



Dear 5th Graders,

Congratulations on finishing 4th grade and hooray for summer vacation! It is time for you to take a much-needed break from schoolwork and enjoy some fun in the sun. ☺ After a week or two it will be important to begin doing about 30 minutes of some kind of academic activity at least 4 days a week. You have worked so hard to learn what you know that you don't want it all to "slip away" over the summer and have to work that much harder in the fall to review and learn the new concepts.

Here is a list of ideas of things you can do to stay "sharp," but you're not limited to.

*Lexia/Core 5 free online reading program

*IXL free online math program

*Write: Keep a journal throughout the summer of the activities you do. Write and illustrate fiction or non-fiction stories. (You could do some research for the story you write or use your own personal experience.)

*Math: Practice your addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts so you know them as quick as a snap. Review any concepts you learned this year.

*Reading: Read at least 30 minutes every day. Participate in the Curtis Memorial Library or your local library summer reading program. *You must read and complete the 3 book projects for class due at the beginning of the school year.*



Summer Reading Must Do's

Choose 3 books from the list below to read. Complete the book activities which are due on the first day of school.

While you are reading pay attention to the characters, setting, plot, theme, problem and solution.

***Book 1:** Complete the Book Report Page. Remember to use complete sentences and neat handwriting.

***Book 2:** Characters On A Roll Take 2 dice, roll and add up the numbers. On a piece of lined paper answer the question next to the number you rolled. Roll one more time so you are doing a different number and answering a total of 2 questions on this book. Ex. I rolled a 3 and 1 for a total of 4. Four on Characters On A Roll says, "What can you say about the main character's family life?" Based on the story The Three Little Pigs I would answer... The three pigs are main characters who are brothers. I think they had a positive and nurturing family life because the three get along well with each other, they are helpful and supportive of one another. At the end of the story they have no problem living together. The wolf is another main character and I think his family life wasn't stable and he lived in a negative atmosphere. The wolf likes to trick and lie to others so therefore maybe someone in his life did the same to him or he witnessed someone treating others unkindly.

***Book 3:** After the first day of school your teacher will pick one out of the three books you read and you will bring in an object that helps tell the story. Put some thought into it. Ex. For The Three Little Pigs I might bring in a brick because it was important in building a good sturdy house. You will be responsible for giving a book talk on your book using your object.

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Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Brink

The Wheel on the School by Meindert De Jong

Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George

Swiss Family Robinson by Johann David Wyss

Dogsong by Gary Paulsen

The View from Saturday by E. L. Konigsburg

Lost in the Pacific, 1942 by Tod Olson

Miracles on Maple Hill by Virginia Sorensen

Have a fun and safe summer! Looking forward to seeing you in the fall 

Your Future Teacher

BOOK REPORT

TITLE _____

AUTHOR _____

RATING ★ ★★ ★★★ ★★★★ ★★★★★

QUICK SUMMARY

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER AND WHY?

WHERE DOES THE BOOK TAKE PLACE?

DRAW YOUR FAVORITE SCENE

WHAT WAS THE BEST PART IN THE BOOK AND WHY?

WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THIS TO A FRIEND? YES NO

NAME _____ DATE _____



Characters On A Roll

2	How does the main character change during the story?
3	What did the main character do to make sure you like or dislike him/her?
4	What can you say about the main character's family life?
5	How is the role of the supporting character(s) important to the story?
6	Cite a phrase that helps the reader learn about the main character.
7	What are the main character's strengths? Weaknesses?
8	What will happen to the main character in the sequel to the book?
9	How does the main character interact with other characters?
10	Compare two characters. How are they alike? Different?
11	Why would you want to be or not be the main character's friend?
12	Where will the main character be 20 years from now?

