



Let's Blast Off to a Great Summer of Reading

We are all so excited that summer is finally here!! To me, summer means the chance to read some great books and relax while doing it. Over the summer, the rising fifth grade students are required to read **AT LEAST two novels** and complete a different project for each one. I think we have some interesting choices for projects so I am anxious to see what the students come up with. They will present the projects the first week of school. The children should select a book that is on their reading level, not too easy but also not too hard.

You **MUST NOT** read the following books as these will be covered in school. It's so much fun when we learn something about a character together, the ahh moments are what makes reading fun.

Because of Mr. Terupt
Hatchet
Gregor the Overlander
Shakespeare Stealer
The Lemonade War
My Brother Sam is Dead

The important thing is that you and your child select books that are on his/her reading level. This is the summer so I want them to select books that they will enjoy. I am not opposed to having them read along with a cd while in the car or at home. Whatever we can do to get them to read!!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at ashenigo@hcfaculty.com

Projects are due Friday, August 30, 2019
These will be their first grades in reading!!

Students are to **read two books**. You are to do a different project for each book. You may select from the options below.

1. Write a different ending for your book. This must be written in paragraph form with at least 10 sentences. Punctuation and spelling must be correct.
2. If you could spend a day with one of your main characters, what four things would you do with them and why. Paragraph form as stated in #1.
3. Plan a birthday party for the main character. What would you do? What games would you play and what gifts would you give? What food and decorations would you plan. Paragraph form as stated in #1
4. Create a book trailer (similar to a movie trailer) for your book using your chromebook or imovie. (visit this website for ideas <http://www.booktrailersforreaders.com/>). I would love to see a couple people try this.
5. Make a pizza book report. See attached directions.
6. Pretend you are a talk show host and interview your favorite character. Either write the interview down (your questions and your character's answers), or do it "podcast" style.
7. Pretend you are a TV reporter, and give a "live news report of a scene from the book. (You can pre-record your interview or do it live on that Friday. You just need to be prepared.) Remember to include details from the book, relating the scene to the characters and the plot of the story. Should be at least 2-3 minutes long.

Here are some suggestions but do not let this list confine you.

<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/5th-grade-reading-list>

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/favorite-books-for-fourth-graders/>

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/favorite-books-for-fifth-graders/>