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4th Prep to 5th Prep Summer Reading 2018

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Dear Students,

Welcome to 5th grade!

Summer is a great time to relax and read a few good books. Reading year-round is a key step to becoming a great reader and a lifelong learner. Reading boosts critical thinking, increases vocabulary, and improves memory and writing skills. Reading during the summer ensures that you do not lose the literacy skills you gained throughout the school year.

During the summer, all students are required to read at least one book of the three (3) choices described below to foster the skills. Attached are two summer reading activities for you to choose one. If you find you are not enjoying a book or activity, try another one from the list provided!

Sincerely,

Lucymarie Cabrera Mejía



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Book Choices

- **The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate**

Animals

Lexile Level: 570

Winner of the 2013 Newbery Medal and a #1 New York Times bestseller, this stirring and unforgettable novel from renowned author Katherine Applegate celebrates the transformative power of unexpected friendship. Inspired by the true story of a captive gorilla known as Ivan, this illustrated novel is told from the point of view of Ivan himself.

- **Flora & Ulysses: the illuminated adventures by Kate DiCamillo**

Fantasy

Lexile Level: 520

Winner of the 2014 Newbery Medal. Holy unanticipated occurrences! A cynic meets an unlikely superhero in a genre-breaking new novel by master storyteller Kate DiCamillo. It begins, as the best superhero stories do, with a tragic accident that has unexpected consequences. The squirrel never saw the vacuum cleaner coming, but self-described cynic Flora Belle Buckman, who has read every issue of the comic book “Terrible Things Can Happen to You!” is just the right person to step in and save him. What neither can predict is that Ulysses (the squirrel) has been born anew, with powers of strength, flight, and misspelled poetry — and that Flora will be changed too, as she discovers the possibility of hope and the promise of a capacious heart. A laugh-out-loud story filled with eccentric, endearing characters and featuring an exciting new format — a novel interspersed with comic-style graphic sequences and full-page illustrations, all rendered in black-and-white by up-and-coming artist K. G. Campbell.

- **Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper**

Realistic Fiction Lexile

Level: 700

Melody is not like most people. She cannot walk or talk, but she has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She is smarter than most of the adults who try to diagnose her and smarter than her classmates in her integrated classroom—the very same classmates who dismiss her as mentally challenged, because she cannot tell them



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otherwise. But Melody refuses to be defined by cerebral palsy. And she's determined to let everyone know it...somehow.

Choose 1 activity from below. Use your strengths. Samples and rubrics of each of the projects are attached.

Activity No. 1 Postcards

Imagine you are taking a summer vacation to the main setting of the book you are reading.

1. Design a set of **(3) three postcards** from the trip illustrating and explaining what you and your family would do on this vacation in letter format of 5 sentences each one.
2. Must include book's title and author.
3. Include textual evidence by quoting from your book.

Example:

Title: Charlotte's Web

Author: E. B. White



FRONT

Dear Mrs. DeAcutis,
This summer we went to a working farm that had many different kinds of animals. My favorite was a pig named Wilbur. He is an amazing pig! His best friend is named Charlotte and she is a spider. We helped everyone with their chores. I even got to milk the cows and feed the geese. See you soon.
Sincerely,
Little Johnny

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Evaluation Rubric

Criteria	Possible Points	Points Earned	Comments
Rubric This rubric is clear and neatly stapled to the top of the project.	5		.
Title and Author Title & author are included and noticeable.	10		
Illustrations Two or more illustrations are included. Both represent important parts of the book.	15		
Quotes Two or more important lines/quotes from the story are used as text evidence.	20		
Writing Content indicates original thinking and develops ideas with sufficient and firm evidence.	25		
Creativity, Neatness and Effort Project is colorful and creative. It is clear time and effort was put into making the project.	15		
Grammar and mechanics The project is free of distracting spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors.	10		
TOTAL POINTS	100		