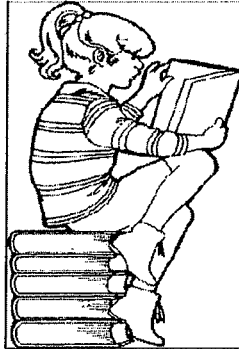


Summer reading list and assignments



Children entering fifth grade definitely know what they like and dislike about everything ... including books! Getting your child to read over the summer is all about finding just the right ones. Please have your 5th grader read 2 of the listed books this summer and the mandatory assignment. **All 3 assignments are due Friday, September 14th.**

Mandatory book:

“The Report Card” by Andrew Clement

Please complete in paragraph form on loose leaf.

Extended response question:

Summarize the main events of “The Report Card.” Describe the story’s conflict, and explain how it is resolved. Using details from the story, tell what happens using the correct order of events.

In your response, be sure to:

- Tell what happens in the story
- Use the correct order of events
- Describe the story’s conflict and its resolution
- Use details from the story

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Pick 2

Please write or type in a complete paragraph.

Pick two stories and answer this short response question for each:

Describe the challenge that the main character faces in each story and how he/she responds. Use two details from the text to support your answer.

Fiction

The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog by John R. Erickson, Gerald L. Holmes (illus.) while investigating a terrible crime on his ranch, and Hank finds himself the No. 1 suspect. Resigning in a fit of despair, he heads for the hills to become an outlaw -- where a band of ruthless coyotes is happy to teach him the trade. Or are they? They seem to be on his side...until they unveil their plan for a raid on Hank's ranch! Hank knows he can't beat them. Will he be forced to join them? (Amazon, Barnes and Noble)

The Adventures of Beanboy, by Lisa Harkrader. Diary of a Wimpy Kid...move over! This illustrated novel paves the way for more text-heavy books, while interspersing comics to keep kids engaged. Its humor, about a superhero powered by bodily functions, is perfect for 10-year-old boys who've outgrown Captain Underpants, but can still appreciate a gross guffaw. The comic book story runs in parallel to the life of its author, who needs some superhero intervention in his own life, and what makes this book stand out is how its well-drawn hero prevails in the face of difficulties. (Library, Amazon, Barnes and Noble)

Science Fiction

My Teacher Is an Alien by Bruce Coville, Mike Wimmer (illus.) Susan can tell that her new substitute teacher is really weird. She doesn't know how weird until she catches him peeling off his face -- and realizes Mr. Smith is really an alien! Now it's up to Susan and her friends to get rid of the extraterrestrial visitor. (Library, Barnes and Noble, Amazon)

TIME HACKERS by Gary Paulsen. When someone uses futuristic technology to play pranks on twelve-year-old Dorso Clayman, he and his best friend set off on a supposedly impossible journey through space and time trying to stop the gamesters who are endangering the universe. (Library, Amazon, Barnes and Noble)

Poetry

Looking For Me, by Betsy R. Rosenthal. Set in Depression-era Maryland, the heroine of the story is 11-years-old and wedged in the middle of a big family. Edith's search for identity is completely relatable to kids today, and because this novel is told in verse, it helps the reluctant reader from the appearance of a block of text. For kids who already love reading, this book makes poetry manageable and relevant. (Amazon, Barnes and Noble)

NON Fiction

Native American Doctor, The Story of Susan LaFlesche Picotte by Jeri Ferris
This is the inspiring biography of the young Omaha Indian woman who became the first Native American woman to graduate from medical school. (Library, Barnes and Noble, Amazon)

INTO THE FIRESTORM: A NOVEL OF SAN FRANCISCO, 1906 by Deborah Hopkinson. Nicholas Dray, an eleven-year-old orphan newly arrived in San Francisco from Texas, tries to help his new neighbors survive the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and the following fires. (Library, Amazon, Barnes and Noble)

Advanced Readers

ESCAPE!: THE STORY OF THE GREAT HOUDINI by Sid Fleischman. A biography of the magician, ghost chaser, aviator, and king of escape artists whose amazing feats are remembered long after his death in 1926. (Library, Amazon, Barnes and Noble)