

**Our Lady of Sorrows School
5th Grade Summer Reading Letter**



Dear Incoming Fifth Grade Student,

During your summer vacation, you are required to read three books from the list below. Be prepared to discuss the stories in the fall. Your parent or guardian must sign the attached reading log to confirm that you have read three books. Additionally, for one book that you have selected, you must create a book report using the attached guidelines. Please bring your completed book report and signed reading log with you on the first day of school, as it will count as the first grade of the marking period.

Remember, adventures in reading can last a lifetime.

Enjoy!
Ms. Krolian

5th Grade Book List

<u>Book Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
Because of Mr. Terupt	Rob Buyea
Frindle	Andrew Clements
Because of Winn Dixie	Kate DiCamillo
The Lemonade War	Jacqueline Davies
Wish	Barbara O'Connor
Wonder	R.J. Palacio
Holes	Louis Sachar
The One and Only Ivan	Katherine Applegate
The Million Dollar Shot	Dan Gutman
Fish in a Tree	Lynda Mullaly Hunt
From The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	E.L. Konigsburg
Loser	Jerry Spinelli
One Crazy Summer	Rita Williams-Garcia

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Book Report Directions

Welcome to the wonderful world of book reports! Please follow the guide below to create your book report.

Cover Page:

- Create a colorful and appealing cover that represents the book.
- Draw or print illustrations related to the story, such as characters, settings, or important scenes.
- Include the book's title, author's name, and your name in a clear and legible manner.

Introduction:

- Begin with a sentence or two introducing the book and its author.
- Mention why you chose to read this book from the summer reading list, why did it appeal to you?

Summary:

- Write a 2 paragraph summary of the story's main events.
- Focus on the beginning, middle, and end of the book.

Characters:

- Identify the main characters from the story.
- Describe each character, including their physical appearance and personality traits.
- Write about their role in the story and how they contribute to the plot.
- You may also draw a picture to accompany your writing.

Setting:

- Describe the main location(s) where the story takes place.
- Write about the important details of the setting, (such as a forest, a school, or a magical kingdom)
- Talk about the time period the story takes place in and the time span of the story.
- Explain how the setting influences the story or makes it more interesting.

Favorite Part:

- Pick your favorite part of the book.
- Write a short description of that scene.
- Explain why it is your favorite and how it made you feel.

Favorite Quote:

- Select a meaningful or memorable quote from the book.
- Write down the quote and the page number it came from.
- Explain why this quote resonated with you and what it means to you.

Favorite Character:

- Choose a character from the book that you really liked.
- Draw a picture or write a description of the character.
- Explain why this character stood out to you and what you admire about them.

Recommendation:

- Share your overall opinion of the book.
- Would you recommend it to your friends? Why or why not?
- Give it a rating (ex: stars or a happy faces, out of 10 points, etc.) based on how much you enjoyed it.

Similar Books:

- Suggest other books you have read that are similar to this one.
- Write a brief description of each recommended book.
- Explain why you think someone who enjoyed the current book would also like the recommended ones.

Illustrations:

- Throughout your book report, feel free to include illustrations, drawings, or stickers that relate to the story. They can make your report more exciting and visually appealing.

Remember, a book report is a chance to share your thoughts and feelings about a story you enjoyed. Have fun with your creativity and use your words and drawings to bring the book to life. By following these directions, you'll be able to create an impressive book report that showcases your understanding for the book. I am looking forward to reading your reports in September!

Enjoy your reading and happy book reporting!

5th Grade Summer Reading Log

Below, please write the titles of the three books you chose to read over the summer. Have a parent or guardian sign off after you have finished reading.

	Title of Book	Date Completed	Parent or Guardian Signature
1			
2			
3			