



## 5th Grade Summer Activities 2021-2022

### Summer Reading

It is important for children to practice academic skills when school is not in session, and reading is one of the most important of those skills. Summer reading evolved as a popular method of helping children to keep their reading skills active. The best summer reading assignments strive to inspire a love of reading for its own sake. As award-winning children's book author Kate DiCamillo wrote, "*Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or a duty. It should be offered as a gift.*"

In that spirit, our summer reading assignment is for rising fifth grade students to read, read, read, as many books as they can. To provide an incentive, we are buying several gifts that will be raffled in each homeroom during the first week of school. Students complete raffle tickets for every book they read and place the tickets in the jar(s) of the prize(s) that interests them.

It is our hope that every child will read *at least three* books during the summer. If you are looking for recommended fifth grade material, check out <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/h/summer-reading-lists>, <https://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2021-summer-reading-list>.

Fifth graders are expected to select one of the books that they read and prepare to participate in a class discussion about that book during the first week of school. During the discussion, the student will be expected to answer the following questions about the book that s/he selected:

How would you describe the main character?	What was your favorite part and why?
How are you similar to the main character?	What was your least favorite part and why?
How are you different from the main character?	What would you change about the book?
Who was your favorite character and why?	What happened in the book that surprised you?
Do any characters change during the story?	What could have been a different title for the book?
What lessons did the main character learn?	Who is the author?
What was the setting?	Do you know any other books the author has written?
What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?	Would you recommend this book to others?
What adjectives would you use to describe the ending?	What genre was the book?

## Summer Reading Raffle Instructions

Print this page and fill-in a ticket for each book that you read from cover to cover, between June 11th and September 8th. Print additional sheets, as necessary. Do NOT cut-out the tickets. Instead bring the entire sheet(s) to school on the first day (up to a maximum of three sheets or 18 tickets). During the first week of school, you will place your tickets in jars associated with prizes. To improve your odds of winning specific prizes, you can place multiple tickets in individual jars.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Summer Reading Raffle Ticket</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fifth Grade</p> <p>Student: _____</p> <p>Book: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Author: _____</p> <p>Do You Recommend the Book? Y or N</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Summer Reading Raffle Ticket</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fifth Grade</p> <p>Student: _____</p> <p>Book: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Author: _____</p> <p>Do You Recommend the Book? Y or N</p>
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