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2011-2012 Summer Reading

Dear 5th Grade Parents,





Reading is or/will become something your children will be excited to do in their down time, before bed, or maybe even instead of watching TV! However, to help increase their interest in the lost art of reading, I have chosen some wonderful age-appropriate books for the 5th grade class to choose from this **summer**. In order to complete the book reports, your child needs to choose two of the four books and must read the assigned reading. In the fall we will discuss the books, present the projects, and awaken their love for reading!

In addition to reading, each student will complete a book report on each book. This should be done in a spiral or composition notebook, which will be used for other book reports assigned during the year. These reports should be creative and neat; each report is worth 30 points. The following 5 components need to be completed for each of the **three books**. Please dedicate one page in your notebook for each of the following categories:

Please also note that I require each paragraph to be at least 5 sentences, but more is always acceptable!

1. A cover page - with the title, author and a drawing representing the book (5 points)
2. An "About the Author" page - which gives information about the author of the book in 1 paragraph. (5 points)
3. Choose 15 interesting/unknown words in your book. Write each word, the sentence in which it appears in the book, a definition (in your own words) for the word, and a small drawing representing the word. Do this in a neat chart. (5 points)
4. Write a letter to a person in your book. In your letter, discuss that person's actions, asking questions and making judgments. Your letter should be at least 2 paragraphs. (10 points)
5. Give your book a rating between 1 (for really bad) and 10 (for really good). Explain, in at least 2 paragraphs, why the book deserves this rating, what you would change and why. (5 points)

Choose two of these four books:

-  Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
-  Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli
-  Chasing Redbird by Sharon Creech
-  The Warm Place by Nancy Farmer

Assigned Reading:

-  A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle