

RISING 5TH GRADE SUMMER READING LIST and ASSIGNMENT

WELCOME TO SUMMER VACATION! This reading list consists of books whose authors have created characters who learn and grow, demonstrating God's virtues of faith, hope, and love and the human virtues of justice, courage, forgiveness, and service. These are wonderful characteristics to read about and emulate!

Please pick any book from the eight topics. You are allowed to read more if you are so inclined and will receive extra credit for doing so!

Once you have read the book:

1. Please answer four of the eight questions listed. Choose from fiction questions if your book is fiction and non-fiction questions if your book is a biography or about a real person and tells about real events/non-fiction.
2. Make a poster that shows what we can learn from the main character of the book you chose (how they teach about faith, hope, love, courage, justice, forgiveness, service, etc.). You can show your character demonstrating a virtue in a scene from the book or make a composite of scenes. Please make your poster illustrations colorful and any writing bold and easy to read. (Many books highlight several virtues so feel free to point out others you see in your poster!)

1) FAITH...

Title - Author:

The Boy Who Saved Cleveland Brown- James Giblin

Drita, My Homegirl - Jenny Lombard

Perfectly Chelsea-Claudia Mills

So B. It - Sarah Weeks

The World According to Humphrey - Betty Birney

2) HOPE...

Title - Author:

Sunder – William H. Armstrong

The Absolute Value of Mike - Kathryn Erskine

Ballet for Martha - Jan Greenberg

Touch Blue- Cynthia Lord

Al Capone Does My Shirts – Gennifer Choldenko

3) LOVE...

Title- Author:

Crow Call - Lois Lowery

The Dancing Pancake - Eileen Spinelli

Elska - Cathy Hapka

The Homerun King- Pat McKissack

Love, Aubrey - Suzanne LaFleur

Bread and Roses Too (set in Lawrence, MA) – Katherine Paterson

4) COMMUNITY...

Title-Author:

14 Cows for America-Carmen Deedy
Amazing Faces - Lee Hopkins
Bless This Mouse - Lois Lowery
Henry and the Kite Dragon - Bruce Hall
One Green Apple- Eve Bunting

5) JUSTICE...

Title- Author:

Abe's Honest Words- Doreen Rappaport
Clara Barton - Stephen Krensky
Coretta Scott - Ntozake Shange
The Lemonade Crime - Jacqueline Davies
Rickshaw Girl - Mitali Perkins
Ruby Holler – Sharon Creech

6) COURAGE...

Title- Author:

Amelia Earhart: The Legend of the Lost Aviator- Shelley Tanaka
Freedom Train - Evelyn Coleman
Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom- Carole Weatherford
Night Boat to Freedom -Margot Raven
We Are The Ship -Kadir Nelson

7) RECONCILIATION...

Title-Author:

The Book of the Maidservant - Rebecca Barnhouse
Bobby vs. Girls - Lisa Yee
Circle of Secrets - Kimberley Little
The Friendship Doll- Kirby Larson
Swindle- Gordon Korman

8) SERVICE...

Title - Author:

Ten Inventors Who Changed the World Clive Gifford
Just For Elephants - Carol Buckley
Saint Francis of Assisi: A Life of Joy - Robert Kennedy
Special Delivery - Sue Stauffacher

READING RESPONSES – RISING GRADE 5

STUDENTS: Please list the book/s you read – Turn in to Mrs. Ambrose on back to school night.

YOUR Name _____

Titles of Books read:

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

NEXT: Choose four of the eight questions below and answer them in your best cursive handwriting on lined paper. Choose Fiction questions if you read a fiction novel and non-fiction if you read a piece of non-fiction. Attach your answers to this cover page and make sure this cover page is on top. Staple this together. Do not forget your name.

FICTION BOOK questions:

1. How is a character in your book similar to a character in another book, movie, or someone you know?

2. What does this book remind you of in your own life? Which character would you like (or not like) to be your friend? Why?

3. What advice would you give to a particular character? Why?

4. What was one of your favorite lines (or sentences) in what you read? Copy it down and tell why you liked it. It can be more than a sentence, but not too long!

5. If you could change one thing in the book, what would it be? Why would you change it?

6. What surprised you in the book?

7. If you could ask the author about this book, what questions would you ask?

8. Choose 3 new words you learned in this book. What do they mean?

NONFICTION BOOK questions:

1. What do you know now that you didn't know before you read this?

2. What surprised you most about this topic? What else do you want to know about this topic?

3. Do you think you would read another book by this author? Why or why not?

4. How could you apply what you learned to your own life?

5. If you could change one thing in the book, what would it be? Why would you change it?

6. Why was this topic important to you?

7. Was this information organized in a helpful way? Why or why not? Give examples.

8. Choose 3 new words you learned in this book. What do they mean?