

Summer Reading Assignment and Book Suggestions

Incoming 5th Graders
Brookside School



Fifth Grade Summer Assignment

June 2021

Dear Incoming Fifth Graders,

I can hardly believe that summer vacation is just around the corner. In fourth grade, you have practiced the habits and skills of good readers. To help you prepare for fifth grade, it is important that you continue to read this summer so you can advance in your journey towards academic success and becoming strong independent readers. Vacation is the perfect time for visiting with family and friends, travelling, relaxing, and curling up with a good book.

There are two things I am going to ask you to do this summer. Although I am sure that you will read many books, your first job is to select two never-read-before books that you wish to read and will be able to discuss with your peers. I have attached a list of suggested titles in case you need some assistance in finding stories that catch your interest. Please choose books that appeal to you. There is no sense wasting precious reading time on a book that you do not like! Please read and enjoy these books. Enjoy being the operative word because I would like you to be prepared to talk about these books during our first week together. One way you can get ready to do this is by tracking your thinking or jotting notes. Please see the attached sheet for some optional response ideas to help you complete this part of the assignment.

My second request is for you to have someone take a picture of you reading this summer. I plan to create a bulletin board celebrating our reading, and I want to wallpaper the space with pictures of you and your classmates engaged in my favorite pastime. If you are travelling this summer, I would love a fun location photo. If you are staying close to home, a photo of your special reading spot is perfect.. Keeping in mind that we read for many different purposes, you can be creative with your photo. For instance, my nephew read Yankee statistics in a newspaper this weekend, and I read a take out menu before I ordered my dinner. There are endless possibilities. You can either bring the photo to school in September or YOU CAN EMAIL THE PHOTO to me during the summer. My email address is sgoldsmith@allendalek8.com.

I can't wait to get to know you as a reader. Enjoy your summer and happy reading!

Miss Goldsmith

Incoming Fifth Grade Reading Response Guidelines Summer Assignment 2021



Directions: Select two books to use for this assignment, preferably new never-read-before books. Select books that you will love, and want to share with your classmates. Remember, it is perfectly acceptable to abandon a book that isn't your cup of tea (idiom - we will spend time interpreting figurative language next year)! Your goal is to get other kids interested so they will want to read your book too!

Optional suggestions for responding to your reading.:

- 1) Write down the complete title, author's name and a brief summary on a sheet of paper or a large index card. Remember, a summary should include important details about the setting, the main character, the main problem, and solution or resolution.
- 2) Write a letter to the author critiquing the book.
- 3) Write a letter to a character in the book.
- 4) Select your favorite scene from the book and rewrite in graphic novel form.
- 5) Create a book advertisement poster. Include character names, setting description, and a teaser about the plot. (Don't give away the ending). This can be done by hand or digitally.
- 6) Write a new ending to the book.
- 7) Think of a new name for the book and design a book cover using your idea.
- 8) Choose your own activity. If you want to run it by me, I'll be checking my email periodically.

Don't forget to send me a picture of you reading! My email address is sgoldsmith@allendalek8.com.

5th Grade Book Suggestions

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate

Wishtree by Katherine Applegate

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

Wonder by PJ Palacio

Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

Pax by Sara Pennypacker

The Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

Treasure Hunters by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein

House of Robots by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda (Any in series) by Tom Angleberger

Spy School (or any book in the *Spy School* or *Fun Jungle* series) by Stuart Gibbs

Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Summer Vacation (Any in series) by Tommy Greenwald

Warriors (any book in this series) by Erin W. Hunter

The Sisters Grimm (Any Fairy Tale Detective Series) by Michael Buckley

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan (*Any Rick Riordan book*)

Smile by Raina Telgemeier (A popular graphic novel)

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

The Report Card by Andrew Clements (*Any Andrew Clements*)

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Flora and Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo

Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin by Lisa Shurtliff

Jack on the Tracks: Four Seasons of Fifth Grade by Jack Gantos (*Any Jack Gantos*)

*Any *Baseball Card Adventures** by Dan Gutman

*Any *Sports Fiction** by Mike Lupica

The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke

The Hypnotist by Gordon Korman (*Any Gordon Korman series books*)

Rules by Cynthia Lord

Hatchet by Gary Paulson (*Any books in the *Brian* series*)

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Liar and Spy by Rebecca Stead

The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speere

Any "I Survived" books by Lauren Tarshis

The Chronicles of Narnia (Any in series) by C.S. Lewis

Rain Reign by Ann Martin