

Hello 5th graders, happy summer break!

I have loved getting to know each of you this year and reading some great books together. You all have learned and grown so much in your reading and writing skills this year, and I'm excited to continue learning together next year. In the meantime, it's important to continue working on the skills we learned this year, so I am asking you to read a book this summer and complete a short project - I will collect your summer reading projects at the start of the year in 6th grade.

### **Part 1: Choose a Book!**

Choose a book from this list to read over the summer - you may access these books online, through a library, or find a print copy of them. If you have a different book you would like to read, please ask and get it approved before you begin!

- Loser, Jerry Spinelli
- Esperanza Rising, Pam Ryan
- A Wrinkle in Time, Madeline L'Engle
- The One and Only Ivan, Katherine Applegate
- Maniac Magee, Jerry Spinelli
- Series of Unfortunate Events, Lemory Snicket
- Treasure Island, Robert Louis Stevenson
- Bridge to Terabithia, Katherine Paterson
- A Long Walk to Water, Linda Sue Park
- The Green Ember, SD Smith

### **Part 2: Reading Log Entries**

Create a reading log where you will add **at least 8 total entries**. Each entry should include:

- The date, time you read, pages you read
- One of our Stop and Jot strategies (inference, prediction, connection, questioning, imagery, or evaluation).

### **Part 3: Written Response**

Write a paragraph explaining a major theme in your book (remember to think about Big Ideas, events in the book relating to the Big Idea, then find the theme message). In the paragraph, **identify the major theme** and explain how you see that shown in your book **through at least three examples**.

That's it. :-) Have a wonderful summer, I am excited to hear about all your trips and adventures in August!