



SUMMER MATH and READING for RISING 5th GRADE 2026



Summer greetings everyone!

Congratulations on completing a great year in Fourth Grade! I'm really looking forward to having everyone in my homeroom in September. We'll also be together for Math and English! You already received your math packet, so read on to see what you need to do to practice your reading skills over the summer.

The purpose of summer assignments is for you to gently practice your academic skills over the weeks we are away so they stay fresh in your mind. The best way to do that is to do a little bit each week - both math and reading. Try to avoid waiting until the last few weeks when you might feel rushed. For each subject, I'll suggest some time guidelines to help you complete the work at a comfortable pace.

READING: What do we need to read? When should we do it?

Hopefully, everyone will read LOTS of books over the summer, but you are expected to read 3 fiction novels PLUS the book, *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. Your chosen books should be chapter books that are at or above your grade level (no graphic novels). Use the list of recommended titles, or find one on your own. You can pick any genre (for example, mystery or historical fiction), but be sure they are fiction. **You should try to read a book every 2 weeks.** I suggest you read *Wonder* last since it is the book we'll discuss the first week of school.

What do we do after we read?

For your 3 choice books, you'll fill in the attached *READ & RETELL* form. That means you'll turn in 3 forms the first week of school. **You should spend about 30 minutes on each story form telling me about the main character, the story**

setting, and 2 or 3 main events that involve the main character. You should also tell me how the book ends.

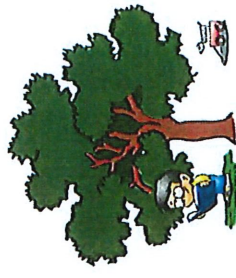
For *WONDER*, please select ONE of the four character posters provided. You will fill in information about memorable moments, notable quotations, physical traits, and personality traits. Then, *COLOR* the poster using crayons or colored pencils. You can do more, if you like, but ONE completed poster is expected to be turned in the first week of school.

I hope you enjoy your summer and learn new things outside of school.
I look forward to seeing everyone in the Fall and starting our adventure together in 5th Grade! ~Ms. Freeman



Name _____

Read & Retell



Use this organizer to record information about one of the 3 chapter books you read this summer. You will complete 3 forms over the summer.

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Number of pages: _____

Check what kind of book this is:

