



June

Dear Incoming Fifth Grade Students (and Parents),

Summer is a great time to read! This year, students entering 5th grade will be given a summer assignment, which they will be required to complete by the first day back in September. This project will offer you a chance to focus on your reading during the months you are away from school and allow your class a great opportunity to share literature the first day back in the fall.

In the Summer Reading List, there is an extensive list of just right books for you to read over the summer. These books represent excellent pieces of literature that kids your age enjoy, and which we believe match the range of independent reading skills in your class.

Your assignment is to

- a) Choose at least three books from this list that are just right for you and read them either alone or with a parent.
- b) Keep track of the books that you read. There is a reading log sheet for you to record the books you have read and the activities that you completed. Your parents should sign the sheet.
- c) For two of these books we are asking you to complete an activity from the list below.
- d) Bring the reading log along with your completed projects with you on your first day of fifth grade.

Have a great time completing this project. We hope you have a great summer and look forward to seeing you on the first day of school.

Sincerely,

Fifth Grade Teachers

Activities for reading:

- Write a page-long journal entry from the perspective of the main character in the book. Consider how the character is feeling and why.
- Create a back cover for the book. Include a summary and illustration.
- Draw a picture of the setting in one chapter. Write two paragraphs explaining why this setting is important to the story.
- Compare two characters in the book and write two paragraphs explaining how these characters are the same and different.
- Write a paragraph that explains what you think is the author's message in the book (what the author is trying to teach).
- Create a story arc of the book that plots at least 6 of the major events of the story. Be sure to consider all the elements of a story: character, setting, rising action, climax, solution, resolution.
- Create a digital movie of one of the important scenes in the book.

Please write and draw neatly.

Student's Name: _____

Reading Log

Name of Book	Author	Parent Signature
1.		
2.		
3.		

Project Log

Book	Project Description
1.	
2.	