Get on board! READ!

5th Grade

Name__________________________________________

Teacher this September ____________

Elementary School Summer Reading

Nyack School District—2016
Dear Future Fifth Grader and Parents,

At the end of this school year you will no longer be a fourth grader. To assist you in getting ready for fifth grade, your teachers have put together some reading activities to complete this summer. The attached activity packet is due the first week of school in September. If you misplace your packet, you can locate it on your school’s website listed below. Research has proven that children who read over the summer are more prepared and have an easier transition into the next grade level. Students who do not read are less equipped for the challenges of the new school year. Students who complete the packet will be recognized at school in September.

Your required activities are:

1. Read at least 4 books. One book should be non-fiction.
2. Write down the books you read on the reading log attached in this packet.

Enclosed is a list of suggested authors you might enjoy reading. The librarian at your local library can help you choose books. You may also use any favorite books that you have at home. As you read, you may listen to any of the titles on cassette tape, CD, e-reader or an MP3 player, all of which are available to circulate from local libraries. The Nyack and Valley Cottage libraries have a summer reading program, along with many free craft and activity programs for children of all ages. The theme of this summer’s reading program is *Get Ready, Get Set, READ!*

Enjoy the summer. Have fun reading.

Sincerely,

Ellen Rechenberger, Principal
Joe Mercora, Principal
Gina Cappiello, Principal

Jody Skidd, Literacy Coach
Tammy Ficarelli, Literacy Coach
Mary L. Mark, Literacy Coach

Tiffany White, Reading Teacher
Maire Warzecha, Reading Teacher
Amy Leibel-Farrugia, Reading Teacher

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Julie Zwiebel, Librarian
Carolyn Travers, Librarian

Liberty Elementary School
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http://lb.nyackschools.org
http://un.nyackschools.org
http://vc.nyackschools.org

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Si le hace falta información traducida en español, llama a Yesenia Polanco al 353-7042 / 7247.
Suggested Author List-Grades 4 - 5

**Fiction**

Allison, Jennifer  
Angleberger, Tom  
Applegate, Katherine  
Avi  
Banks, Lynne Reid  
Barber, Tiki  
Barnett, Mac  
Beasley, Cassie  
Blume, Judy  
Bosch, Pseudonymous  
Bradley, Kimberly  
Bunting, Eve  
Byars, Betsy  
Cabot, Meg  
Cameron, Ann  
Carmen, Patrick  
Casanova, Mary  
Christopher, Matt  
Clements, Andrew  
Cole, Joanna  
Conford, Ellen  
Conrad, Pam  
Coville, Bruce  
Cowell, Cressida  
Creech, Sharon  
Curtis, Christopher  
Cushman, Karen  
Dahl, Roald  
Danziger, Paula  
DiCamillo, Kate  
Dixon, Franklin  
Draper, Sharon  
Erickson, John R.  
Frederick, Heather  
Fritz, Jean  
Funke, Cornelia  
Gaimen, Neil  
Gantos, Jack  
Gauch, Patricia Lee  
George, Jean Craighead  
Gibbs, Stuart  
Giff, Patricia Reilly  
Gilson, Jamie  
Grabenstein, Chris  
Greenburg, Dan  
Greenfield, Eloise  
Gregory, Deborah  
Grisham, John  
Gutman, Dan  
Hahn, Mary Downing  
Hale, Bruce  
Haasen, Carl  
Hamilton, Virginia  
Hesse, Karen  
Holm, Jennifer  
Hurwitz, Joanna  
Irving, Washington  
Jacques, Brian  
Jeter, Derek  
Johnson, Angela  
Keene, Carolyn  
Kehert, Peg  
Kelly, Jamie  
Kinney, Jeff  
Konigsberg, E.L.  
Korman, Gordon  
Kowitt, Holly  
Lerangis, Peter  
Lewis, C.S.  
Levine, Gail Carson  
Lowry, Lois  
Lubar, David  
Lupica, Mike  
MacLachlan, Patricia  
Martin, Ann  
Miles, Ellen  
Milne, A.A.  
Moss, Marissa  
Myers, Walter Dean  
Myracle, Lauren  
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds  
Nimmo, Jenny  
O’Brien, Robert C.  
O’Dell, Scott  
Palacio, R.J.  
Paolini, Christopher  
Park, Barbara  
Patis, Stephen  
Patterson, Katherine  
Patterson, James  
Paulsen, Gary  
Peck, Richard  
Pierce, Lincoln  
Polacco, Patricia  
Porter, Connie  
Pullman, Philip  
Rex, Adam  
Riordan, Rick  
Ritter, John H.  
Robinson, Barbara  
Rowling, J.K.  
Russell, Rachel Renee  
Rylant, Cynthia  
Sachar, Louis  
Schlitz, Laura Amy  
Scieszka, Jon  
Selznick, Brian  
Sewell, Anna  
Shaw, Janet  
Smith, Jeff  
Spinelli, Jerry  
Stead, Rebecca  
Stilton, Geronimo  
Stine, R.L.  
Strasser, Todd  
Tarshis, Lauren  
Taylor, Mildred  
Turnage, Shelia  
Trine, Greg  
Tripp, Valerie  
Vail, Rachel  
Van Draanen, Wendelin  
Warner, Gertrude Chandler  
Watson, Jude  
Watson, Tom  
Weissman, Elissa  
Weeks, Sarah  
White, E.B.  
Wilder, Laura Ingalls  
Williams-Garcia, Rita  
Winkler, Henry  
Wright, Betty Wren  
Yee, Lisa  
Yep, Laurence  
Yolen, Jane

