

Dear Incoming 5th Graders

Here is your 2016 summer reading assignment. Read and annotate *Circus Mirandus*, by Cassie Beasley. You may want purchase the book since annotating requires you to write and highlight in the text.

6 Steps of Annotating

When annotating, complete all of the steps in the margins of the text.

1. Circle and define any unknown words.
2. Summarize each chapter.
3. Underline/highlight key phrases.
4. Note word patterns, repetitions, point of view, or anything else that strikes you as confusing or important (label literary/rhetorical devices).
5. Write down questions (at least 3 per chapter)
6. Determine the overall theme(s), remembering that themes CANNOT be one word.

Happy reading,

Mrs. Barker