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Hello Incoming Fifth Graders!

Summer reading assignments are meant for you to enjoy books, use your imagination, and explore new ideas. There are many books in the attached list from which to choose 4 books.....yes, only 4 books. If you would rather read a book that is not on the list, as long as it is age appropriate, it will be acceptable.

I am not requiring you to write a book report for each book you read, but I do want a simple written explanation of what the book was about. Follow these steps for each of your 4 books (all information is to be written on a 3x5 index card for each book):

1. Write the title and author's name.
2. Write about 5-7 sentences summarizing what the book was about (be careful.....don't OVERWRITE for this part).
3. Get one of your parents to sign the card to indicate that you really have read the book.

All 4 cards will be turned in to me on the first day of school, so don't wait until the last few days to do this easy written assignment.

Please note that during the school year our class will be selecting books to read from the following list. **DO NOT READ THESE BOOKS** until then. Thanks!

The Witch Family
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH
Snow Treasure
Walking to the Bus-Rider Blues
Lyddie
Matilda Bone
Through the Lock
A Long Way From Chicago
A Year Down Yonder
American Dreams
East Side Story

By keeping up with your summer reading, you not only maintain and improve your language skills, you also enter into different worlds which fill your mind with facts and fun and with interesting and exciting adventures. Reading is FUN!

There is one more writing assignment for you to do. Over the summer, send a post card to Mrs. Bettigole and a post card to me. Write about a place you visited or just let us know how you are. This means that you have to send a total of 2 cards....go shopping, be a tourist, and find some fun ones! I can't wait to hear from each of you. Have a wonderful summer vacation.....see you in September!

Sincerely,

Ms. Yates

DUTCHESS DAY SCHOOL
Fifth Grade Summer Reading Book List

Adaline Falling Star. Osborne, Mary Pope

Attaboy, Sam. Lowry, Lois

The Ballad of Lucy Whipple. Cushman, Karen

Bell Prater's Boy. White, Ruth

Bigger. Calvert, Patricia

Bonanza Girl. Beatty, Patricia

The Borrowers. Norton, Mary

The Case of the Purloined Parrot. Hildick, E.W.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Dahl, Roald

Chocolate Fever. Smith, Robert Kimmel

Cookcamp. Paulsen, Gary

The Dark Stairs. Byars, Betsy

The Daydreamer. McEwan, Ian

The Dollhouse Murders. Wright, Betty Ren

Earthquake Terror. Kehret, Peg

The Egypt Game. Snyder, Zilpha Keatley

Emil and the Detectives. Kastner, Erich

The Fairy's Mistake. Levine, Gail Carson

Far North. Hobbs, Will

Flying Solo. Fletcher, Ralph

A Gathering of Days. Bloss, Joan W.

The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn. Hoobler, Dorothy and Thomas

The Great Turkey Walk. Karr, Kathleen

Harriet the Spy. Fitzhugh, Louise

Henry Reed series. Robertson, Keith

Hide and Seek. Vos, Ida

The Incredible Journey. Burnford, Sheila

I Was a Rat! Pullman, Philip

Jimmy, the Pickpocket of the Palace. Napoli, Donna Jo

Jip: His Story. Paterson, Katherine

Jonah the Whale. Shreve, Susan

Just Ella. Haddix, Margaret Peterson

The Keeping Room. Myers, Anna

Lord of the Nutcracker Men. Lawrence, Iain

Maniac Magee. Spinelli, Jerry

Marco's Monster. Willis, Meredith

M.C. Higgins the Great. Hamilton, Virginia

The Mouse Butcher. King-Smith, Dick

My Side of the Mountain. George, Jean Craighead

The Mystery of the Empty House. Sterling, Dorothy

Mystery of the Fat Cat. Bonham, Frank

Mystery of the Island Jewels. Stengel, Joyce A.

Onion John. Krumgold, Joseph

The Orphan of Ellis Island: a Time Travel Adventure. Woodruff, Elvira

Our Only May Amelia. Holm, Jennifer L.

The Phantom Tollbooth. Juster, Norton

Poppy. Avi

Ralph S. Mouse. Cleary, Beverly

Running out of Time. Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief. Van Draanen, Wendelin

The Secret Life of T.K. Dearing. Robinson, Jean

The Secret of Platform 13. Ibbotson, Eva

Sees Behind Trees. Dorris, Michael

The Sign of the Beaver. Speare, Elizabeth George

The Star Fisher. Yep, Lawrence

Stowaway. Hesse, Karen

Summer Reading is Killing Me! Scieszka, Jon

The 13th Floor. Fleischman, Sid

Three Against the Tide. Love, D. Anne

The Three Detectives and the Knight in Armor. Brett, Simon

The Time Bike. Langton, Jane

Time for Andrew: A Ghost Story. Hahn, Mary Downing

Trouble River. Byars, Betsy

Trout Summer. Conly, Jane Leslie

Under the Blood- Red Sun. Salisbury, Graham

Utterly Yours, Booker Jones. Duffey, Betsy

Walk Two Moons. Creech, Susan

The Westing Game. Raskin, Ellen

When the Soldiers Were Gone. Propp, Vera W.

Wintering. Durbin, William

Wringer. Spinelli, Jerry

A Year of Miss Agnes. Hill, Kirkpatrick

The Year of the Hangman. Blackwood, Gary