

## Are YOU ready for 5<sup>th</sup> grade?

Fifth grade is an exciting year that is filled with many challenges and exciting school activities! To make sure that you are ready for these challenges, the simplest (and most effective!) preparation you can do is to READ! The more that you read, and the more you ENJOY reading over the summer, the more prepared you will be for next year!

## What should you be reading?

ANYTHING! No matter what you chose to read, reading will help prepare you for the upcoming school year! Below, you will find the list of books that are recommended for 4th into 5th Grade Summer Reading.

Island of the Aunts (Ibbotson)

Basher Five-Two (O'Grady)

The Fear Place (Naylor)

The School Story (Clements)

Misty of Chincoteague (Henry)

Castle Corona (Creech)

Chasing Redbird (Creech)

Afternoon of the Elves (Lisle)

If you would like to read more than the above list, or would like to search through a wider variety of books on your reading level, you may refer to the following link below. This website lists all kinds of books according to author, title and even grade level!

<http://home.comcast.net/~ngiansante/>

## What should you do after you read?

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers can't wait to get to know you and the types of books you enjoy reading! To show your 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher more about you and your interests, you may complete one (or more!) of the following optional projects that will be collected or presented during the first week of school.

While these activities are not required and will not be graded, every project that is completed will be used to decorate the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms for the start of the year!

The projects you may choose from are:

1. A book talk (a note card presentation about the important events in the book)
2. A movie poster (as if you were producing and directing the movie)
3. A sequenced flip chart of important events
4. A digital retelling of the story (mini-movie, interview or re-enactment)
4. A comic strip
5. A live skit or monologue ( with or without a script)
6. A sculpture that represents a scene or important character in the story
7. A shadow box
8. Other: If you have any additional ideas about how to tell your teachers about what you have read, feel free to be creative!