

# the BerkeleyCarroll School

Dear Rising Fifth Grade Families,

Welcome to Middle School! Congratulations on completing fourth grade! We hope your summer is filled with fun and adventure.

Reading is a perfect complement to any summer adventure as it allows us to keep our minds growing when we take a break from school. Over the summer, we ask that every rising fifth grader read at least three books– each in a different genre. See the attached sheet for a list of genres from which to select, as well titles suggested by BC’s amazing librarians. These titles are *suggestions*– you may also select other books of your choice. Record the titles and authors of the books you read in the attached reading log.

In addition to reading, another focus of fifth grade humanities is geography and mapping. So, this summer, we would like for you to create a map of your neighborhood (whatever that means to you). We are interested in learning about the places that matter to you. Some examples could include: your favorite park, the bodega you frequent, your friend’s home, where you play sports, a statue in your neighborhood, a major street, a garden, a favorite tree, subway stops, etc. Your map should meet the following requirements:

- Drawn on one sheet of paper (you may use the blank piece of paper attached to this packet)
- Includes a title for your map
- Includes your name
- Includes a map key or legend
- Includes at least five places of importance

Be creative and do your best work. A few examples of neighborhood maps from past fifth grade students are attached. You may use the last blank page of this packet for your map. We look forward to seeing your beautiful work!

We are excited to meet all of you and embark together on a fantastic fifth grade year. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

The 5th Grade Humanities Team  
**Ms. Bach and Ms. Robinson**

## 5th Grade Humanities Summer Reading Log

**Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

1. Title:\_\_\_\_\_

Author:\_\_\_\_\_

Genre:\_\_\_\_\_

2. Title:\_\_\_\_\_

Author:\_\_\_\_\_

Genre:\_\_\_\_\_

3. Title:\_\_\_\_\_

Author:\_\_\_\_\_

Genre:\_\_\_\_\_

## Book Genres

Choose one book from **three** of the following genres. Be sure to record what you read in the attached reading log!

- Realistic Fiction
- Historical Fiction
- Nonfiction
- Fantasy
- Science Fiction
- Mystery

## Book Recommendations

Need suggestions for some good books? Look through the two libguides below curated by our middle school librarians.