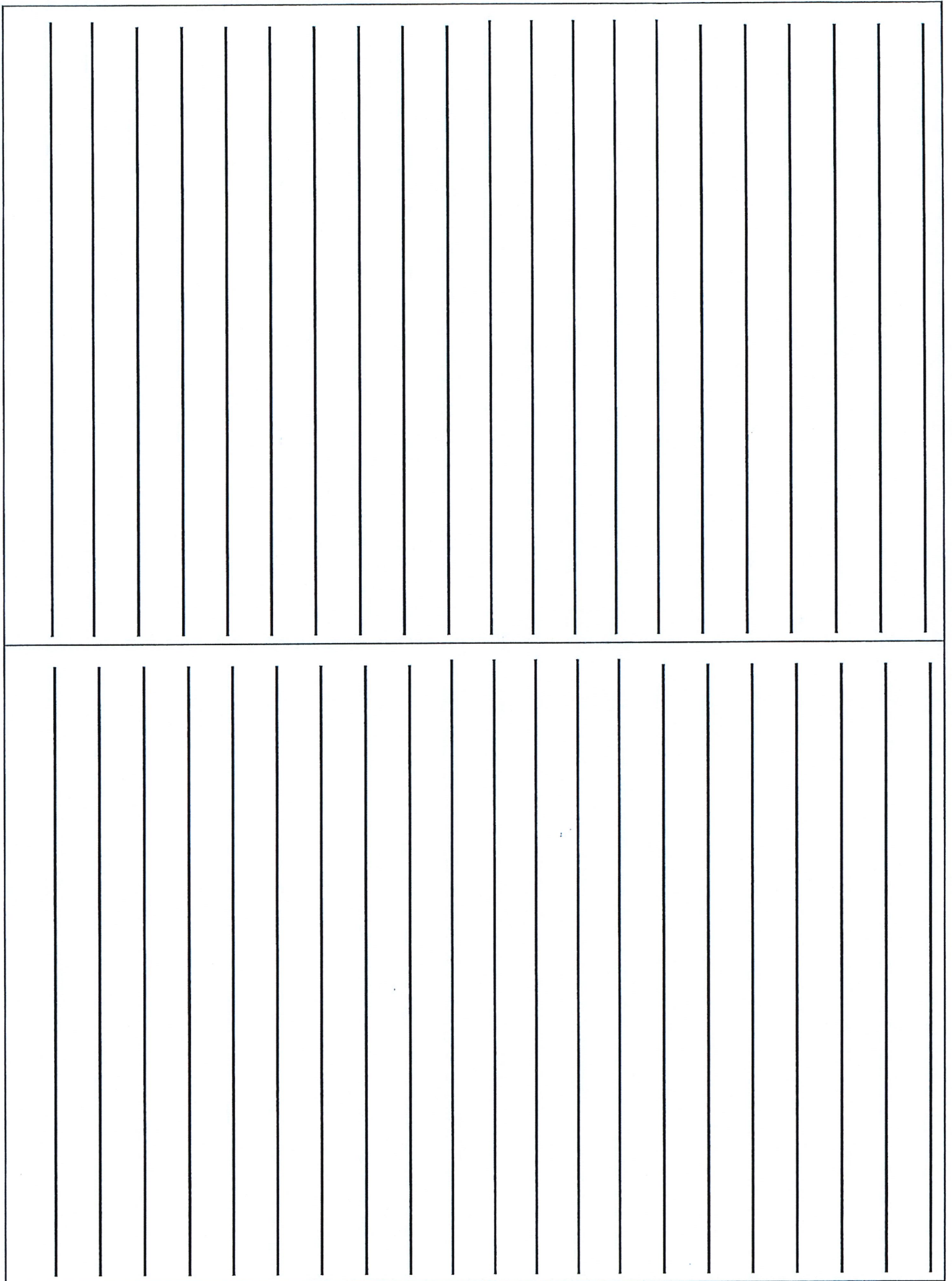
___mystery ___fantasy ___historical fiction

___realistic fiction ___other ___not sure

Why did you choose this book?

Tell us about your book. Who is your main character and what is the setting? What challenge is the main character faced with. What happens to him or her in the end?

If you need more space, use looseleaf or write on the back.



Via

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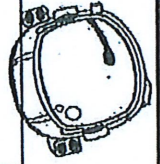
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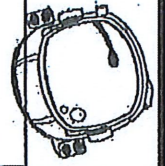
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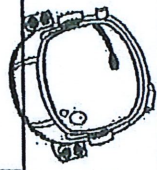
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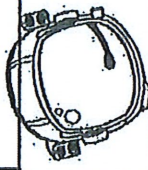
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RECOMMENDED TITLES

5th and 6th Grades

ACROSS FIVE APRILS Hunt, I.
 THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER,
 TWAIN, M.
 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL
 Herriot, J.
 ARTEMIS FOWL Coifer, E.
 A SINGLE SHARD Park, L.
 BECAUSE OF WINN DIXIE DiCamillo, K.
 THE BFG Dahl, R.
 BLUE HERON Avi
 THE BOY WHO REVERSED HIMSELF
 Sleater, W.
 BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA Patterson, K.
 BUD, NOT BUDDY Curtis, C.
 THE CHRONICLES SERIES Lewis, C.
 CRISPIN: CROSS OF LEAD Avi
 DEATH ON THE NILE Christie, A.
 ERAGON Paolini, C.
 FLIPPED Van Draanen, W.
 THE GIRL WHO DRANK THE MOON Barnhill,
 K.
 THE GRAVEYARD BOOK Gaiman, N.
 THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET Selznick,
 B.
 HARRY POTTER SERIES Rowling, J.
 HATCHET Paulsen, G.
 THE HOBBIT Tolkien, J.
 HOLES Sachar, L.
 HOOT Hiaasen, C.
 THE HOUSE OF DIES DREAR Hamilton, V.
 THE HOUSE OF THE SCORPION Farmer, N.
 ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHINS O'Dell, S.
 JASON'S GOLD Hobbs, W.
 JOEY PIGZA SWALLOWED THE KEY Gantos,
 J.
 JULIE OF THE WOLVES George, J.
 LOSER Spinelli, J.

