

Summer Reading Assignment

Greetings, Incoming Fifth Graders-

Summer is almost upon us! I know you are eagerly anticipating your vacation. I am looking forward to mine. Among other things, I am looking forward to doing some fun reading. I am sure you will have plenty of time to read all kinds of books this summer. If you are looking for interesting suggestions, Newberry Award winning books are always a good choice. You can also refer to the many book lists found on-line.

After reading for enjoyment, I would like you to do a creative project about one of the books that you read. The purpose of the project is to teach about the story, and to perhaps inspire a classmate to read it.

In addition, I would like everyone to read the book, *The Seven Wonders of Sassafrass Springs*, and write two paragraphs about it. Please see the details:

Written Assignment Expectations

Write well-organized paragraphs about *The Seven Wonders of Sassafrass Springs*. The first should summarize your favorite chapter of the book. This paragraph should include:

Topic sentence

Book title

Chapter # or title

Introduction of characters

Details about beginning

Details about middle

Details about end

Concluding sentence

The second paragraph should answer the question, "What did Eben learn by searching for seven wonders in his hometown?"

This paragraph should include:

Topic sentence

Book title

Introduction of Eben

Details about what Eben was like in the beginning
Details about the search for the seven wonders
Details about what Eben learned by the end
Concluding sentence

Please remember to:

- Start with your name and date
- Please type your final draft
- Double space
- Spell check and edit for mechanics
- Use Times New Roman, Font Size 12

Creative Project Expectations

- Choose one project from the below list to complete about any book you read over the summer. These choices should be yours, and the project should demonstrate your own work.
- The completed creative project should be turned in on your first day of sixth grade. Your name, as well as the title and author of the book should be neatly displayed as part of your project.
- Remember, while it is all right to receive help from an adult, all of the work should be your very own!

1. REARRANGE A PASSAGE AS A "FOUND" POEM. Find a particularly effective description or bit of action that is really poetry written as prose. Rewrite it. Leave out words or skip a sentence or two, but arrange it to create a poem.
2. WRITE A PROMOTION CAMPAIGN FOR A MOVIE ABOUT THE BOOK. This should include several things, such as newspaper ad layouts, radio and television commercials, and special events.
3. COOK A FOOD MENTIONED IN YOUR BOOK. It is always fun to share something to eat with your family. Please cook your recipe at home. Bring in a photo of your delectable treat as well as the recipe. Write a paragraph to explain how the recipe goes along with the book.

4. DESIGN A TIMELINE FOR THE EVENTS IN THE STORY. Label each event carefully and write a brief explanation of several of the main events.
5. DESIGN A DETAILED MAP OR MAPS FOR THE SETTING(S) OF THE BOOK. Label each location carefully and write a brief description of the key places.
6. COMPILE A SCRAPBOOK OR A MEMORY BOX. Choose one of the major characters in your book, and, as that person, put together a scrapbook or memory box of special memories and mementoes. Be true to your character. Write a list to explain each included item.
7. DESIGN A TRAVEL BROCHURE. Illustrate and advertise the "world" of your novel.
8. DESIGN AND PRODUCE A SERIES OF POSTCARDS. On one side of each draw/paint/reproduce an appropriate photo and on the other side compose a related message to yourself from one of the characters.
9. BE A MODERN ARTIST. Using various mediums, create a collage or diorama that comments on a particular theme or issue in the book. Write a paragraph to explain why you chose these things to go into your collage or diorama.
10. COMPLETE SCALE DRAWINGS OF ROOMS IN A BOOK. Use graph paper with a set scale and design places portrayed in a book. Write a paragraph to explain how the drawings go along with the book.

Have a wonderful summer, and happy reading!

Mrs. Mazur