



Southland Academy Summer Reading Assignments Rising Grade 5

Your child must complete the reading assignments and complete the assigned project for his/her grade next school year 2025-2026. The two AR tests and the project will be the first grades recorded in Reading.

Assigned Book: The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamilla

CHOICE 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.**

(Do **NOT** choose: Number the Stars, Where the Red Fern Grows, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH, The Magician's Nephew, HOOT, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone)

Students will complete the assignment on the back of this letter about the summer reading book that was individually selected. Use complete sentences.

*****Students will take an AR test over both books on the 1st Full Day of school and these test grades will be recorded in Reading.***

*******THIS IS DUE THE FIRST FULL DAY OF SCHOOL*******

5th Grade Summer Reading Projects

Due : First Full Day of school

Directions: On a piece of paper, please write a letter to your reading teacher (Ms. Hernandez) about your summer reading book that you individually selected. You can type your letter or it can be NEATLY hand written. Use the format below to compose your letter. This will be handed in to your reading teacher on the 1st Full Day of school. **The grade on this project will be recorded in the grade book.** Your reading teacher is excited to learn more about the characters in your summer reading books!

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 Ms. Hernandez,)
- Body (3 paragraphs) – You must indent each paragraph. Each paragraph must have a minimum of 4 sentences but no more than 8 sentences.
- ☐ **(1st) Summarize:** Give the Title of the book and the author – describe the main character, setting, plot and problem/solution
- ☐ **(2nd) 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) 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. kindness, curious, 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)