

Incoming Fifth Graders

Hello, Future Fifth Graders,

First, I would like to welcome you to fifth grade. Reading is an important part of your summer break, as it will help develop a strong vocabulary and build language skills. You are required to read 2 books this summer. One book is to be selected from the list below. A project will be given and completed by the second week of school.

Clements, Andrew

Draper, Cynthia

Ritter, John

Hiassan, Carl

Spinelli, Jerry

Woods, Ron

Frindle

Out of My Mind

The Boy Who Saved Baseball

Flush

Crash

Hero

The second book you may choose from the attached list. Every student is required to keep a Book Log for the 2 books.

CRITERIA:

Fiction – At least 100 pages; No graphic books; No diary-formatted books; and No books with more illustrations than words.

Non-Fiction – At least 65 pages; No Poetry; No fairy tales; and No graphic books.

Also, it is important to reinforce your basic math skills. You are expected to know all the multiplication facts, through the 12 times table. Flash cards are useful for this goal.

Enjoy your summer!

Mrs. Caraballo

BOOK IN A BAG

Choose one of the books you have read independently (over the summer) to create a paper bag book report. You will need a lunch size paper bag preferably white, two index cards, and a sheet of lined paper to fit the back of the bag.

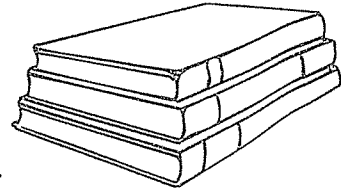
Procedure:

1. Scene - On the front of the bag, draw your favorite scene from the book. (include the title and author's name)
2. Characters - On an index card (vertically) list the names and a brief description of the main characters – (glue securely to one side of the bag).
3. Conflict - On an index card (write on the card vertically), briefly describe the main conflict in the story - (glue securely to the other side of the bag).
4. Review - On the lined sheet of paper write a quick review of the books three important events (beginning, middle, and end) and your opinion.
5. Souvenirs – Choose five items to place inside the bag to represent significant events or characters from the book. For example , “Goldilocks and the Three Bears” might call for a soup spoon, a thermometer, a small dollhouse chair, a magazine ad for oatmeal, etc. These items must be lightweight and small enough to fit in the bag. Students may draw the item if it is not available.
6. Name – Place your name on the very bottom of the bag.
7. Presentation -Students will present their projects, in detail to the class – first explaining the outside of their bags and each of the items inside.

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Title _____

Author _____

Kind of Book _____

Personal Rating (Circle 1 to 4 stars.) ★ ★★ ★★★★★

Reading as a Writer

Here's something the book made me think about: _____

I especially liked the way the author _____

Some words or phrases I liked in the book are: _____

The part on page ____ was interesting because _____

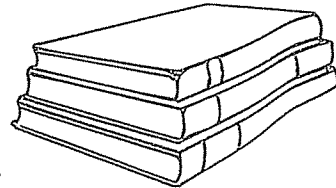
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Students Rising into Grades 5 and 6

<i>Armstrong, William</i>	Sounder
<i>Avi</i>	Poppy
<i>Avi</i>	Crispin: The Cross of Lead
<i>Babbitt, Natalie</i>	Tuck Everlasting
<i>Barrie, J. M</i>	Peter Pan
<i>Bartoletti, Susan Campbell</i>	Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow
<i>Baum, Frank L.</i>	The Wizard of Oz
<i>Bellairs, John</i>	The Revenge of the Wizard's Ghost (and other titles)
<i>Blume, Judy</i>	Superfudge (and other titles)
<i>Boyd, Candy Dawson</i>	Circle of Gold
<i>Brittain, Bill</i>	Shape-Changer
<i>Bunting, Eve</i>	The Nasty, Stinky Sneakers
<i>Burnett, Frances</i>	The Secret Garden
<i>Byars, Betsy</i>	Summer of the Swans (and other titles)
<i>Camillo, Kate</i>	Because of Winn-Dixie
<i>Canales, Viola</i>	The Tequila Worm
<i>Cerulla, Mary</i>	Sharks: Challengers of the Deep
<i>Cleary, Beverly</i>	Dear Mr. Henshaw
<i>Clements, A</i>	Janitor's Boy
<i>Collier, James Lincoln</i>	Jump Ship to Freedom
<i>Colon, Raul</i>	Dona Flor: A Tale About a Great Woman with a Great Big Heart
<i>Cooper, Susan</i>	The Grey King
<i>Corcoran, Barbara</i>	Sasha My Friend
<i>Couloumbis, Audrey</i>	Getting Near to Baby
<i>Coville, Bruce</i>	My Teacher is an Alien. (and other titles)
<i>Cox, Judy</i>	My Family Plays Music
<i>Creech, Sharon</i>	The Wanderer
<i>Curtis, Christopher Paul</i>	Bud, Not Buddy
<i>Curtis, Christopher Paul</i>	Elijah of Buxton
<i>Dahl, Roald</i>	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. (and other titles)
<i>Danziger, Paula</i>	Divorce Express.(and other titles)
<i>DeBurke, Randy</i>	The Moon Ring
<i>Denenberg, Barry</i>	Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson
<i>Denzel, Justin</i>	Hunt for the Last Cat
<i>dePaola, Tomie</i>	26 Fairmount Avenue
<i>Dicamillo, Kate</i>	The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, some Soup and a Spool of Thread
<i>Ende, Michael</i>	La historia interminable
<i>Estes, Eleanor</i>	The Hundred Dresses
<i>Farley, Walter</i>	The Black Stallion
<i>Fitzhugh, Louise</i>	Harriet, the Spy
<i>Flake, Sharon G.</i>	Who Am I Without Him? Short Stories for Girls and the Boys in Their Lives
<i>Fleischman, Paul</i>	Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices
<i>Fleishman, Sid</i>	Whipping Boy (and other titles)
<i>Fritz, Jean</i>	And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?
<i>Gantos, Jack</i>	Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key (and other titles)
<i>Gernstein, Mordicai</i>	Wild Boy
<i>Giff, Patricia Reilly Giff</i>	Lily's Crossing
<i>Gonzalez, Lucia</i>	The Storyteller's Candle/La Velita de los cuentos
<i>Gregory, Kristiana</i>	Legend of Jimmy Spoon

