

5th Grade Summer Reading Assignment-2017

Or How to WOW your 5th grade teachers!!

Congratulations on being an ALMOST 5th grader. Mr. Scarborough and Mrs. Beitman are teaming up on this Summer Reading Assignment. We hope you enjoy one of the following Historical Fiction novels.

#1 (Required)

This summer read one of the following books:

Rush Revere and the Brave Pilgrims- Rush Limbaugh

Rush Revere and the American Revolution –Rush Limbaugh

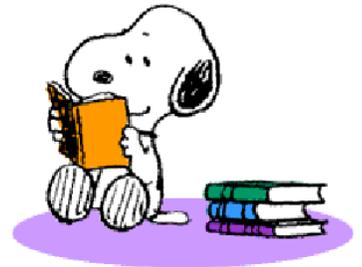
Rush Revere and the First Patriots- Rush Limbaugh

Rush Revere and the Star Spangled Banner-Rush Limbaugh

Rush Revere and the Presidency – Rush Limbaugh

George Washington's Socks –Elvira Woodruff

The Cabin Faced West-Jean Fritz



*PLEASE take an AR during Summer AR **or** on the first day of school*

(If you wait till later in the summer, take notes so you can pass the AR quiz when you take it on the first day of school)

*ALSO write a good paragraph about the book.

Be ready to turn your typed or neatly written paragraph in on the first day of school.

#2 (Optional – extra credit)

Any student, who acquires 10 points during the A/R Summer reading program at St. Susanna will have an extra 100% averaged into their 1st trimester reading grade. These points can be acquired reading ANY A/R title, not just those listed above.

*** If you have any questions, concerns, or worries about this, please email Mrs. Beitman over the summer at beitmanb@stsusanna.org

A/R Summer Reading Program will be held on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 or Thursdays from 4-5:30 during June and July! No Testing on July 4!!

Happy Reading and enjoy your summer!

****Parents please read the next page!****

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS: PLEASE DON'T BECOME CONCERNED OVER READING LEVEL

In Elementary school, each child is developing at their own pace. It is useless to assess your child's strengths as a reader by his/her reading level alone. To develop strength as a reader, children need lots of time to read lots of books that are "just right" for their abilities.

FAQ: WILL HAVING MY CHILD READ HARDER BOOKS HELP THEM GET STRONGER AT READING?

No! Exactly the opposite can happen!

It is very important that children not read books that are too difficult for them. Research has shown that reading books that are at the "frustration level" can actually stunt a readers' growth, or send them backwards in their development.

When in doubt, help your child select books that feel "friendly/familiar" to other books they have enjoyed. Also, check out series books - some of the required summer books are part of a series. Not only is it fun to follow familiar characters through new adventures and experiences, but reading through a book series can help readers grow!

FAQ – MY CHILD REALLY CAN READ HARDER BOOKS THOUGH – AND WANTS TO! THEY CAN READ ALL THE WORDS ON THE PAGE WITHOUT MAKING MISTAKES. THEY EVEN SEEM TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE STORY. ARE YOU SURE I SHOULDN'T GIVE THEM MUCH HARDER BOOKS?

Good question, but proceed with caution!

"Harder books" often deal with themes and issues that are for older students. These texts, while perhaps "readable" or "decodable" by your child, may not be developmentally appropriate for your child's age. Also, please keep in mind that just because readers can read each word on the page smoothly and without error, does not mean that they are able to comprehend the sophisticated themes and various plot lines that these texts may contain. If your child is desperate to read a harder book, read it aloud together! Their ability to comprehend a story by listening to it read aloud is much higher than their ability to understand it alone. Plus, it's a lovely way to bond with your child over your shared love of reading!

