

St. Mary 5th Grade Summer Reading 2017

Welcome to summer 2017! To keep you reading this summer we're sending you out with a reading assignment. We believe that summer reading is beneficial and necessary for encouraging students to be lifelong readers and learners. Students are required to choose and read one book from the list below. After reading, students should complete the assignment below. The summer reading assignment is due Friday, August 25th (the first Friday of school; students may turn assignment in as early as Monday, August 21).

Book Choices:

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko (AR Level: 3.5)

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate (AR Level: 3.6)

How to Steal a Dog by Barbara O'Connor (AR Level: 4.0)

Shiloh by Phyllis R. Naylor (AR Level: 4.4)

The Underdogs by Mike Lupica (AR Level: 5.2)

Frindle by Andrew Clements (AR Level: 5.4)

Directions:

- Assignment can be handwritten (NEATLY) or typed, and pages MUST be stapled together.
- Heading: include name and class
- Answers must be numbered the same as the corresponding question.
- All answers must be written in COMPLETE SENTENCES!
- Try your hardest! This is your first grade in the Reading gradebook.

Questions:

1. Think about the characters in your book. If you had to choose one to be your new best friend, who would you choose and why? Use examples from the book to defend your answer. (At least 5 sentences total)
2. Pretend that you are going to join the characters in the story. What things would you need to pack? Think about things that you would need to fit in with the setting. Name three things that you will need to pack and explain each. (At least 5 sentences total)
3. Choose three songs that you think connect with the book based on the lyrics. The songs should connect with the character, plot, or theme. Write the name of each song and explain why it connects with the book. (At least 5 sentences total)
4. Come up with 5 hashtags about your book. These can connect with the character, setting, plot, etc. (does not have to be complete sentences)
#summerreading2k17

Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge

Dear Parents and Students,

I have decided that I want my future 5th graders to participate in the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge! This is a free online reading program that invites students to log their reading minutes all summer. As students read and log their minutes, they will unlock a book featuring fun activities such as games, videos, quizzes, and more. Also, students will earn digital rewards and learn about new books! On the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge website, families will have access to free book lists across all ages. You can begin logging reading minutes on May 8th and continue logging them until September 8th. You can learn more about the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge at scholastic.com/summer.

Participation in the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge is optional. However, I encourage all students to participate. Not only will I learn a little more about my future 5th graders and what they like to read, but you will also enjoy some summer reading fun!

I will provide current 4th graders with a username and password. The first time students use their usernames and passwords to log into the Summer Reading Challenge, the sign-in process will prompt them to change their passwords for privacy. After that, students will not be allowed to change their usernames and passwords. At the time of first log-in to the Summer Reading Challenge, Scholastic will ask users a security question. It does not ask for personally identifiable information and it will only be used to allow a user to sign in if the user forgets his or her password.

Please feel free contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this program or if your student lost his or her original login information.

Have a great summer and happy reading!!

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