



2017 Summer Reading Project

Dear Student,

Welcome to 5th grade! Summer is a great time to relax and read a few good books. Attached is the summer reading project for **the book of YOUR CHOICE** that is listed, Wonder by R.J. Palacio **OR** From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg. These books can be found on Amazon, in store (Colonie Center) or online at Barnes and Noble or Scholastic. YOU are able make choices when it comes to your summer project and how you would like to display the book. If you find you are not enjoying an activity, try another one! Every student is required to complete one of the following projects. You need to bring your completed project on the **first day of school**. This will count as your first grade for reading for the school year. A reading log is attached as well to log in when you are reading and to keep track of any questions, thoughts, or ideas you have while reading.

Have fun and be as creative as possible!

See you in September!!!

Miss Schiavo

*Parents, feel free to read and discuss the book along with your child. When it comes to completing the projects, however, please be a guide for your child, rather than a partner in the project. Thank you.

ASSIGNMENTS TO CHOOSE FROM:

1. **CEREAL BOX BOOK COVER:** Cover the outside of an empty cereal box with light colored paper. Create a new book cover that goes along with the book. The front panel should be the book cover, the side should include the title and author, and the backside should include a brief overview of the book in your own words, without giving any major details away. It should be exciting and engaging for any new readers. Label each side of the cereal box with different elements of your book. It should be neat and colorful and completely fill each panel.

2. **LETTER TO THE AUTHOR:** After reading a book, share your reactions and opinions of the book in a letter written to the author. If you write to an author that is still alive, research him or her to see if you can locate the email address, or real address and consider mailing it. In the letter, briefly talk about the setting, plot, climax, and conclusion of the story. Be sure to use your best handwriting, or you may type it on your computer. Make a connection!

3. **'ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A FIFTH GRADER' GAME:** Create an innovative game similar to the TV show using flash cards that utilize key components of the story to indicate your knowledge of the book. Share the questions and answers with your peers. Here's your chance to be the Host!

4. **DEAR DIARY:** Write a diary for the main character as they progress throughout the story, as seen from that perspective. Include lots of visuals as if the character were drawing them.

5. **HOLLYWOOD MOVIE:** Create a simple video movie of your book, making the characters come to life with your acting skills. Get your family to be actors in your movie! You will need to plan carefully and craft a basic script first. We will play your movie on the white screen in the classroom, so utilize a flash drive or Disc for ease of use. Include a Movie poster advertising your movie!

6. **BE AN ENGINEER:** Create a model of a scene from the book, and describe the scene in depth, referencing the whole novel in terms of plot and character development. You can use a shoe box to display the scene. Be a builder!

Summer Reading Project Rubric

Name _____ Project Chosen _____

Highlights Main Points of Story _____ out of 15

Clarity/Organization of Writing/Project: _____ out of 10

Reading Log: _____ out of 5

Presentation: _____ out of 5

Artwork/Decorations: _____ out of 5

Imagination/Creativity: _____ out of 5

Neatness: _____ out of 5

TOTAL: _____ out of 50 Comments:

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