



Rising 5th Grade
Summer Reading Packet
Summer 2023

Name: _____



May 2023

Dear Rising Fifth Grader,

Fifth Grade is a time for many new adventures. You will get a locker for the first time, serve on safety patrol, and get to change classes as you experience your final year of elementary school. I look forward to being your ELA teacher as we enjoy these adventures together.

This summer, I would like to encourage you to do something a little different for your summer assignment. I am asking you to keep a journal sharing some of the things you do over summer break. I will keep one too. On August 15th, the first day of school, we will use our journals to share about our summer in order to learn more about each other. I am asking you to write a minimum of five, one-paragraph, dated entries. Please follow the attached rubric for specific instructions.

In my family, summer is never summer without relaxing with a good book. In your journal, I would like for you to include two additional entries in which you write a response to at least two books that you read over the summer. Again, look at the attached rubric for more information. I have also included a list of suggested books, you may choose any two grade level appropriate books. The list is intentionally long, I would prefer that one of your reading choices come from the suggested list.

I will look forward to seeing you in August!

Enjoy your summer!

Blessings,

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“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island.” - Walt Disney

Name _____



5th Grade Summer Journal Assignment Rubric
Turn this paper in with your journal.

You have been given a folder with several blank pages, consider this your summer journal. Feel free to personalize the front cover and make it yours. Bring this journal to school on August 15, 2022, the first day of 5th Grade. Be certain it includes the following:

- Journal - personalize the cover (Be sure to include your name.)

- Minimum of 5 dated Entries sharing about your summer
Each entry
 - A minimum of one paragraph each (8-10 Sentences)
 - Each entry should have a title
 - Dated appropriately
For example-***July 4, 2022 Fireworks on River Street***
July 10, 2022 A Day at Home with my Family
July 30, 2022 Braves Game with my Cousins
 - Be creative - Use this space to be creative and express yourself. It should include drawings, photographs, ticket stubs, brochure cut outs, whatever it takes to make this journal personalized to you.

- Minimum of two entries reflecting on books you read this summer
 - Read at least two age appropriate books this summer.
-One should come from the list of suggested books in this packet.
 - Create a dated journal entry for each book that includes book title and author.
 - Write one paragraph telling your favorite part of the book and why you enjoyed it.
*Remember, a paragraph is a minimum of 8-10 **strong** sentences.*

Have fun and enjoy this project. It will count as your first project grade in 5th grade ELA.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Journal Cover Decorated | _____ /5 (name on the cover) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 personal entries | _____ /50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Each entry is written as a strong paragraph | _____ /15 (8 sentences minimum per paragraph) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Each entry includes a date | _____ /5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two well written book paragraphs | _____ /20 (8 sentences minimum per paragraph) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> This rubric is turned in with your journal entry | _____ /5 |
| Total | _____ /100 |

HDS Rising 5th Grade Summer Reading List-2022

“If you don’t like to read, you haven’t found the right book.”

J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter*

This is a long list of suggested books. Choose a genre that you know you enjoy and discover a book that you love this summer. Please read at least two books, one should be from this list and write a paragraph reflection for both books in your journal. Be ready to casually share the books you read over the summer during the first week of school.

Fiction-Realistic and Classic

***The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett**

***Wonder* by R. J. Palacio**

***Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt**

***Shouting at the Rain* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt**

***House of Robots* by James Patterson**

***Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper**

***Maniac Magee* by Jeff Spinelli**

***Lemons* by Melissa Savage**

***Rules* by Cynthia Lord**

Mystery/Adventure Fiction

***Framed* by James Ponti** (First in a series)

***City Spies* by James Ponti** (First in a series)

***Chasing Vermeer* By Blue Balleitt** (First in a series)

***Charlie Thorn and the Last Equation* by Stuart Gibbs** (First in a series)

***Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen** (First in a series)

***Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein** (First in a series)

***From the Mixed up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E. L. Konigsburg**

Historical Fiction

***The Mostly True Adventures of Homer Figg* by Rodman Philbrick** I

***Turn Homeward, Hannalee* by Patricia Beatty**

***Breaking Stalin's Nose* by Eugene Yelchin**

***The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley**

***Elephant in the Garden* by Michael Morpurgo**

***The Watsons Go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis**

Fantasy Fiction

***Flunked: Fairy Tale Reform School Series* by Jen Calonita**

***The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo**

***Story Thieves* by James Riley**

***Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer* by Kelly Jones and Katie Kath**

***Dragon Slippers* by Jessica Day George**

