



Dear Parents,

Summer is soon upon us, and with that I want to pass along summer reading guidelines for incoming fifth graders, as well as some other information.

Besides being just plain fun and transporting us to new worlds, reading is also good for us. It boosts vocabulary and knowledge, helps improve memory and focus, and provides relaxation. We all want our children to be good readers, and **the best way to become a better reader is quite simply...to read.** To that end, we provide these guidelines to encourage our students to continue reading throughout the summer.

For incoming fifth graders, **we recommend 20-25 minutes of daily reading.** As part of this daily reading, these students should complete the attached book response form for **three books** they read this summer. (This form will also be available on the school website.) Students should use complete sentences where possible and use their best cursive handwriting. Completed forms should be turned in on the first day of school. Rising fifth graders who complete three summer reading write-ups will receive an ice cream treat shortly after school begins.

*Also, please do not hesitate to read to your child: this is SO good for them no matter their age! In fact, studies show that children that see their parents read and are read to throughout their elementary years often become the best readers.*

#### **Fifth Grade Classroom Novels to Avoid for Summer Reading:**

*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*  
*Thank You, Jackie Robinson*

*House of Sixty Fathers*  
*Twenty and Ten*

*The Black Stallion*  
*The Door in the Wall*

I also encourage your children to practice their **math facts** over the summer. Flash card or on-line practice of some form will help keep these fresh over the summer months, so they will be ready for class upon their return to school in August. Quick recall of these facts is essential as a strong foundation for more complex math concepts.

Finally, fifth graders will be required to do some **typing** for special projects, and the upper school requires much work to be typed. As your child prepares for the upper school, it will become more and more important that they be proficient in typing. If possible, we encourage students to practice and develop proper typing skills at home. A couple of free typing programs available on-line are: Learn to Type:Big Brown Bear and typingclub.com (recommended by one of my fifth graders).

I hope and pray that you enjoy a wonderful and refreshing summer! Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this information. Happy Summer! Happy Reading!

God bless,

*Mrs. Kristin Lashar*



*Book Title:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Author:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Genre:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Number of Pages:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Main Characters:*

*Plot Summary:*

*Summarize the main points and events of the story in the space below!*

*Important Quote:*

*Choose an important quote from the story and write it below!*

*I rate this book.*

*Color in the stars!*





## Illustration

Illustrate a scene from the book and complete the description below. Be sure to use good detail and color!

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