

## **Incoming Fifth Grade Summer Reading Assignment**

Summer is a wonderful time to look for new books and read new titles! As such, all middle school students are encouraged to read at least <u>two</u> books during the summer break. Students can choose any book from the list below.

In order to receive credit, students must complete <u>one</u> of the following assignments for <u>each</u> book that is read. On the first day of school, students will submit <u>two</u> assignments in order to demonstrate completion.

### **Assignment Choices**

## Choice One: Letter to My Teacher

For this task, students will compose a letter to their teacher describing the book. This letter should include the following components:

- ✓ Introduction to the book: title and author
- ✓ Summary: a brief description describing the characters, plot and resolution
- ✓ Personal opinion: a paragraph detailing personal thoughts about the book
  - o Did you enjoy the book? Why or why not?
  - o Would you recommend it to a friend?

### Choice Two: <u>Double-Sided Journal Entry</u>

For this task, students will complete a double-sided journal entry. Double-sided journal entries are a great way to journal as you read!

Please re-create the example below on a sheet of paper. Your double-sided journal entry should include the following:

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| Title:   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Page Number & Quotation (A minimum of five quotes)                         | Thoughts or Reflections (A minimum of five reflection notes)                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| ✓ The page number and quotation should be placed in the left column.       | ✓ Explanation or thoughts about the quote should be placed in the right column. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Example:   | Example:  |  |  |  |  |  |
| "I sat between my mama and daddy, holding their                            | This quote shows how excited the family is to be                                |  |  |  |  |  |
| hands. My daddy said in a little while we'd be someplace we'd love. "p. 30 | moving to a new house.  |  |  |  |  |  |

# Incoming Fifth Grade Students Summer Reading List

| Fiction Titles |  |              |   |  |
|----------------|--|--------------|---|--|
|                | Title                                    | Author       | Awards                                      |  |
| 1              | Raymie Nightingale                       | K. DiCamillo | ALSC Summer Reading Recommendation          |  |
| 2              | The Last Kids of Earth - (Graphic Novel) | M. Brallier  | ALSC Summer Reading Recommendation          |  |
| 3              | The Penderwicks                          | J. Birdsall  | National Book Award for Young People's Lit. |  |
| 4              | Tall Story                               | C. Gourlay   | NYPL 5th Grade<br>Recommendation            |  |
| 5              | Maniac McGee                             | J. Spinelli  | Newberry Medal                              |  |
| 6              | Carry On, Mr. Bowditch                   | J. Latham    | Newberry Medal                              |  |
| 7              | Frindle                                  | A. Clements  | Goodreads Recommendation                    |  |
| 8              | Bunnicula                                | J. Howe      | Fisher Children's Book Award                |  |
| 9              | Fable Comics                             | C. Duffy     | ALSC Summer Reading<br>Recommendation       |  |
| 10             | Audacity Jones to the Rescue             | K. Larson    | ALSC Summer Reading<br>Recommendation       |  |
| 11             | Touching Spirit Bear                     | B. Mikaelsen | Napra Nautilus Award                        |  |
| 12             | Where the Red Fern Grows                 | W. Rawls     | Newbery Medal                               |  |
| 13             | The Egypt Game                           | Z. Snyder    | Newbery Honor                               |  |
| 14             | Hoot                                     | C. Hiaasen   | Newbery Honor                               |  |
| 15             | Miracle's Boys                           | J. Woodson   | Coretta Scott King Award                    |  |

| of Maria | Nonfiction Titles                     |   |                     |  |  |  |
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| 1.93     | Title                                 | Author  | Awards              |  |  |  |
|          | Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous      |   | ALSC Summer Reading |  |  |  |
| 1        | Photograph                            | R. Orgill   | Recommendation      |  |  |  |
|          | Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the | A service and the service and | ALSC Summer Reading |  |  |  |
| 2        | Great Whites                          | K. Roy  | Recommendation      |  |  |  |
| 3        | The Greatest: Muhammad Ali            | W. D. Myers   | ALA Nonfiction      |  |  |  |
|          | We've Got A Job: The 1963 Birmingham  | a v d w o operation   | 1 0                 |  |  |  |
| 4        | Children's March                      | C. Levinson   | ALA Nonfiction      |  |  |  |
|          | Blizzard! The Storm That Changed      |   |                     |  |  |  |
| 5        | America                               | J. Murphy   | ALA Nonfiction      |  |  |  |