

Dear Rising 5th Grade Readers,

We're so excited to get to spend the year with you! We love learning about anything and everything and can't wait to get started on our journey of learning together.

Confucius, a Chinese philosopher, said, "You cannot open a book without learning." So, your first summer assignment is - READ! We hope you will read anything you can get your hands on this summer. Along with your reading, there are two summer assignments for you to complete.

1). Track your reading

It can be a gratifying experience to track what you read, so we've come up with two options to choose from for tracking your summer reading. You can fill out the attached reading log or you can use this online reading log sponsored by the Philadelphia Library:

<https://libwww.freelibrary.org/summerreading/>

CLICK "LOG IN"

ACCOUNT NAME: GSFS Summer Reading 2019

PASSWORD: GSFS2023

CLICK

Log Reading and Activities

CHOOSE YOUR NAME FROM THE DROP DOWN MENU

If you choose the paper option, you must hand in your reading log on the first day of school. If you use the Philadelphia Library's reading log, there is no need to anything in! Your teachers will see everything you enter on the online reading log.

Everyone is required to read **four books** this summer. While this is the minimum, your goal should be to read twenty-one books this summer. That's about a book everyone four days, which is the goal we will have all year long!

You may choose any books you'd like to read this summer as long as they fit the following requirements:

- The book is not too easy for you.
- The book is not too hard for you.
- The book is interesting and exciting to you.

The adults in your life will have a good sense of whether you are meeting the requirements, so listen to their advice!

2). Advertisement

It's also important to share great books with our classroom community of readers. Your second assignment is to make an **8 ½ x 11-inch poster advertising the best book you read this summer**. I suggest looking at some movie posters or other advertisements to get an idea of how to get others interested in your favorite book.

If you prefer, you could opt to **make a book trailer**. Look up trailers for some of your favorite books online to get an idea of how you could do this. Be creative! Make it fun!

Your poster or trailer **must include**:

- Your name on the back of the poster
- The title
- The author
- An illustration that shows what the book is about, but is different than the cover

At least one of the following

- Your opinion about the book
- A quote from the book
- A "teaser" or exciting summary of the beginning of the book
- A description of the main character(s)

Sincerely,

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P.S. Families, please feel free to email us with any questions.

Summer Reading Log

Due on the 1st day of school

Name: _____

Title of Book (Please remember to capitalize properly and underline titles.)	Author	Date started	Date completed
1.			
2.			
3.			

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Congratulations, you have finished your required reading. Don't stop reading now!			
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<p>There are about 12 weeks in summer. If you've read 12 books, you've read about 1 book per week. Awesome job!</p>			
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21.			
<p>Congratulations! You read 21 books!</p> <p>You are a super reader!</p>			