

Dear Parents,

Attached is a suggested reading list for incoming fifth graders. To help your child find their reading level, have them read a full page. Fewer than two mistakes indicate a comfortable read for your child. Please remember that the goal of summer reading is for enjoyment and to maintain reading skills. Therefore, we require students to turn in an assignment upon their return to school. We recommend that each child read a minimum of two books. Have your child choose their favorite book and complete the required reading assignment. Also, encourage your child to share their opinion of the book with the family. Your child's Summer Reading project is due the first week of school.

We hope you enjoy a safe and blessed summer vacation.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Faustin 5th grade teacher

FICTION

Aiken, Joan ***Wolves of Willoughby Chase***

An orphan arriving at the mansion home of her cousins is protected from the wolf pack by a mysterious gentleman.

Avi ***Poppy***

A heroic mouse defends her community against an evil owl in an exciting story of adventure.

Clements, Andrew ***Frindle***

This is the story of a bright, imaginative boy who can usually control any classroom he enters, the teacher who challenges him, and the new word he creates.

Clements, Andrew ***The Landry News***

The creation of a school newspaper leads to conflicts within the school community. Will their teacher lose his job because his students have been too honest?

Curtis, Christopher Paul *The Watson's Go to Birmingham*

The world of a warm and happy Michigan family changes dramatically when they find themselves caught up in the dark days of protest in Birmingham, Alabama, during the civil rights movement.

Dahl, Roald *The BFG*

A very friendly giant has some very disgusting neighbors. How can Sophie and the BFG get rid of them?

Hesse, Karen *Letters from Rifka*

A young girl journeys away from home to a new place.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds *Shiloh*

Marty Preston wants a dog so badly that he's willing to lie to get one. The injury this causes the dog, Marty's family, and Marty himself is the basis of the first book in the series.

Park, Linda Sue *The Kite Fighters*

In Korea in 1473, eleven-year-old Young-Sup overcomes his rivalry with his older brother Kee-Sup and both work together to win the New Year kite-fighting competition.

Paterson, Katherine *The Great Gilly Hopkins*

A spunky eleven-year-old foster child schemes against everyone who tries to be friendly.

Required Activities

Summer reading assignment – One book summary due the first week of school. Along with the Book Summary, Please include one of the following activities:

- 1. Draw a comic strip of your favorite scene in the book.**
- 2. Make a diorama of an event or scene in the book.**
- 3. Create a detailed timeline of the story's important events, include illustration.**
- 4. Write a different ending to your story.**
- 5. Write a letter to the character, explaining your thoughts or opinions of what you might have done differently.**
- 6. Create a collage about the story.**
- 7. Write a dialogue between two of the characters and act it out with a friend.**
- 8. Write down your favorite descriptive passage and draw a picture of it as you "See"**