

Frederick Classical Charter School

Suggested Summer Reading Assignments for Students Entering Fifth and Sixth Grades



Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life.
-Mortimer Adler

We encourage each family to make reading an integral part of your summer activities. Children should read good books that cultivate his or her affections and promote a love of learning. Have your child read widely and often. Have thoughtful questions ready to spur discussions about the book. Read portions of the book with your child.

The Reading List below is meant to provide **suggestions** for summer book selections for children and parents of children who will be entering Fifth Grade or Sixth Grade in Fall of 2017. Assignments will be shared the first week of school.

	Suggested Books	Reading Assignment								
5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson -Mr. Lincoln’s Drummer by G. Clifton Wisler -Tanglewood Tales by Nathaniel Hawthorne -The Tale of Troy by Roger L. Green -The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain -Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe -The Silver Chair by C. S. Lewis -The Voyage of the Dawn Treader by C. S. Lewis -The Summer of the Swans by Betsy Byars -Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Montgomery -Heidi by Johanna Spyri -Black Beauty by Anna Sewell -Five Little Peppers by Margaret Sidney -Little Women by Louisa May Alcott -Hans Brinker of the Silver Skates by Mary Dodge -King of the Wind by Marguerite Henry -Gentle Ben by Walter Morey 	<p>Students will read for at least 30 minutes each day.</p> <p>Select 4 assignments from the choice board below.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;"> 1. Write an interview for a main character of the book. Ask at least 5 questions and write the answers to the questions as the character would respond. </td> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;"> 2. Pick a scene that is described in detail in the story. Draw a detailed picture and then write your own description of what is happening. </td> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;"> 3. Create a graphic organizer comparing and contrasting two characters in the story. Write an essay to explain how these two characters are the same and how they are different. Give text support. </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;"> 4. Draw a line down the middle of a page. On one side write down important quotes, on the other side comment on and analyze the quotes. </td> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;"> 5. Generate a test for the book containing at least ten questions. Create an answer key. </td> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;"> 6. Summarize the book by writing at least 3 paragraphs: one each for the beginning, middle and end. </td> </tr> </table> <p>7. Analyze one theme from the book. Write at least a five sentence paragraph stating the theme and giving text support.</p>			1. Write an interview for a main character of the book. Ask at least 5 questions and write the answers to the questions as the character would respond.	2. Pick a scene that is described in detail in the story. Draw a detailed picture and then write your own description of what is happening.	3. Create a graphic organizer comparing and contrasting two characters in the story. Write an essay to explain how these two characters are the same and how they are different. Give text support.	4. Draw a line down the middle of a page. On one side write down important quotes, on the other side comment on and analyze the quotes.	5. Generate a test for the book containing at least ten questions. Create an answer key.	6. Summarize the book by writing at least 3 paragraphs: one each for the beginning, middle and end.
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