

## Summer 2023

Dear Rising 5<sup>th</sup> Graders,

Soon you will be entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This summer you are asked to read **two** books: a fiction and nonfiction book. You are asked to complete a reading log for your nonfiction selection and complete a report for your fiction book. You may choose to do *either* a written book report *or* a creative presentation for your fiction book (See rubrics below). The choice is yours! You will be asked about your book and report upon your return to school. Your summer work is due during the first week of school.

I hope you enjoy reading your book.

Have a safe and blessed summer,  
Fifth Grade Team

Fiction Author Suggestion List - *select one at your reading level:*

Mary Downing Hahn  
Jean Craighead George  
Mike Lupica  
Gary Paulsen  
Pam Munoz Ryan

Marguerite Henry  
Kathryn Lasky  
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
Rick Riordan  
Jerry Spinell

Nonfiction Book list suggestions. Your child may choose a nonfiction book that is not on this list.

Someone Like Me: How one Undocumented Fought for Her American Dream  
Author: Julissa Arce

Rocks and Minerals: Geology from Caverns to the Cosmos  
Andy Hirsch

Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream Inventions  
Author: Chris Barton

How to get to the Moon  
Author: John Rocco

This is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids Around the World  
Author: Matt Lamothe

The Mayflower  
Author: Kate Messner

Giant Squad!  
Author: Candance Fleming

Box: Henry Brown Mails Himself to Freedom  
Author: Carole Boston Weatherford

Latinitas: Celebrating 40 Big Dreamers  
Author: Juliet Menede

## **Guidelines and Rubrics for Book Report:**

### **Written Book Report**

- Underline book title. Include author.
- Follow all rules of grammar (capitalization, indentation, etc.) **3 points**
- Start report with a catching beginning sentence (Not “My book report is about...”)
- Have a well-defined beginning, middle, and end (Organization) **3 points**
- Tell complete story (Content) **3 points**
- Report turned in on time **1 point**

**Rubric – 10 points**

### **Creative Presentation**

**Some examples are: diorama, storyboard, poster, or pamphlet**

- Include book title (underlined) and author
- Be creative **3 points**
- Be able to answer questions on project (Relationship of project to book) **3 points**
- Be able to explain project in your own words (Content) **3 points**
- Report turned in on time **1 point**

**Rubric – 10 points**

**Nonfiction Reading Log: Write 15 facts from the book you read. In second column, write the page number where you found the fact.**

**Name of Book:**

**Author:**

**Topic:**

<b>Facts:</b>	<b>Page #</b>
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