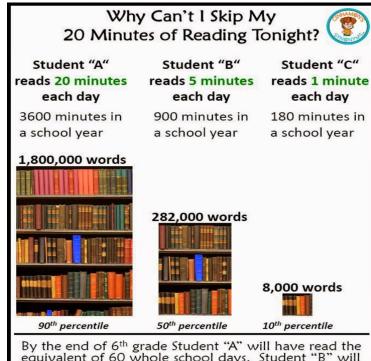
Dear Upcoming 4th Grade Parents,

It is a summer homework expectation that your child is reads for 20 days this summer from a book of their choice. It is important that they continue to increase their vocabulary and comprehension skills through independent reading. It's also pivotal that they respond to their reading, and reflect to show their comprehension of the text. Each response should be at least 5 detailed sentences. Please initial next to each reading log entry. Thank you for your cooperation and support!

Sincerely,

The Fourth Grade Team

Here is a list of possible reflection ideas your student can write about under summary.



equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

- Write about your favorite part of the book and why it was important.
- Explore how the main character has changed so far throughout the story.
- Write about something that surprised you or that you found interesting.
- Describe an interesting or important character in your book.
- Describe parts of the book that puzzled you or made you ask questions.
- Write about an important lesson that was learned in the story.
- Write your predictions about the story and tell whether or not they've been right.
- Explain how the book reminds you of yourself, people you know, or of something that happened in your life.
- Explain how the book reminds you of other books, especially the characters, events, or setting.
- · Retell the ending of the story AND write your feelings about it.
- Explain why you think that your book is popular with students in the class (if it is popular with readers in the class).
- Would you recommend the book to another reader? Explain why or why not.
- Describe what you would change about the book if you could rewrite it.
- Describe in detail the setting of your book and how it fits into the story.
- Write a letter to a character in the book or a letter from one character to another.
- Write a diary entry in the voice of a character in your book.
- Compare two characters in the book to each other by describing their similarities and their differences.
- Compare a character in your book to a character in another book you have read.
- · Make a list of "lingering questions" you have after finishing the book.

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