

**Fifth Grade
Required Reading**

Dear Incoming Fifth Graders,

Your assignment for the upcoming summer months is to read two books from the list given below. Then you must complete the following activities:

Book One: Read the first book you have chosen and summarize in a book report.

Please be sure to follow the following format:

Name _____ Date _____

Book Report

Title: _____

Author: _____

Main Characters: _____

Plot: Write at least 8 sentences stating the main events of the story.

Evaluation: Write at least 4 more sentences giving your opinion.

For example, did you enjoy the story? Why or Why not?

Was there a lesson in the story? What was your favorite part? Would you recommend this book to others?

Book 2: Read the second book you have chosen and complete the Book Review attached to this page. Be sure to include your picture in the top right corner of your book review. You may include a picture or draw your portrait in the box.

Book List:

Beetles, Lightly Toasted – Phyllis Naylor Naylor (fiction – Newbery Medal Book)

Dear Mr. Henshaw- Beverly Cleary (fiction - Newbery Medal Book)

Liberty or Death: The American Revolution- Beverly Maestro (non-fiction)

Midnight for Charlie Bone- Jenny Nimmo (fantasy)

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane- Kate DiCamillo (fiction)

Sing Down the Moon- Scott O'Dell (historical fiction-Newbery Medal Book)

War With Grandpa- Robert Kimmel Smith (fiction)

Due Date: The completed Book Report and Book Review are due in school on **September 4, 2008.**

Rubric: The summer reading assignment will be graded using the following rubric:

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| 1. The assignment is completed and turned in on assigned date. | 10 pts. |
| 2. Book Report | 45 pts. |
| 3. Book Review | 45 pts. |

Total Possible Points 100 pts.

Worksheet/Form: Book Review

Supplemental Reading/Activities:

Books:

Hatchet- Gary Paulsen

Because of Winn-Dixie- Kate DiCamillo

Holes- Louis Sachar

Sarah, Plain and Tall- Patricia MacLachlan

Frindle- Andrew Clements

Websites:

Arcademic Skill Builders – Educational games focusing on Mathematics – Basic Operations; English – vowels, grammar plus more!

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Scholastic Kids – games, books and authors, Summer Reading Buzz (online summer reading program) plus links for parents!

<http://www.scholastic.com/kids/kids.asp>

Fun Brain- Great interactive math and reading games.

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