

# Welcome to Fifth Grade!

Congratulations! You are ready for fifth grade! You have learned many things in reading in fourth grade. This packet has some fun books for you to read this summer as well as a few activities. The goal is to enhance the skills learned throughout the year to prepare you for the fifth grade curriculum.

It's important to continue reading for fun. Reading for fun helps you learn new words and discover new things, you build upon what

you already know by reading more. Reading helps you strengthen vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. It's good to read some things by yourself, and it's still okay to listen to your parents read too. Don't forget that it's important to make time to read like you did during the school year.

Enjoy your summer filled with many experiences with your families. I look forward to teaching you in the fall!

5<sup>th</sup> Grade



## Assignment #1

Read No Talking by Andrew Clements. After you read the book, be prepared to take a comprehension quiz on the first week of school. There are fifteen multiple choice questions and 3 short response questions to assess your comprehension of this particular novel.

### What You Need to Know:

You will enjoy reading No Talking by Andrew Clements. It is not only a fun read, but it challenges you to think of new ways to communicate. The loud and disorderly fifth-grade boys and girls are not getting along at Laketon Elementary School. After doing a research project about

Ghandi, Dave Packer comes across an idea of the boys challenging the girls to see who can say the fewest words for two whole days. Read this wonderful book to see what happens. Who do think will win- the boys or the girls? You might even learn a little bit about Ghandi and how he inspired Dave.



“Okay, here’s the deal a whole day of NO TALKING IN SCHOOL. Not in class, not in the halls, not on the playground nowhere. No talking at all. And it’s a contest- BOYS AGAINST GIRLS. Whichever side talks less, wins.”

— Andrew Clements, *No Talking*

## Assignment #2

Read one book from the list below. Then choose one of the projects listed on the next page to complete. The project is due the first day of school.

### Book Choices (choose one of these and do one project):

- \*Anne of Green Gables - L. M. Montgomery
- \*My Side of the Mountain - Jean Craighead George
- \*The 39 Clues (any in the series) - Rick Riordan
- \*The Night I Flunked My Field Trip - Hank Zipzer
- \*The Report Card - Andrew Clements
- \*Lost and Found - Andrew Clements
- \*The Borrowers - Mary Norton
- \*The City of Ember- Jeanne DuPrau
- \*Because of Winn Dixie- Kate DiCamillo
- \*The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe- C.S. Lewis
- \*Nancy Drew (any in the series) - Carolyn Keene
- \*The Hardy Boys (any in the series) -Franklin W. Dixon
- \*I Survived... (any in the series) - Laruen Tarshis

The students must complete one of the following projects (see following page) for the book they selected from the Assignment #2 book list. The students will be assessed on their demonstration of strong content knowledge reflected in the assignment and not just creative design. Bring the completed project on the first day of school. Points will be deducted for each day the assignment is overdue. This assignment will be graded and given the weight of one reading test in the first marking period.

*Bring a total of ONE project on the first day of school - based on a Book chosen on the Assignment #2 List above*

**Five FIFTH GRADE PROJECT CHOICES (select one):**

**Advertisement poster or brochure to attract others to read book**

- Your own review explaining why you liked the book
- Specific examples from the book
- Graphics to attract the target audience
- Font and graphics should reflect the advertising tone
- Text must be easy to read

OR

**Cartoon strip that summarizes the events of the book**

- Minimum of eight frames
- Shows storyline in sequential order
- Must include dialogue with multiple characters
- The scenery must represent the setting in the book
- Text must be easy to read

OR

**Book Cover Jacket**

- An attractive original cover (don't copy the cover the book)
- 2-3 paragraphs on flap of the jacket summarizing story to attract readers (do not include the ending!)
- A short paragraph about the author
- Text must be easy to read

OR

**PowerPoint**

- Minimum of 10 slides
- Description of the characters and setting
- Summary of the main events of the novel
- Your own review explaining why you liked/disliked the novel
- Graphics includes

OR

**Event Timeline**

- Minimum of 12 significant events listed on the timeline
- Shows events in sequential order
- Text must be easy to read
- Must include graphics

# GRADING RUBRIC

*10 points per day are automatically deducted for late projects!*

*Start the year off right! ☺*

<i>Category</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>
<b>Content</b> (each project choice has a bulleted list of content requirements listed out)	Project included all required content	Project missing one content item	Project missing two content items	Project missing three content items	More than 3 content items missing from the project
<b>Spelling</b>	Project contained zero spelling errors	1-2 spelling errors	3-4 spelling errors	5-6 spelling errors	More than 6 spelling errors
<b>Grammar</b>	Project contained zero capitalization & punctuation errors	1-2 capitalization & punctuation errors	3-4 capitalization & punctuation errors	5-6 capitalization & punctuation errors	More than 6 errors
<b>Organization &amp; Neatness</b>	Facts about book are organized and neat/easy to read	Facts about book are organized but with one messy area	Facts about book are not clearly organized and/or two messy areas	Facts about book are lacking in organization and/or neatness	Facts about book are not included and/or project sloppy
<b>Creative Effort</b>	Project reflects time & energy to create a well polished product	Project reflects some time & energy spent	Project reflects a minimum of time & energy spent	Project reflects some time & energy spent	Project appears to have been completed in a rushed manner

Have questions? Please call Calvary Christian School at  
**(215) 736-2391** ~ we'll be at school all summer long!