

Summer Reading Assignments for Rising Fifth Grade Students

Welcome to a summer of reading fun!

There is a required summer reading assignment for students entering grade five in September 2010. This will help students maintain their reading skills while providing enjoyment.

All students are required to read a total of THREE books. The following TWO books and the corresponding activities are mandatory selections:

1. **Hatchet by Gary Paulsen**

Activity: Create a book review brochure (see attached sample)

2. **Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis**

Activity: List 2 gifts you believe Bud wants or needs. Write a two paragraph letter to Bud explaining why you are choosing these gifts for him. (Ex. Why does he need/want the gifts? How will they help him?)

* use friendly letter form

In addition, each student MUST choose ONE of the following books and an activity from the list below.

1. **Number the Stars by Lois Lowry**

2. **The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman**

3. **How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell**

4. **The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare**

Activities: Choose One:

Book Collage telling about the book

Ttitle in middle of paper

Twords, pictures (from a magazine or drawn), or phrases

Twrite a paragraph telling how the collage represents the book

Create a book jacket including:

Tan attractive cover design

Ta summary on the inside flap of the jacket

Twrite comments on back cover

The completed assignments are due on the first day of school in September. They will be collected and assessed.

Have a wonderful summer!

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