

Summer Assignments

For Students Entering Grade 5

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June 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians and our amazing fifth graders!

"Learning changes, the brain. Every time you learn something, there are nerve cells that are making connections and they can strengthen or weaken those connections," said UW-Madison educational psychology professor, Edward Hubbard. "So, when you're learning, you're strengthening those connections in the brain at a microscopic level. But if you're not using that information, over time those connections will weaken. If they've lost three months of learning, the teacher is going to have to give some time to get it back," said Hubbard.

Brian McDonald NBC July 13, 2013

Over the summer to avoid the "Brain Drain" please read LOTS of books! And two of those books should be from this list.

SWINDLE by Gordon Korman

ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHIN by Scott O'Dell

FLORA AND ULYSSES by Kate DiCamillo

BECAUSE OF WINN DIXIE by Kate DiCamillo

A WRINKLE IN TIME by Madeleine L'Engle

THE ONE and ONLY IVAN by Katherine Applegate

WONDER by R.J. Palacio

Attached are the specifications for both book reports. However, if you desperately want to read another book for one of your book reports, please do not hesitate to contact me (emurphymulligan@corpuschristischoolct.org) with the name and author for approval.

We are going to have an amazing year and I hope you all have a wonderful summer! Also, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best and God Bless!

Mrs. Mulligan and Mr. Wilson

Book Report File Folder

Student: _____ Due Date: _____ Book: _____
_____ Author: _____

Materials Needed: File folder, markers, pencil, colored pencil, internet or other research resources, and your book

Directions: Use the checklist below to complete your book report project:

Front Cover

The front cover of the file folder should include:

A creative illustration (Your version of the book cover)

The title of the book underlined.

The author

Your name and date written like this: "Book Report by John Smith on November 15, 2011"

Left Inside Panel

The left inside panel of the file folder should include the following sections:

3 Main Characters (Illustrate each of the main characters and describe them in at least two sentences each. Use plenty of descriptive words and tell about their personalities.)

Setting – Where does the story take place? (Illustrate a picture of one of the main settings in the book, and then describe it in at least 3 sentences. Use plenty of descriptive words so that the reader can see, hear, taste, smell, and touch the setting.)

Key Words – Find at least six words that you did not know the meaning of before reading this book. Then, write the words in this section along with their definitions. Use a dictionary.

Right Inside Panel

The right inside panel should include the following sections:

Plot – What is the main problem in the story and how does the main

character(s) solve it? This needs to be written in two paragraphs consisting of at least three sentences each. Be very detailed!

o Paragraph one will answer, "What is the main problem in the story?"

o Paragraph two will answer, "How does the problem get solved?"

Summary – What happened and in what order? (This section needs to have

at least 4 paragraphs consisting of at least 3 sentences each.)o Your first paragraph will answer, "What happened first?"o Your next paragraph will answer, "What happened next?"o Your third paragraph will answer, "Then what?"

o And your final paragraph will explain the final event.Back Panel

The back panel should include the following sections:

Book Review – Your book review should be a paragraph of at least three sentences:

o On a scale of 1-5, how would you rate the book?

o Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

o Was this book interesting, or where there any interesting parts?

Explain.

About the Author – This is a research section about the author. First, you

will need to print a picture of your author from the Internet and place it in this section (If you do not have a printer or Internet, you must draw the picture). Then, you will need to tell us about the author in at least two paragraphs.

o Paragraph one should tell us where and when the author was born; about his/her family, education, and childhood; and any other important facts about the author.

o Paragraph two should tell us; how he/she became a writer; what his/her inspiration was for writing this book; any other important book he/she has written.

BOOK REPORT CHOICE TWO

Write a scene from your book. It must have at least two characters and should not exceed five characters. Please make a character sheet, list the character's name, description of the character; what he/she looks like, age, appearance,

personality, etc. Explain the setting, time, and theme of your scene. Include stage directions in your script. Make sure your characters' dialogue fits their character and personality. The scene should be at least two full pages typed, size 12 font, Times New Roman font, margins no larger than one inch around, and your name in the header upper left corner, date upper right (in the HEADER), title and author top of page centered. It can be as long you like, but not shorter than 2 pages in length (double spaced between character lines, and single spaced for single character line).

Format:

Name

Date

TITLE OF BOOK
By, Author's name

John enters from stage right.

Jane: I am so happy you were able to come. (hugs John)

John: I am, too. I only had to change a few appointments. It was very nice of you to invite me. I was afraid I wouldn't make any acquaintances here.

Jane: What appointments?

John: Oh, nothing important.

Dog barks in the distance.

Jane: Did you hear that?

John: It was just a dog.

Jane: I think that was my dog.

John: You have a dog? (incredulous)

Jane: Don't you like dogs?

Think of yourself as being the screenwriter for your book. You may add in scene descriptions, stage directions, and descriptions of the characters' emotions. Any questions, please email me.

Best,

Mrs. Mulligan