

Incoming 5th Grade Summer ELA Assignment:

Welcome to Fifth Grade!

I can't believe I'm writing to you at the end of this year. I'm very excited to have you in my fifth grade class!!

You will be required to read three books this summer. All students must read *Because of Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea. Everyone is expected to read the book and complete the assignment. When we return to school, you will also have a book test in the first two weeks of school.

Book: *Because of Mr. Terupt*, by Rob Buyea

Directions: Students will be asked to create an original book cover for: *Because of Mr. Terupt*. This should be **done on white paper**. Be creative! Please include the student name at the bottom. This book cover needs to be stapled to your responses. You can either type this assignment or handwrite it. Make sure it is neat and legible. *The rubric included with this assignment is provided. Please use this while completing the assignment.*

After you read *Because of Mr. Terupt* you will answer the following questions listed below **and should be typed**. Each question needs to be answered in a well-constructed paragraph of **5-7 sentences**. **The paragraph should have a topic sentence, 2 - 4 supporting detail sentences and a concluding sentence.**

1. Choose **ONE** character in the book. What words would you use to describe him/her? Use evidence from the book to explain why this word describes the character.
2. Pick one of the seven main characters (a different one than you picked above). How has the main character changed from the beginning of the novel to the end? Explain using evidence (details) from the book.
3. What is one theme (lesson or message) you can learn about life from this book? Explain.
4. A short summary of the plot. Make sure to include: rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution of the story. **This summary should be 15 sentences presented in three paragraphs.**
 - Please make sure to check your spelling, grammar, capitalization, and punctuation.

- **If** you type the summary, it must be:
 - **Typed in Times New Roman**
 - **12 font**
 - **Double-spaced.**

Please use the rubric that is attached to help you complete the *Because of Mr. Terupt* summer reading assignment. Do not lose the rubric! You will need to hand in the rubric with your assignment

The other 2 books are books of your choice. There is a list attached for ideas. After you read your choice books, please fill out the book review included in this packet. You are encouraged to make your review as colorful as you like. I'm looking forward to seeing what types of books you all enjoy and sharing some of my favorites with you, too! Please use the provided book report paper to write your book review neatly!

Saint John Paul the Great: His Five Loves by Jason Evert

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.C. Lewis

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Patterson

The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine

Wonder by R.J. Palacio Jacob

Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear by Lindsey Maddick

The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Book Assignments will be due on the First Friday of the beginning of school.

Have a great summer! Stay safe, have fun, relax, and recharge! I'm so excited to meet you in September! :) Continue to READ! -

Warm regards,
Ms. O'Hara

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Rubric for Responses

Front Cover with original illustration and title and name	/10
Character Description	/20
Change of Main Character	/20
Theme of Story	/15
Short Summary	/20
Grammar and spelling	/10
Neatness	/5
Total points	/100

Comments:

Name:

Book Report

Title:

Characters:

Author:

Plot:

What I enjoyed most

Setting