



Dear Future 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

Engaging your child in reading is essential to building good comprehension skills. The best way to improve reading comprehension is to read, read, read! This summer, your child will be expected to read two (2) of the books listed below. Please note, these books were selected from the new B.E.S.T standards for Florida reading list or the Miami Dade Schools reading recommendations for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**Books Choices:**

- Hidden Figures by Margot Shetterly (Young Reader Edition)
- Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett
- City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
- Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery
- I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
- Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
- La Isla De Los Delfines Azules by Scott O' Dell
- La Ciudad de La Oscuridad Jeanne DuPrau

**The Assignment Choices:**

Fifth grade students should complete two (2) different assignments and be prepared to present their work to their classmates and teacher. The projects are:

- A PowerPoint online presentation that consists of 5 slides. The slides must include the title of the book; author's name; summary of the story that includes the main characters; the problem; and solution. The PowerPoint must be saved on a flash drive and online and brought to class. **(Please test that the assignment is saved on the jump drive and can be opened and properly displayed).**
- Create a video where you are a reporter. Give a live report from a scene in your book. This assignment must have creative dialogue and interviews. The news story should also highlight the main characters and major events.
- Use i-Movie or another video platform to create a book trailer advertising for your book so someone else will want to read it from the information presented.
- Read a book and then watch the movie that was made from the book. Create a review of the book and a review of the movie using Microsoft 365 or create a Power Point that highlights the similarities and differences between the two. Provide a part in this review where you give your personal rating of the book and the movie.
- Use Microsoft 365 to type a character diary, writing at least six journal entries as if you are the main character in the story. Write down events that happen during the story and reflect on how they affected the character and why.

The projects will be graded on completion, neatness, and content. We urge students to be original and creative since this will be the first required assignment for this year's reading class. In addition, please be prepared to send the assignment digitally or have it on a jump drive once school begins.