

To: Students entering Grade 5 in September and Parents/Guardians  
Re: Exciting Summer Reading Assignments

Welcome to 5<sup>th</sup> grade! Please find your summer reading assignment below. Since reading is a continuous process that must be encouraged during the summer, you are required to read **2 books** and complete a short assignment for each book. Please select your books from this list. Of course, you are welcomed and urged to read more of them if you can. The assignments are due on the first Friday in September once school begins.

Please keep in mind that the goal is for you to enjoy the books you choose while keeping your reading skills sharp. Try to sit back, relax, and enjoy reading your books. Summer reading is important in helping you develop a life-long enjoyment of reading not because you have to but because you want to!

**Pick 2 of the following books to read:**

**Maniac Magee**

**Jerry Spinelli**

**Island of the Blue Dolphins**

**Scott O'Dell**

**Fish in a Tree**

**Lynda Mullaly Hunt**

**Charlotte's Web**

**E.B. White**

**Bud, Not Buddy**

**Christopher P. Curtis**

**The Cricket in Times Square**

**George Selden**

**Turtle in Paradise**

**Jennifer Holm**

**Out of My Mind**

**Sharon M. Draper**

Assignments: Please complete BOTH assignments below

1. Pick 1 of the 2 books you read and decide who your favorite character in the book is. Think of an event that happened in the novel and write one journal entry from the point of view of that character. As you write, you should think about how the character was involved in this event, how it affected him or her, and how the character felt about it. The entry should be about 2 paragraphs (10 sentences) long.
2. Using the other book you read, on an index card, create and illustrate one scene in the book that you think is the most important. Write a brief explanation on the lined side of the same index card to go with your picture. (No additional paper.)

**Have a safe and wonderful summer. Happy reading!!**