

Entering Fifth Grade Summer Reading Activities

A written test will be administered after the first week of school on the mandatory summer reading book, A Wrinkle in Time.

Additionally, choose a book to read from the summer reading list and complete one of the following activities.

1. Compare and contrast two characters in a story using a Venn diagram. Remember to write in complete sentences. Include at least 4 similarities and at least 4 differences.

2. Interview a character. Write at least ten questions that will give the character the opportunity to discuss his/her thoughts and feelings about his/her role in the story. Answer the questions in complete sentences as if you were the character.

3. Make a book jacket. Create a new cover for your book. Include the title, author and an illustration on the front. Write a summary of the book on the back. Make sure the summary answers the questions who, what, where, when, and why.

4. Create a postcard. You will need a large index card. Include the title, author, and a picture that illustrates the book on the front white side. On the back left side, write a brief summary about why you enjoyed the book. On the back right side, address the postcard to someone you think might also enjoy the book. Finally, design a stamp in the top right corner. Remember to use facts from the story to show what you liked about the book. Be colorful and creative.

5. Create a collage/poster showing pictures (clip art, magazine pictures, etc.) that relate to important characters or events in the book. On the back of the poster write a sentence or two about each picture to explain its significance. Be sure to explain why you chose the picture and how it relates to the book.