<i>Hamilton, Virginia</i>	Cousins
<i>Hamilton, Virginia</i>	The People Could Fly
<i>Hathaway, Virginia</i>	Missy Violet and Me
<i>Hesse, Karen</i>	Out of the Dust
<i>Holiday, Billie and Herzog, Jr., Arthua</i>	God Bless the Child
<i>Holl, Kristi</i>	The Haunting of Cabin 13
<i>Horvath, Polly</i>	Everything on a Waffle
<i>Howe, Deborah and James.</i>	Bunnica: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery (and other titles)
<i>Hughes, Langston</i>	The Dream Keeper and Other Poems
<i>Hunt, Irene</i>	Across Five Aprils
<i>Ibbotson, E.</i>	Island of the Aunts
<i>Jones, D. W.</i>	Dogsbody
<i>Juster, Norton</i>	The Phantom Tollbooth
<i>Kadohata, Cynthia</i>	Kira-Kira
<i>Kallen, Stuart</i>	Life Among the Pirates
<i>Konisburg, E. L.</i>	A View from Saturday
<i>L'Engle, Madeline</i>	A Wrinkle in Time
<i>Levine, Gail Carson</i>	Ella Enchanted (and other titles)
<i>London, Jack</i>	White Fang
<i>Lowry, Lois</i>	Number the Stars (and other titles)
<i>MacDonald, Janet</i>	Child Wind
<i>MacLachlan, Patricia</i>	Sarah, Plain and Tall
<i>Mohr, Nicholasa</i>	Going Home
<i>Morrison, Gordon</i>	Oak Tree
<i>Morrison, Toni</i>	Remember: The Journey to School Integration
<i>Moses, Shelia P.</i>	The Legend of Buddy Bush
<i>Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds</i>	Shiloh (and other titles)
<i>Nelson, Marilyn</i>	Fortune's Bones: the Manumission
<i>O'Brien, Robert</i>	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH (and other titles)
<i>O'Dell, Scott</i>	Island of the Blue Dolphins (and other titles)
<i>Oppel, K.</i>	Sunwing
<i>Palacios, Argentina</i>	Standing Tall: Stories of Ten Hispanic Americans
<i>Park, Linda Sue</i>	A Single Shard
<i>Paterson, Katherine</i>	The Bridge to Terabithia
<i>Paul, Christopher</i>	Bud, Not Buddy
<i>Peck, Richard</i>	A Year Down Yonder
<i>Perkins, Lynne Rae</i>	Criss Cross
<i>Quattlebaum, Mary</i>	Jackson Jones and the Puddle of Thorns
<i>Roberts, W.</i>	Scared Stiff
<i>Rockwell, Thomas</i>	How to Eat Fried Worms
<i>Rowling, J. K.</i>	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. (and other titles)
<i>Ryland, Cynthia</i>	Henry and Mudge and the Great Grandpas
<i>Sachar, Louis</i>	Wayside School Is Falling Down (and other titles)
<i>Sachar, Louis</i>	Holes
<i>Schlitz, Laura Amy</i>	Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village
<i>Schmidt, Gary D.</i>	The Wednesday Wars
<i>Scieszka, Jon</i>	The Not So Jolly Roger (and other Time Warp Trio titles in the series)
<i>Selznick, Brian</i>	The Invention of Hugo Cabret
<i>Sis, Peter</i>	Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain
<i>Snicket, Lemony</i>	The Bad Beginning (and other titles)
<i>Spinelli, Jerry</i>	Maniac Magee (and other titles)

<i>Spinelli, Jerry</i>	Wringer
<i>St. George, Judith</i>	So, You Want to Be President?
<i>Taylor, Mildred</i>	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
<i>Taylor, Theodore</i>	The Cay
<i>Tolan, Stephanie S.</i>	Surviving the Applewhites
<i>Wells, Rosemary</i>	Streets of Gold
<i>White, E.B.</i>	Charlotte's Web
<i>Williams, Barbara</i>	Titanic Crossing
<i>Woodson, Jacqueline</i>	Feathers
<i>Yep, Lawrence</i>	The Rainbow People
<i>Yolen, Jane</i>	Mary Celeste: An Unsolved Mystery From History
<i>Zalben, Jane Breskin</i>	The Fortune Teller in 5B