Dear Soon-to-Be-Fifth-Grade Families,

Happy end of the year! We would like to share with you the recommended reading for our first module in 5th grade: Stories of Human Rights. This module delves into the rights everyone on the globe is entitled to and what lengths people have gone to in order to secure those rights. It’s a fascinating topic for fifth graders as they begin to explore ideas of justice and equality in our society.

Over the summer, we encourage your child to read one or two of the books on the list. Students may choose to explore one of the topics more in depth and create a short presentation for their CREW in the fall. There are so many opportunities for enrichment with this unit that you can explore from your own home: from exploring the area’s African American history at the website for the Banneker Douglass Museum in Annapolis to exploring exhibits on the Civil Rights Movement. We encourage you to start conversations on the topics explored in the books attached. Your child’s experience at the start of next year will only be enhanced.

A great place to access free books and resources this summer is the Anne Arundel County Public Library. Students in our county have free access to library resources, including E-books, videos, curbside pick up of books and more. You can access Anne Arundel County Public Library HERE.

Thank you for your support as your students become the leaders of our elementary school. We look forward to working with you next year and learning about the amazing humans your children are!
**Summer Reading Book List for 5th Grade**

*A Hare in the Elephant’s Trunk* Coates, Jan L.

*A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story* Park, Linda Sue

*Arcady’s Goal* Yelchin, Eugene

*Boys without Names* Sheth, Kashmira

*Caminar* Brown, Skila

*Child Soldier: When Boys and Girls Are Used in War* Chikwanine, Michel and Jessica Dee Humphreys

*Every Last Drop: Bringing Clean Water Home* Mulder, Michelle

*Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans* Nelson, Kadir

*How I Became a Ghost: A Choctaw Trail of Tears story* Tingle, Tim

*I Have a Right to be a Child* Serres, Alain

*Iqbal* D’Adamo, Francesco


*Marching for Freedom: Walk Together, Children, and Don't You Grow Weary* Partridge, Elizabeth

*Night On Fire* Kidd, Ronald

*No Ordinary Day* Ellis, Deborah

*Not a Drop to Drink: Water for a Thirsty World* Burgan, Michael

*Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai* Nivola, Claire

*Revolution (The Sixties Trilogy)* Wiles, Deborah

*Ruth and the Green Book* Ramsey, Calvin A.

*Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family’s Fight for Desegregation* Tonatiuh, Duncan
Sylvia & Aki Conkling, Winifred

The Lions of Little Rock Levine, Kristin

Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the Selma Voting Rights March Lowry, Linda
Blackmon and Elspeth Leacock and Susan Buckley

We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March Levinson, Cynthia

Weedflower Kadohata, Cynthia

When My Name Was Keoko Park, Linda Sue

Fannie Never Flinched: One Woman's Courage in the Struggle for American Labor Union Rights
Farrell, Mary Cronk

Fatty Legs: A True Story Jordan-Fenton, Christy & Margaret Pokiak-Fenton

Fighting for Justice: Fred Korematsu Speaks Up Atkins, Laura & Stan Yogi

Hidden Figures Young Readers Edition Shetterly, Margot Lee

I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Readers Edition) Yousafzai, Malala with Patricia McCormick

I Am Not a Number Dupuis, Jenny Kay & Kathy Kacer

My Brigadista Year Paterson, Katherine

Paper Wishes Sepahban, Lois

Refugee Gratz, Alan

Return to Sender Alvarez, Julia

Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story Stelson, Caren

Stella by Starlight Draper, Sharon

Uprooted: The Japanese American Experience During World War II Marrin, Albert

We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement That Defied Adolf Hitler Freedman, Russell