

In-coming Fifth Grade Summer Reading List

Required Reading: Shiloh - Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

During this summer, you are encouraged to read each day. The required novel for students entering 5th Grade will be Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. After reading the book, students will complete a project that will be put on display on the first day of school. For this project, students can make a collage that shows Shiloh. The collage can be formed out of newspaper, magazine pictures, cloth, construction paper, etc. It can be a 3 dimensional figure. Make sure that you use descriptions from the story as you develop your collage.

In addition, students will complete an assessment on the book the first day of school. Each day after reading, students should spend 10 minutes writing a response about what was read. The response can be written in a notebook or on lined paper and then stapled together. Some ideas for the response are:

Genre

Character - description, development/change in character

Things you like or dislike about the story.

Predictions

Main idea

Questions raised for you to think about

Connections to self, other stories

Suggestions for other novels for summer reading:

Frindle - Andrew Clements

Little House on the Prairie series - Carol Green

The Ghost Fox - Laurence Yep

The Big Wave - Pearl S. Buck

Bud, Not Buddy - Christopher Paul Curtis

The Girl Who Loved the Wind - Jane Yolen

Hatchet - Gary Paulson

Poppy - Avi

Paint the Wind - Pam Munoz Ryan

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane - Kate DiCamillo

Crash - Jerry Spinelli

In addition to reading during the summer, students should also practice addition and multiplication facts. By Fifth Grade students should have committed the facts to memory and not be dependent on counting on fingers.

During Fourth Grade, students studied and memorized the states and capitals. At the beginning of Fifth Grade, we do a quick review before starting U.S. History. It would be helpful for students to review/practice identifying states/capitals during the summer. A map and worksheet is included for your practice.