

Reading/Writing Assignment for incoming 5th graders

Summer reading is a way to develop a love for reading while maintaining the current level of skills that your child has worked so hard to achieve during the school year. Summer is a relaxing time, and there is no better way to relax than with a good book!

All incoming 5th graders are expected to complete the following summer reading/writing assignment:

1. The book that is the required read is **"Holes" by Louis Sachar**. This is a fun, fictional novel with most of the characters right around your very age.
2. Below you will find the directions for the written portion of this assignment. It is due the first day of school, and will be your first reading/writing grade.

Writing Portion Guidelines:

1. You are to write a full 1 page journal entry as any character in the novel. You can use one specific event from the novel, or the novel as a whole. The final copy should be typed using comic sans font and 13 point. Make the journal entry interesting. Give specific events, details, characteristics, etc... Build up excitement and make it interesting for the reader.
2. Design a new cover for this book. Include the title, author, and an illustrated picture of your own that shows the reader what the book is about. This could simply be done on a sheet of white computer paper. (It will be the cover to the written portion of this assignment.) Make it colorful and related to the book you read.

I have no doubt you will do a great job! Remember, always add detail. More is always better when it comes to writing. Have a great summer!!

PS... **AFTER** you read the book, watch the movie. It's great!!!

5th grade recommended reading list

Applegate, Katherine [Home of the Brave](#) JFIC APP
Avi, [Iron Thunder](#) JFIC AVI
Creech, Sharon [Castle Corona](#) JFIC CRE
Dahlberg, Maurine [Escape to West Berlin](#) JFIC DAH
Fleming, Candace [Lowji Discovers America](#) JFIC FLE
Haddix, Margaret [Double Identity](#) JFIC HAD
Jackson, Donna [ER Vets: Life in an Animal Emergency Room](#) J 636.089
Johnson, Gillian [Thora and the Green sea-unicorn](#) JFIC JOH
Korman, Gordon [Chasing the Falconers \(series\)](#) JFIC KOR
Lewis, J. Patrick [Once Upon a Tomb: Gravely Humorous Verses](#) J 811 L
Mckissak, Patricia [Porch Lies](#) JFIC MCK
Peck, Richard [On The Wings of Heroes](#) JFIC PEC
Pinkwater, Daniel [The Neddias: how Neddias Took the Train, Went to Hollywood, and Saved Civilization](#)
Riordan, Rick [The Lightning Thief](#) JFIC RIO
Roy, Jennifer Rozines [Yellow Star](#) JFIC ROY
Springer, Nancy [Case of the Missing Marquess: an Enola Holmes Mystery](#) JMYS SPR
Winkler, Henry [The Curtain Went up, my Pants Fell Down](#) JFIC WIN
Yolen, Jane [The Wolf Girls: An Unsolved Mystery From History](#) JMYS YOL