

# 5th Grade Summer Assignment



Dear New 5th Graders,

Enrich your summer by reading one non-fiction **and** one fiction book this summer. Then choose **one assignment** from either the fiction or non-fiction options to turn in on the first day of school - two books, one assignment. See the lists below for suggested titles.

## Non-Fiction Books

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| <i>Mission Control, This is Apollo: The Story of the First Voyages to the Moon</i> by Andrew Chaikin | <i>Don't Know Much About American History</i> by Kenneth C. Davis & Matt Faulkner |
| <i>Gorilla Doctors: Saving Endangered Great Apes</i> by Pamela S. Turner                             | <i>How Basketball Works</i> by Keltie Thomas                                      |
| <i>Extreme Animals: The Toughest Creatures on Earth</i> by Nicola Davies                             | <i>How Figure Skating Works</i> By Keltie Thomas                                  |
| <i>Blizzard! The Storm that Changed America</i> by Jim Murphy  | <i>Neale S. Godfrey's Ultimate Kids' Money Book</i> by Neale S. Godfrey           |
| <i>Hurricane Force: In the Path of America's Deadliest Storms</i> by Joseph B. Treaster              | Choose a biography of someone you admire  |

## Non-Fiction Assignment Choices:

- 1) Create a poster based on the non-fiction book you have read. Be sure to show at least 3 interesting things you have learned. Your poster should be no larger than 14 x 20, half a sheet of poster board. Remember to include the name of the book and the author's name.
- 2) Write a letter to a friend convincing him or her to read the non-fiction book you have read. Give at least three reasons why your friend should read this book. Remember to include the name of the book and author in your letter.

## Fiction Books

| <b>Fantasy Books</b>  | <b>Mystery Books</b>   |
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| <i>The Hypnotists</i> by Gordon Korman  | <i>From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankwiner</i> by E.L. Konigsburg            |
| <i>The 13<sup>th</sup> Reality: The Journal of Curious Letters</i> by James Dashner | <i>Spy Force Mission: In Search of Time and Space Machine</i> by Deborah Abela           |
| <i>Gabby Duran and the Unsittables</i> by Daryle Conners and Elise Allen            | <i>Shakespeare's Secret</i> by Elise Broach<br><i>The Homework Machine</i> by Dan Gutman |
| <i>Circus Mirandus</i> by Cassie Beasley  | <b>Realistic Fiction</b>   |
| <i>So You Want to be a Wizard</i> by Diane Duane                                    | <i>Fish in a Tree</i> by Lynda Mullaly Hunt  |
| <i>The Silver Bowl</i> by Diane Stanley   | <i>The Pet War</i> by Allen Woodrow  |
| <b>Historical Fiction</b>   | <i>The Top 10 Ways to Ruin the First Day of 5th Grade</i> by Kenneth Derby               |
| <i>The Fighting Ground</i> by Avi   | <i>Flipped</i> by Wendelin Van Draanen   |
| <i>Give Me Liberty</i> by L. M. Elliot  | <i>When You Get Here</i> by Rebecca Stead  |
| <i>The Sacrifice</i> by Kathleen Benner Duple                                       | <i>No Talking</i> by Andrew Clements   |
| <i>Turtle in Paradise</i> by Jennifer L. Hold                                       | <i>Unstoppable</i> by Tim Green  |
| <i>Inside Out &amp; Back Again</i> by Thanhha Lai                                   | <i>Maniac Magee</i> by Jerry Spinelli  |
| <i>Bud, Not Buddy</i> by Christopher Paul Curtis                                    | <i>I am the Ice Worm</i> by MaryAnn Easley   |

### Fiction Assignment Choices:

- 1) Compare the main character of the book to you. How are you similar? How are you different? Do you have anything in common (hobbies, likes, dislikes, etc.)? Create a Venn Diagram to show your comparisons. Please include the name of the book and the author.
- 2) Create a test for other students for this book. Do not forget to include the name of the book and the author.
- 3) Write either a last chapter for this book or the first chapter of the sequel. Do not forget to mention the name of the book you read and the author.
- 4) Create a comic strip detailing one major event from the book. The comic strip should have at least 6 frames and should be in color. Do not forget to include the name of the book and the author.