



***The Green Ember* by S.D. Smith** is your required summer reading. Students will have a reading comprehension test the first week of school and will also present their reader response to the class. Please make sure that your child has the summer reading assignment completed in time for the start of school.

Due Date for Summer Reading and Project: **Wednesday, August 12, 2026 (1st day of school)** Book: ***The Green Ember* by S.D. Smith ISBN-13: 978-0986223501**

Step 1: Your child is to read *The Green Ember* independently. However, I ask that you sit with them and listen to them read, assisting when necessary.

Step 2: Complete a reader response after reading the book. Write at least three sentences for each of the prompts listed below. Please check your grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Reader Response

Character Analysis:

- Who is your favorite character and why? Provide examples from the story to support your answer.
- How did a character change throughout the story? Explain the change and why it happened.
- What did you learn about the characters through their interactions with each other?

Theme and Ideas:

- What is the main idea or message of the story?
- What is a lesson that you learned from the story?
- How does the story relate to your own life or experiences?

Plot and Events:

- What was the most exciting or surprising part of the story? Why?
- What was the climax of the story?
- Predict what might happen next if the story continued.

Author's Craft:

- What was good about the author's writing? What did you learn from this author that you might try in your own writing?
- How does the title relate to the story?
- If you could change one thing about the story, what would it be?

Reader's Perspective:

- Describe one feeling you had while reading the story.
- Would you recommend this story to a friend? Why or why not?