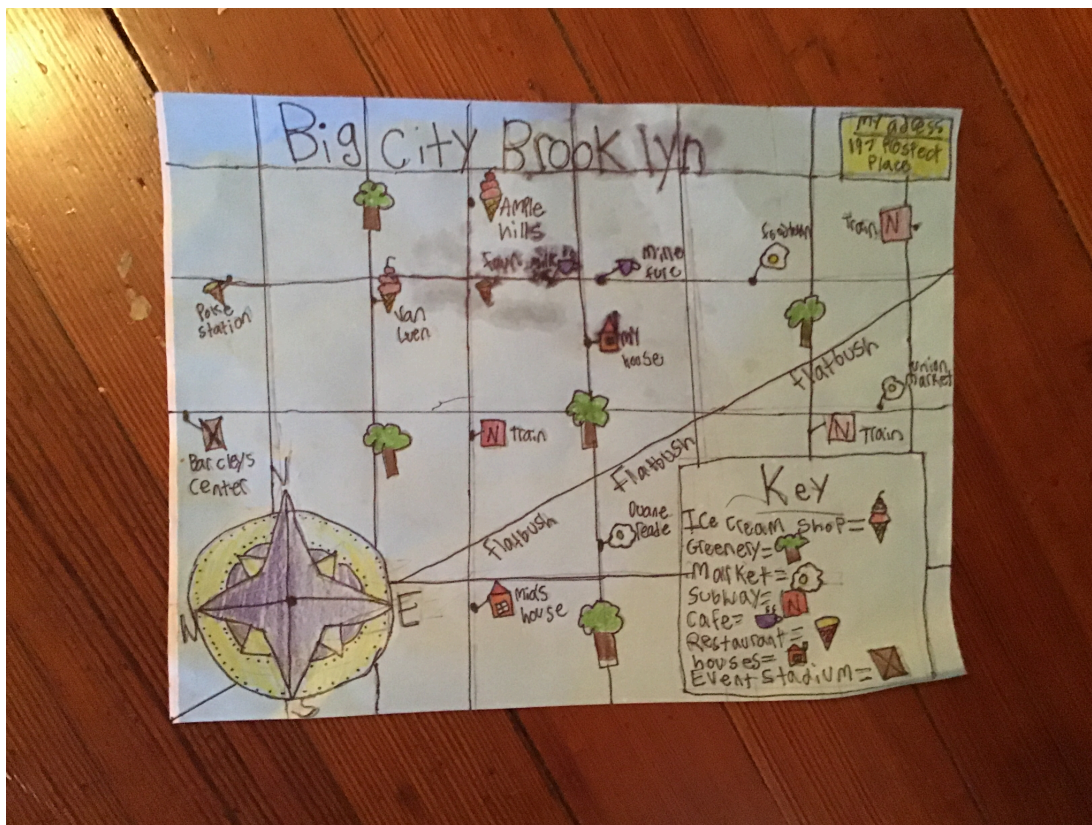
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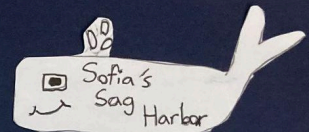
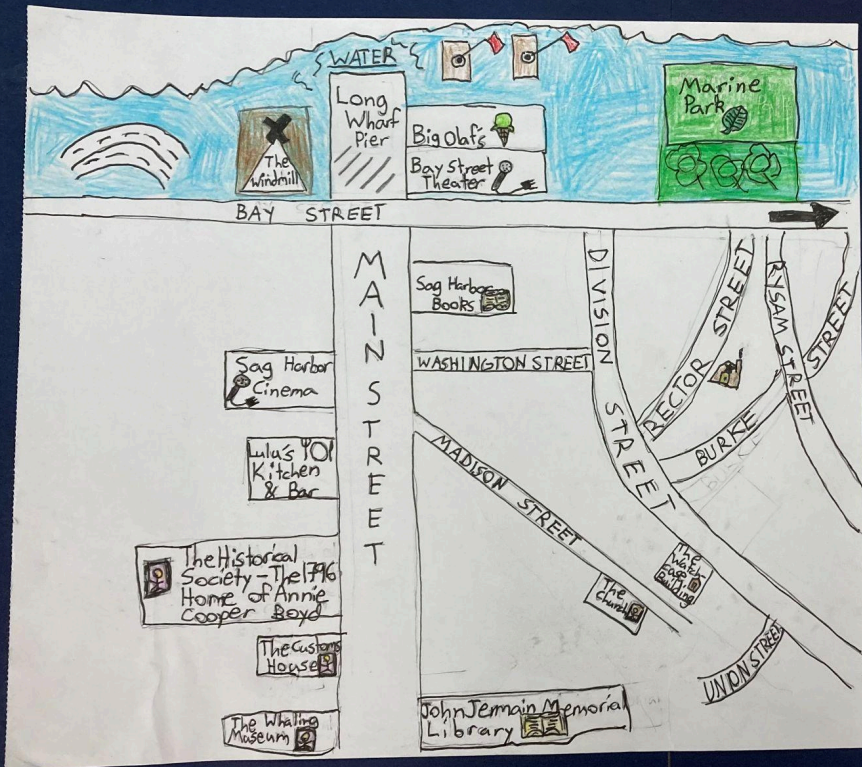
<https://libguides.berkeleycarroll.org/mock-newbery-2025>

**Summer Reading Recommendations for 5th & 6th Grade:**

<https://libguides.berkeleycarroll.org/ms-summer-reading-2025/5th-6th-grade-recommendations>

## Neighborhood Map Examples





### Key

- House icon = My House
- Ice cream cone icon = Ice Cream Shop
- Book icon = Library/bookstore
- Fork and knife icon = Restaurant
- Leaf icon = Park/Greenery
- Movie camera icon = Theater/cinema
- Museum icon = Museum/Historical House
- Apartment icon = Housing/apartments

