

June 17, 2010

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to Grade 5! My name is Mrs. Forcier, and I will be your teacher this year. I am planning a very busy and exciting year, and am looking forward to getting to know you. My hope is that we can learn from each other, help each other grow, and have a happy and successful year of learning.

I have included a list of supplies that you will need the first day of school, and a suggested summer reading list that will help you choose some books to read for enjoyment during those lazy, hazy days of summer. Also included is your "summer reading project". Please read the book "Hatchet" by Gary Paulsen, and bring your project to school the first day. This is a graded project, so please be sure to follow the directions carefully, and put your best effort in completing the assignment.

I would also suggest practicing your math facts up to 12 over the summer months. You can use flash cards, holey cards or sing them as a song! Whatever works best for you. Knowing your facts will make 5th grade math fun and easy. Know them like you know your name!

I look forward to seeing you in the Fall. Have a great summer vacation!

God bless you,
Mrs. J. Forcier

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Grade 5 – Summer Reading List 2010-2011

Suggested Authors

Michael Dorri	Trudie Engel
Beverly Cleary	Andrew Clements
Christopher Paul Curtis	Lois Lawry
Lensey Namioka	Scott O'Del
Gary Paulsen	Seymour Simon
Alen Schroeder	Gary Soto
Jerry Spinelli	Ted Wood

Suggested Series

A Series of Unfortunate Events- Lemony Snicket
Nancy Drew- Carolyn Keene
Hardy Boys- Franklin W. Dixon
Artemis Fowl- Eoin Colfer
Chronicles of Narnia- C.S.Lewis
Beacon Street Girls
Incredible Journey Books- Connie Lee Berry
Secret Series

Suggested Books

James and the Giant Peach, Roald Dahl
Bridge to Tarabithia-Katherine Patterson
Dragonwings- Lawrence Yep
Ella Enchanted- Gail Carson Levin
Shiloh- Patricia Reynolds Naylor
Freaky Friday- Mary Rodgers
A Wrinkle in Time- Madeline L'Engle
Sideways Stories From Wayside School- Louis Sachar
Island of the Blue Dolphins-Scott O'Dell
Holes-Louis Sachar
Tuck Everlasting- Natalie Babbit
Dear Mr. Henshaw- Beverly Cleary
Maniac Magee- Jerry Spinelli
Treasure Island –Robert Louis Stevenson
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer- Mark Twain
Superfudge- Judy Blume
Abel's Island- William Steig
Rules- Cynthia Lord
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon- Grace Lin
Bud, Not Buddy- Christopher Paul Curtis
Frindle- Andrew Clements
Indian in the Cupboard- Lynne Reid Banks

“Hatchet” by Gary Paulsen

Fiction

You will use a 5"x 8" index card to record your responses to the book you have read.

You will draw a picture of a scene from the book on the blank side of the card. It must show something important that happened in the story. The picture should be colored with colored pencils. The entire card should be colored in. It should be neat and show effort. **Write a “Why I chose this picture” statement under the picture.**

The **lined side of the card** will contain the following information:

Line 1:(top line of card)

Name

Date

Line 2:

Book Title

Author

List of **3 characters with a brief description**

Description of setting: place described in detail, **time period** included

Summary of the story

Information must be written in complete sentences. Only include

important details. **It all must fit on the card--no extra paper.**

Fiction Book Rubric

Criteria	Exceeds Standard (4)	Meets Standard (3)	Nearly Meets Standard (2)	Below Standard (1)	Score
Picture	Shows an important scene, very neatly colored, includes many specific details, Very well-written "Why I chose this" statement	Shows an important scene, neatly colored, has good details, Well-written "Why I chose this" statement	Shows a scene from a story, colored, has some details, Poorly written "Why I chose this" statement	Shows an irrelevant scene, has few or no details, not colored, statement missing	
Conventional Manuscript Form	Name, date, book title, and author's name are included on the card as shown	Name, date, title, and author are included	One requirement is missing	More than one piece of information is missing	
Characters	Complete names of 3 main characters with description	Complete names of 2 main characters with description	Name of one character with description	No characters mentioned	
Setting	Place is described in detail, time period is included	Place is described, time period is included	Only place or time is described	Neither where or when is described	
Summary	Extraordinary, concise information with supporting details	Good information with supporting details	Some information with few supporting details	Limited information with very few/no supporting details	
Grammar/Mechanics	Flawless use of grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Excellent word choice. Varied sentence types	Appropriate use of grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Good word choice. Some varied sentences	Errors in grammar, spelling, and/or punctuation. Poor word choice	Errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation that inhibit understanding	
	Name			Total Score	

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GRADE 5 School Supplies 2010-2011

Please provide the following supplies for your child at the beginning of the school year. Students are responsible to replenish supplies as needed. Teacher may require additional supplies as the year progresses. Thank you.

- 2 #2 pencils
- 2 Red Pens
- 2 Blue Pens
- 1 Black Sharpie Marker
- 1 Large eraser
- 1 Pair of scissors- student pointed tip
- 1 12" ruler with standard and metric measurement units
- 1 Box of colored pencils
- 1 Roll of scotch tape
- 1 Glue stick
- 1 Heavy durable pocket folder
- 6 Single subject notebooks (**to be replenished throughout the school year, spiral or bound book, no pads**)
- 1 1" Black, hard covered binder
- 2 Packages of Wide Ruled loose leaf paper (one for home, one for school)
- 1 Set of **full page subject dividers** to fit inside the binder
- 2 Packages of lined 3 x 5 index cards (one for home, one for school) to be replenished throughout the year
- 1 Plastic container for index cards. (**No recipe boxes please**)
- 1 Large durable pencil case that will fit all of the supplies (**no boxes please**)
- Bookcovers for textbooks (approx. 5, any kind, **no sticky paper**)
- No art boxes since we do not have the space for them.**

- 1 Roll of paper towels
- 2 Boxes of tissues
- 1 Clorox wipes or similar product

Students should have a clean dish towel or cloth placemat to eat their lunches on.

*******A STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PLANNER MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THE SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER AT A COST OF \$5.00 PRE STUDENT*******