

Dear Future Fifth and Sixth Grade Students:

Over the past year you have enjoyed reading some very interesting and exciting books. Reading is a lifelong skill that needs to be practiced every day. You already know this fact because your teachers ask you to read every day for at least 20 minutes. We expect that you will do the same over the summer months. We can't stress enough the importance of reading every day over the summer. Summer is a time for relaxation, and what better way to relax than to sit in a beach chair or hammock and read.

Your summer assignment is to read **three** books. We are sure you will read many more books than just three so this assignment is going to be a breeze for you. You have been given a list of recommended books; you can read any book from this list or any other book that is at your reading level.

In the fall:

BOOK TALK

Assignment# (1) Please come prepared to give a book talk on **one** of the three books. Your talk should be a minimum of 2 to 3 minutes, but not to exceed 5 minutes.

Your book talk must include:

- The title of the book
- The name of the author

You may choose from the following options:

1. Choose a line or paragraph from this text that you consider to be very important and tell why you think it is important.
2. Choose one of the characters and tell why you think this character is important to the story.
3. Choose a single event that you believe is important to the story and tell why.
4. If your book is nonfiction, talk about three important ideas that are discussed in the text.

**REMEMBER YOUR JOB IS TO SELL YOUR BOOK TO YOUR CLASSMATES.
MAKE THEM WANT TO READ YOUR BOOK!**

CREATE A VISUAL FOR A BOOK

Assignment#(2) Choose a fiction book from your two remaining books, read it, and then prepare a small poster (no smaller than 8 1/2 by 11 and no larger than 11 by 14). This poster should catch the eye, be creative, and showcase the book.

- Title of the Book
- Name of the Author
- A picture illustrating the part of the book that you think was most important.
- Using information from the book and your own life, explain why you chose that part of the book. This written piece must be a full page, either typed or handwritten neatly.
- Make sure your name and grade are on the poster and written piece.

Posters will be displayed in the classrooms.

Happy Summer Reading,

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