**Non-Fiction**

**General:**

Adler, David  
Brown, Don  
Cole, Joanna  
Flocch, Brian  
Fradin, Dennis  
Freedman, Russell  
Giblin, James  
Gutman, Bill  
Harness, Cheryl  
Hopkinson, Deborah  
Kent, Deborah  
Krull, Kathleen  
Landau, Elaine  
Lauber, Patricia  
Pringle, Laurence  
Simon, Seymour  
Wulfson, Don

**Poetry:**

De Regniers, Beatrice  
Schenk  
Florian, Douglas  
Grandits, John  
Grimes, Nikki  
Hopkins, Lee Bennett  
Hughes, Langston  
Kennedy, X.J.  
Lansky, Bruce  
Nash, Ogden  
Nye, Naomi Shihab  
Preus, Jack  
Sidman, Joyce  
Silverstein, Shel  
Viorst, Judith  
Worth, Valerie

**Series:**

*Who is* or *Who Was*...(Biographies)  
*What is .......(Times is History)*

**Biography:**

In addition to these non-fiction authors, try the biography section for books on famous people, and choose a book on a person of interest to you.
Solve it: How and Why Characters Change

Title______________________________________
Author______________________________________
Character’s name__________________________________
Detective ____________________________ (your name)

Provide evidence from the story to support your conclusions.

At the beginning of the story____________________________

At the conclusion of the story____________________________

How the character changed______________________________________________________________

Why the character changed______________________________________________________________
Extra, Extra
Read all about this!!

By ___________________________, Ace Reporter

Your name

Book Review Corner

Title
____________________________________________________

Author
_____________________________________________________

This book is an awesome read because ______________________
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I personally could relate to this book because _________________
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The character
_____________________________________________________

from this book.
(Draw the character’s portrait above)

What should your character do next?
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(Write what your character might do next if the story continued.)
Create a “Wanted” poster that would make someone want to read your book. Use the box to create a picture of your book.

Title of outstanding book______________________________________________________________

Author of outstanding book___________________________________________________________

Description of outstanding book_______________________________________________________

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State your opinion on why this book is on a *Wanted for Great Reading Poster*

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Name____________________________________________
Date ______________________

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From your book buddy,

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My 5th Grade Reading Log-2016

My goal for the summer is to read ____ books!

Name__________________________________________

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