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Dear Upcoming 5th Graders,

Welcome to summer reading! In order to maintain the reading skills you have acquired this year, you will be required to complete book activities this summer. You must read TWO books; one book must be from the list below, and the other book is your choice. On the back of this page is a list of activities. You need to complete three activities; 1 activity from one book, and 2 activities from the other book. These are due on the first day of school.

Choose one of the following books:

- *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson
- *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell
- *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George
- *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- *The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare
- *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin
- *Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Cleary
- *Frindle* by Andrew Clements
- *Matilda* by Roald Dahl
- *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech
- *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster

Reading is a great way to relax and have an adventure! While you are improving your reading skills, you will be taking a journey that the author is creating for you. We hope that you enjoy your summer reading. Don't leave your summer reading assignments until the end of August. Give yourself time to make this a joy and not a chore!

Happy summer reading!

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## **5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT**

**First, read two books; one from the list, and one book of your choice. Then, choose and complete 3 activities from the following list: (1 activity from 1 book, and 2 activities from the other book).**

1. Draw an advertisement to sell your book. Include a one paragraph (AT LEAST) commercial to catch the reader's interest. Make certain your ad shows that you have read the book.
2. You are a tour guide for the location in your book. Design a poster or brochure inviting tourists to visit the setting in your book.
3. Make up a small review puzzle and a short quiz (at least 10 questions) to go with your book. Include answer keys. Try to cover the plot, character, setting, and theme.
4. Make a book jacket for your book. Include a paragraph inside the flap to tell others about your book.
5. Did your book deal with a "real life" problem? (crime, poverty, drug use, or something else) Make a poster collage to illustrate (show) this theme. You can use headlines, articles, pictures, and information from magazines and newspapers, or you can make the pieces yourself.
6. Make a diorama of one of the main events from the book. Include a written description of the scene.
7. Make a game using facts from the story.
8. Make a word search, crossword, or other puzzle using at least 10 vocabulary words from the story. Make an answer key to go with it.
9. Write the plot for a sequel to this book (at least 2 paragraphs).
10. Pretend you are a newspaper reporter whose job is to interview one of the characters. Write your interview.
11. Write a poem about your book. Touch on the characters, plot, setting, and theme. Illustrate your poem.
12. Make a timeline of the events of the story. Explain it.
13. Make a series of 5 drawings depicting the major parts of your book. Describe them.
14. Make a map of the area where the story took place. Indicate where each event occurred and be sure to include a key.
15. Sketch a portrait of a character and write everything about him or her.