

Dear Future 5th Grader,

Summer is here! Please continue to grow as readers and writers as you enter 5th grade and beyond. This summer you will read two books and submit two reports/ projects on the first day of school. Please choose one book each of the following lists of fiction and non-fiction options. Then complete the projects as described below. Books must be completed and projects are due on the first day of school.

A. NON FICTION

For the first book, choose **one** of these Non-fiction options: (These must be purchased, not found at library).
From the series "**Christian Heroes Then and Now:**"

1. David Livingstone: Africa's Trailblazer (ISBN: 978-1576581537)
2. Adoniram Judson: Bound for Burma (ISBN: 978-1576581612)
3. Corrie ten Boom: Keeper of the Angels' Den (ISBN: 978-1576581360)

B. FICTION

For the second book, choose **one** of these Fiction options:

1. The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate (ISBN: 978-0061992278 or similar)
2. Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery (ISBN: 978-0553213133 or similar)
3. The Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Paterson (ISBN: 978-0064402019 or similar)
4. Mission: In Search of the Time and Space Machine by Deborah Abela (ISBN: 978-1442430853 or similar)
5. On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness by Andrew Peterson (ISBN: 978-0525653561 or similar)
6. Kingdom's Dawn by Chuck Black (ISBN: 978-1590526798 or similar)
7. The Black Stallion by Walter Farley
8. The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
9. The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

For each book you read, select **one** of the following options:

- ❖ Write a book report, 1-2 pages long (written in cursive, double spaced)
 - Discuss the setting, characters and basic story plot
 - Review the book - did you like it? Why or why not?
 - ❖ Create a poster for the book
 - Include the title, author, publication, main characters, setting and plot summary.
- (from *Not Your Grandma's Book Report*, Kristen Stull, 2012-2018)
- ❖ Write a comic book version of your book
 - Use comic panes, call-outs and colored illustrations. Include important scenes from the book.
 - ❖ Make a new book jacket for the book
 - Front cover: Draw and color an illustration for the book.
 - Inside front flap: Write descriptions of the main characters
 - Inside back flap: Write a description of the setting and short summary of the book.
 - Back cover: Write quotes from the book that are important to understanding the story.
 - ❖ Create a mobile of items related to the story
 - Select 10 items that represent people, places, or events in the book and hang them from a hanger using string or yarn.
 - Write a key that explains each object and why you chose it.

Happy Reading!

***Note to parents/guardians: The novels listed in the fiction group above are generally considered acceptable for our age group, but may contain subject matter or scenes which may not be suitable for every family. Please discuss these options together and decide which of the books best suits your family. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or check out the detailed information listed at www.common sense media.org.