

June 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians and Grade Four Students:

We hope that you had an enjoyable year in fourth grade and that you will have a great summer! In order to prepare for a year filled with reading, the fifth grade teachers have planned a summer reading assignment that will be due the first week of school in September.

Whether on the beach, beneath a shady tree, or on a plane, please take this time enjoying yourself with the adventures of a new book.

Over the summer, we expect you to read at least one book you have not yet read. You may choose from one of the following fiction texts:

I Survived the American Revolution, 1776 by Lauren Tarshis

British soldiers were everywhere. There was no escape. Nathaniel Fox never imagined he'd find himself in the middle of a blood-soaked battlefield, fighting for his life. He was only eleven years old! He'd barely paid attention to the troubles between America and England. How could he, while being worked to the bone by his cruel uncle, Uriah Storch?

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Inspired by the true story of a captive gorilla known as Ivan, this illustrated book is told from the point of view of Ivan himself. Having spent twenty-seven years behind the glass walls of his enclosure in a shopping mall, Ivan has grown accustomed to humans watching him. He hardly ever thinks about his life in the jungle. Instead, Ivan occupies himself with television, his friends Stella and Bob, and painting. But when he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from the wild, he is forced to see their home, and his art, through new eyes.

A Whole New Ballgame by Phil Bildner

Rip and Red are best friends whose fifth-grade year is nothing like what they expected. They have a crazy new tattooed teacher named Mr. Acevedo, who doesn't believe in tests or homework and who likes off-the-wall projects, the more "off" the better. And guess who's also their new basketball coach? Mr. Acevedo! Easy-going Rip is knocked completely out of his comfort zone. And for Red, who has autism and really needs things to be exactly a certain way, the changes are even more of a struggle. But together these two make a great duo who know how to help each other—and find ways to make a difference—in the classroom and on the court.

While reading your book choice, please fill out the questions attached. If your child chooses a book that is beyond their reading level, they can certainly read along with an audio version! Please be sure to make this assignment, as well as reading in general, a priority for your child because only through sustained reading can you improve reading skills.

Sincerely,
Grade 5 Teachers

Summer Reading Questions: Please answer in complete sentences.

Name: _____

Date: _____

1. Describe the main character with at least two adjectives (not physical appearance).

2. What is the main character's main problem?

3. What are some steps the main character takes to solve his/her problem?

4. What is the solution to the problem?

5. What lesson did you learn from the book?

6. Draw one detailed picture of one setting in the text. Write one sentence about the setting below as a caption.