Dear Incoming Fifth Graders,

Over the summer you are required to read at least three books. The following title is required:

**Esperanza Rising** by Pam Munoz Ryan

In addition, choose two titles from the books listed below OR one from this list and one from the upper grade nonfiction list (on back and on school website):

- *Sounder* by William Howard Armstrong
- *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt
- *Nory Ryan’s Song* by Patricia Reilly Giff
- *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E. L. Konigsburg
- *Shades of Gray* by Carolyn Reeder
- *Call It Courage* by Armstrong Sperry
- *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Abel’s Island* by William Steig

Do not complete a project for the required title. You will be assessed on your knowledge of this title upon your return to school. For two of the books, complete the activities listed on the attached instructions. These assignments are due the first day of school. They will contribute to your literature grade.

I think you’ll enjoy these novels. Have a great summer.

Happy reading!

Ms. Calabrese