



Southland Academy Summer Reading Assignments Grade 5

Your child must complete the reading assignments and complete the assigned project for his/her grade next school year 2022-2023. The two AR tests and the project will be the first grades recorded in Reading.

Rising 5th Grade:

Assigned Book: The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

Welcome to the story of Despereaux Tilling, a mouse who is in love with music, stories, and a princess named Pea. It is also a story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in the darkness and covets of a world filled with light. And it is the story of Miggery Sow, a slow-witted serving girl who harbors a simple, impossible wish. These three characters are about to embark on a journey that will lead them down into a horrible dungeon, up into a glittering castle, and ultimately, into each other's lives. And what happens then? As Kate Dicamillo would say: Reader, it is your destiny to find out.

Individually Selected Book: Each 5th grader must choose and read 1 additional AR chapter book that he/she has not read before, and the book must be on the student's AR level.

Students will take AR tests over both books by August 12th and these test grades will be recorded in Reading.

Project: Students will write a Reading Response Letter for the individually selected book. Please see attached page for instructions. (due August 12th)

****Please DO NOT read Where the Red Fern Grows.**

5th Grade Summer Reading Projects

Due August 12, 2022

Reading Response Letter

Check off each box as you complete it in the letter.

Date: Put the date in the upper right-hand corner

Greeting: on the left-hand side (Dear Mrs. Hernandez,)

Body (3 paragraphs) – You must indent first sentence of each paragraph. Each paragraph must have a minimum for 4 sentences and a maximum of 8 sentences.

(1st Paragraph) Summarize: Tell what book you have read and who wrote it. Then describe the main character, setting, plot and problem/solution.

(2nd Paragraph) Opinion: Give your opinion of the book. What did you like or dislike about the book? You may also share a line or moment of the text that really stood out to you.

(3rd Paragraph) Strategy work: Discuss a character trait of the character you found most interesting. (A Character Trait is a personality characteristic that someone has which shows the kind of person he/she is – ex. kind, curious, brave, adventurous, etc.)

Closing: on the right-hand side lined up with the date (Sincerely,) or (Your Student,)

Signature: Sign your name under the closing (**in cursive**)