

5th Grade Summer Reading

- You are required to read 2 chapter books on your grade level, and fill out the attached book report form. Please use your best handwriting!! I will grade this on neatness as well as effort!! You will also take an AR test on this book, so make sure it is not one you have read before.
- If you are interested in participating on the Academic Team next year, please choose at least one of your books from the Newberry Awards list.
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberywinners/medalwinners>
- 5th grade (4.5 – 6.0)
- These will be due the day we return for a grade.
- Read at least 20 minutes every day to help build vocabulary and to keep up your speed and fluency; books, magazines, newspapers, etc. Read!! Read!! Read!!

5th Grade Book Report Format

Handwritten – your neatest cursive or print, indent paragraphs, skip a line between paragraphs, check for spelling, and proofread for any mistakes.

Title

Center on the top line of your notebook paper then skip a line to begin our introduction.

Introduction

Things to include in the introduction:

- The title (underlined) and author of the book
- Why you chose the book
- What kind of story is it? (realistic fiction? Historical fantasy? Historical fiction? Narrative nonfiction? Biography?)

Body

In this section you want to describe the main parts of a story: theme, setting, plot, and characters. Then you give your opinions about the book.

The Theme is the main idea of the story. Some examples might be the importance of friendship or how to be courageous in a difficult situation. Tell what you think the theme is and how you know.

The Setting is the time and place of the story. Is it set a long time ago or now? Does it take place in another country or in an imaginary place? How much time passes in the story – a day? a year? A lifetime?

The Plot is what happens. You want to tell what the story is mostly about.

What is the main event or conflict? What things lead up to it? What happens as a result? How does the story end? , but don't give it away.

The Characters are who the story is about. The main character is called the protagonist. Who are the other important characters? Do they help or hinder the protagonist?

Once you have summarized the book, you can tell what you think about it. You can write about whatever opinions you have. Some questions you might want to answer are:

- Do you like the story? Why or why not?
- What was the best part of the book? Why?
- How did the story make you feel? Did you feel different things at different points in the story?
- Would you recommend it to friends?
- Would you read other books by this author?
- What new things did you learn from this book?

Conclusion

This is just a sentence or two to sum up your report. Give you overall opinion of the book and the most important thing you want other people to know about it.