MATILDA Dahl, R.
 M.C. HIGGINS THE GREAT Hamilton, V.
 MISTY OF CHINCOTEAGUE Henry, M.
 MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN George, J.
 NUMBER THE STARS Lowery, L.
 POPPY Avi
 RALPH S. MOUSE Cleary, B.
 SHILOH Naylor, P.
 THE STORY OF KING ARTHUR AND HIS
 KNIGHTS Pyle, H.
 THE LIGHTNING THIEF Riordan, R.
 THE RED ROSE BOX Woods, B.
 THE RED PYRAMID Riordan, R.
 SCHOOLED Gordon Korman
 THE SECRET GARDEN Burnett, F.
 THE SILENT STORM Garland, S.
 SOUNDER Armstrong, W.
 SUMMER OF MY GERMAN SOLDIER Green,
 B.
 SUMMER OF THE MONKEYS Rawls, W.
 TANGERINE Bloor, E.
 TIES THAT BIND, TIES THAT BREAK
 Namioka, L.
 TREASURE ISLAND Stevenson, R.
 TUCK EVERLASTING Babbitt, N.
 WALK TWO MOONS, Creech, S.
 THE WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM
 Curtis, C.
 THE WESTING GAME Raskin, E.
 WHERE THE LILIES BLOOM Cleaver, V.
 WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS Rawls, W.
 THE WOLVES OF WILLOUGHBY CHASE
 Aiken, J.
 A WRINKLE IN TIME L'Engle, M.

A Boy at War by Harry Mazer
 A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
 A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck
 Al Capone Does My Shirts By Gennifer
 Choldenko
 A Series of Unfortunate Events Series by Lemony
 Snicket

Allies by Alan Gratz
 Brighty of the Grand Canyon by Marguerite Henry
 Charlotte's Web by E. B. White
 Chomp by Carl Hiaasen
 Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series by Jeff Kinney
 Fablehaven by Brandon Mull
 Frindle by Andrew Clements
 Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh
 How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell
 James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
 Kokopelli's Flute by Will Hobbs
 Love That Dog by Sharon Creech
 Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIHM by Robert C. O'Brien
 One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
 Pax by Sara Pennypacker
 Rascal by Sterling North
 Rules by Cynthia Lord
 Runaway Ralph by Beverly Cleary
 Stone Fox by John Reynolds
 Gardiner Tales from Silver Lands by Charles J. Finger
 The Black Stallion by Walter Farley
 The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba & Bryan Mealer
 The Cow-Tail Switch and other West African Stories by Harold Courlander and George Herzog
 The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden
 The Egypt Game by Zilpha Keatley Snyder
 The Incredible Journey by Sheila Burnford
 The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks
 The Library Card by Jerry Spinelli
 The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
 The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy by Jeanne Birdsall
 Prisoner by Alan Gratz
 Project 1065 by Alan Gratz
 Refugee by Alan Gratz
 The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare

The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
 The Watsons Go to Birmingham — 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis
 The Word Eater by Mary Amato Wayside School Series by Louis Sachar

New in 2021 by Student Request

Up The Creek by Kevin Miller
Destiny's Safari (Series) by Sally M Jones
The Last Musketeer (series) by Stuart Gibbs
Spy School by Stuart Gibbs
Everlost by Neal Shusterman
Navigating Early by Clare Vanderpool
 Dough Boys by Paula Chase
 New Kid by Jerry Craft
 The Usual Suspects by Maurice Broaddus
Beverly, Right Here by Kate DiCamillo
 The Apothecary Series by Maile Meloy
H.I.V.E by Mark Walden