

Summer 2016 Reading for Students Entering Grade 5



Dear Students,

Please read the following required book and complete the following assignments. You must read one additional book which you may choose from the list below. Please note that all projects and written work are due on the first day of school. There will be a test on *The Midnight Fox* on Friday of the first week of school.

Required Reading:

The Midnight Fox by Betsy Byars. There will be a test on this book on the Friday of the first week of school. It is recommended that you take notes in a journal or index cards while reading the story. Notes should include information on characters, settings, and important events. It is possible you may be able to use these notes on your test 👍

Choose one book from the following list:

- **Shiloh* by Phyllis Naylor
- **The Case of Benedict Arnold* by Jean Fritz
- **Strider* by Beverly Cleary
- **A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle
- **Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry
- **The Landry News* by Andrew Clements
- **Matilda* by Roald Dahl
- **Lily's Crossing* by Patricia Giff
- **Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz
- **Eragon* by Christopher Paolini
- **Out of the Dust* by Karen Husse

**Poppy* by Avi

**Bunnicula* by James Howe

**Wringer* by Jerry Spinelli

**Stone Fox* by John Gardiner

Upon finishing a book from the above list, you will complete the attached sheets and write a book review using the templates.

Additionally, to help the children maintain skills over the summer, I highly suggest *The Summer Bridge Activities Workbook*. This workbook can be found at Barnes and Noble or on Amazon.

Book Project for Chosen Book:

It is your turn to be a book critic. Your first step will be to fill in the attached planning form and then you can start your draft.

The final product will need to have:

- 1) The title of the book
- 2) Author
- 3) 4 reasons why you did or did not like the book
- 4) One feeling on the opposite end – (If you wrote four reasons why you didn't like the book, what is one thing you did like? If you wrote four reasons why you did like the book, what is one thing you would change?)
- 5) What ages might enjoy reading this book
- 6) A professional looking final draft