

5th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

You are required to read **2 books** over the summer and to complete assignments for each book. I prefer that the assignments be typed unless you do not have computer access. In that case, handwrite the assignments very neatly.

Pick 2 of the following books to read.

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Homesick: My Own Story by Jean Fritz

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

1. For each book, create a list of **10 vocabulary words** from the novel. These should be words that are new to you. Look up the **definitions** in a dictionary and write them down next to the words. Also, write a **sentence** that shows you understand the meaning of the word.
2. Pick **ONE** of the 2 novels. Pick one of the main characters in that novel. Write a paragraph about how you are like that character. Write the second paragraph explaining how you are different than that character. Consider things such as personality, lifestyle, family life, activities the character likes to do, etc.
3. Using the other novel, describe what you thought was the most exciting event that occurred in the novel and why. This should also be 2 paragraphs.

DUE DATE: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, AUGUST 29th