

Summer Reading and Math Assignments For Students Entering the Fifth Grade

Reading: Students are required to read two (2) books and complete an assignment for each book. You must read one of the books from the following list for the Book in a Bag assignment. The attached book report is to be used for a “Who Was.... /What Was....” Book. Please follow the directions below. Both assignments are due on the second day of school. These will be the first two Reading grades of the first quarter and anything late will lose a letter grade for each day it is late. You will take AR tests on both books in August so choose books you have NOT read before.

Book 1 -----Book in a Bag

This is a Book Report contained in a brown paper bag, (a grocery store bag). The inside of your bag will contain items that you will use to explain the plot of your book. The outside of your bag will be decorated with the following information:

- The front of the bag will include the title of the book, the author, and an illustration of a favorite scene from the book. (HINT..... It should look like a book cover)
- The back of the bag should have a neatly written or typed one paragraph summary of the book. This should be at least 7-10 sentences and include the theme or message of the book.
- On one side of the bag describe the main character of the book and the primary conflict that he or she faces in the book. This should be 3-5 sentences.
- On the other side of the bag state your opinion of the book. Would you recommend it to others? Why or why not? Support your opinion with at least three details. This should be 3-5 sentences.
- Inside the bag should be 5 physical objects, (NOT pictures of items), that are relevant to the plot of the story. They must fit into the bag. These items will help you explain your book when you make your presentation to the class.

Book 2 -----Book Report

For the second book, the attached book report form must be completed, NEATLY. Be sure to use complete sentences, details, and answer all parts of the form. Any missing information will lower the grade.

Math: Please see the IXL Standards List attached for your Summer Assignment. All students currently enrolled at Blessed Trinity will be expected to complete the Summer IXL standards. **Only those newly enrolled who do not have a username and password for IXL may do the written assignments.**

I hope you have a relaxing summer and use this time to keep the skills you’ve worked so hard to learn in fourth grade fresh and ready to use when we start back in August. I’m looking forward to having you in my class.

Read **one** of the following books for the Book in a Bag project.

- ✓ Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard & Florence Atwater
- ✓ Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
- ✓ How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell
- ✓ Old Yeller by Fred Gipson
- ✓ Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
- ✓ Hank Zipzer: Niagra Falls, or Does It? by Henry Winkler & Lin Oliver
- ✓ Frindle by Andrew Clements
- ✓ Henry Huggins by Beverly Cleary
- ✓ From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg
- ✓ The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks
- ✓ The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
- ✓ The Lemonade War by Jaqueline Davies

Read a "Who Was" or a "What Was....." for the 2nd book and complete in detail the following book report.