

Dear Rising 5th Grade Parents,

Happy beginning of Summer Vacation! I cannot believe the year has come to a close already! I have enjoyed every single moment I've been able to work with your students over the past two and a half months. As I have told the students before, I feel both blessed and cheated: blessed that I got to be their teacher for the time I did, and cheated that I didn't get them for an entire school year. I will miss them very much after this week, and I hope they will miss me too (a little bit).

**Summer Reading Requirements.**

For summer reading this year, all students entering fifth grade are required to read the book *Word of Mouse* by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein. Students are also required to choose at least two additional books to read from the list of grade-appropriate titles on our website.

**Summer ILA Projects**

All entering fifth-grade students are required to complete a summer project on one of the books they have read. Students may choose one of the numerous project ideas listed on the website, or, in lieu of a book report project, Mr. Bardar has agreed accept the students' completed stories that they began to write in my class. A project is required, but the choice of which project to complete is belongs to the students.

**Summer ILA Work Packets**

Attached to this letter you'll find the ILA summer work packet I have put together. It includes all the grammar skills and many reading skills the students have learned this year. It will serve as a review to keep their ILA skills sharp and have them coming in ready for fifth grade in the fall.

Additionally, I have included a smaller packet with a reading log, book report templates, writing activities and a summer journal. The book report templates should be completed for two of the books they read this summer.

**All work included in the summer packets is mandatory and will be collected for the students' first ILA grade in the new school year.**

I hope this letter is clear in terms of our requirements for summer work for ILA. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions. I will be checking my work email frequently throughout the summer months. If students should choose to complete their stories over the summer, I am available for questions and advice via email. Please don't hesitate to reach out. I am always happy to help a young writer and to hear from my students.

Once again, thank you so much for your support and kindness over this final marking period. I will miss this class very much next year and I look forward to hearing from and seeing them all again soon.

Best Wishes,

Mrs.  
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