when she wants to move her family from their present location to a new field with more food.

Who stole the wizard of Oz?

Becky and her brother set out to track down the person who is stealing books from the local library.

Balliet, Blue.

Chasing Vermeer.

Two children, Petra and Calder, are out to solve the mystery of the missing Vermeer painting.

Birdsall, Jeanne.

# The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy.

A widowed father and four children rent a cottage on the grounds of an estate owned by a snobbish woman who looks down upon the antics of the family.

Birney, Betty G.

Friendship According to Humphrey.

Humphrey, the classroom hamster, helps the children in Room 26 understand friendship better as he himself searches for the meaning of a true friend.

Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs.

When Young Eben becomes bored with his small town after reading about the seven wonders of the world, his father challenges him to take a hard look at their town of Sassafras Springs and find seven wonders there.

Blume, Judy.

Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great.

When ten-year-old Sheila Tubman spends the summer in Tarrytown, New York, she has to come to grips with the fact that she isn’t always fearless and capable.

Cooney, Doug.

The Beloved Dearly.

Against his father’s wishes, young Ernie tries his hand at the pet funeral business.

Coville, Bruce.

Jeremy Thatcher Dragon Hatcher.

When Jeremy stumbles in to a magic shop, he yearns to buy a mysterious shining ball he comes across in a display case.

Curtis, Christopher Paul.

Mr. Chickee’s Funny Money.

When nine-year-old Steven gets a monetary gift of a bill with 15 zeros from his blind neighbor, he wonders if the money is real.

DiCamillo, Kate.

Because of Winn Dixie.

When India moves to a new home, she begins to make friends more easily when she takes in a stray dog.

Eager, Edward.

Half Magic.

Ancient coin turns a boring summer into a magical adventure for four vacationing cousins.

Giff, Patricia Reilly.

Willow Run.

Meggie’s family must move from New York to Michigan during World War II so that her father can build war planes.

Gifford, Peggy.

Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Writing Thank You Notes.

In order to visit her father in California, Moxy must write all twelve thank you notes for gifts she received by the day after Christmas. Can she do it?

Going, K.L.

The Liberation of Gabrielle King.

Soon to be fifth grader Gabrielle King is afraid of almost everything but with the help of his African-American friend Frita, who has had a run in with the Ku Klux Klan, he will attempt to conquer his fears.

Hannigan, Katherine.

Ida B: . . . and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World.

Ida B. enjoyed being home schooled and has a grove of apple trees as her friends until her mother develops cancer and her life changes including going to public school.

Holm, Jennifer L.

Our Only May Amelia.

As the only girl growing up in a family of seven brothers in the state of Washington in 1899, adventurous May Amelia does not take to the idea of being a proper young lady.

Penny from Heaven.

Penny would love a normal summer but, the two sides of her family don’t talk to each other, her Uncle Dominic lives in a car and her grandmother, Nonny, cries every time someone mentions Penny’s father.

Horvath, Polly.

The Pepins and Their Problems.

Dear reader, please help the Pepins solve some very unusual problems as you read this book!

Jonell, Lynne.

Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat.

Emmy and her new friends must try to stop her evil nanny from continuing to use strange rodent potions on her old friends and family that change their personalities drastically.

Lord, Cynthia.

Rules.

In effort to create a normal life and avoid constant embarrassment, Catherine tries to teach her autistic brother rules on how to behave. Soon Catherine meets a paraplegic boy and has to look at her own behavior.

Martin, Ann M.

A Dog’s Life: The Autobiography of a Stray.

Squirrel, a stray dog, tells the story of her life and her adventures throughout both good and bad.

McKay, Hillary.

Saffy’s Angel.

Saffy is upset when she accidentally discovers that she is adopted, but with help, she goes back to the place of her birth to find a special treasure.

McLachlan, Patricia.

Arthur for the Very First time.

When Arthur spends the summer with some off-beat relatives, he starts to look at life differently.

O’Connor, Barbara.

How to Steal a Dog.

Unhappy with her situation of being homeless and living in the family car with her mother and brother, Georgina devises an elaborate plan to steal a dog and collect the reward money.

Park, Linda Sue.

Project Mulberry.

Good friends Patrick and Julie, a Korean American, find out about more than just silk worms when they work on their animal husbandry project.

Velde, Vivian Vande.

Three Good Deeds.

 A witch has turned Howard into a goose for stealing her eggs; the only way for him to return to being a boy is by performing three good deeds.

White, E.B.

Charlotte’s Web.

The barnyard tale of an amazing spider that saves the life of her friend Wilbur the pig.

Winthrop, Elizabeth.

The Castle in the Attic.

When William receives a toy castle as a gift from his housekeeper, he is drawn into a magical world of knight, wizards, and dragons.