

Fifth Grade Reading students will be challenged with novels studies from various genres and time periods. Alongside their social studies curriculum while studying the Civil War, reading students will read *The Ghost Cadet*, a novel set in the modern day in which a boy meets a civil war cadet ghost. Students will encounter adventure/science fiction while reading *City of Ember* and *Hatchet* realistic fiction based on the author's real-world experiences. Students will study and discuss the various elements of each novel. Students will also read independently many books from various genres in order to understand and enjoy all types of writing.

Fifth Grade Accelerated Reading is designed for students who are reading at a lexile level of least 1,000 and have scored in the top 90th percentile of their fourth grade standardized testing in reading. Students will be challenged with novels studies from various genres and time periods. Alongside their social studies curriculum while studying the Civil War, Accelerated Reading students will read *Elijah of Buxton*, a novel set in the 1860s. Students will encounter adventure/comedy/fiction while reading *Ersatz Elevator*. *Brian's Winter* (like Paulsen's *Hatchet*) is realistic fiction based on the author's real-world experiences. The genre of fantasy is explored during a literature unit on *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. Students will study and discuss the various elements of each novel. Students will also read independently many books from various genres in order to understand and enjoy all types of writing.