

## **Summer Assignment for Students Entering 5th Grade at St. Finn Barr Due: Monday, August 24, 2020**

1.) Read at least one book from the list below. If you have already read all the titles on the list or are unable to get one from the list, then your parent will help you select an appropriate summer reading book.

The Barn by Avi  
Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo  
The Castle in the Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop  
Chasing Redbird by Sharon Creech  
Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary  
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg  
The Hardy Boys (Series) by Franklin W. Dixon  
Half Magic by Edward Eager  
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Lord  
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien  
No Talking by Andrew Clements  
Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade by Barthe DeClements  
The School Story by Andrew Clements  
The View from Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg

**Choose either A or B for how you would like to present your findings:**

**Choice A:** Answer the following eight prompts/questions in complete, well-written sentences. Please number your responses. Make sure to include your name, the book title, author, and a picture of your favorite scene.

**Choice B:** You may choose to answer the following eight prompts/questions in a more creative manner. Some suggestions are to create a book jacket, a one-page newspaper article, a movie poster, a comic strip, radio or TV broadcast, or by using technology. Make sure you include your name, the book title, and the author. Just remember to include the answers to all of the following eight prompts/questions.

**\*All of the following prompts/questions must be addressed:**

1. Who are the main characters? Describe them.
2. Where does the story take place? (Setting)
3. What is the problem in the story and how was it solved?
4. What are the main events of the story?
5. How did the story end? (Conclusion)
6. What was your favorite part of the story and why?
7. Which character would you choose to be your friend and why?
8. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

**Optional:**

**2.) Summer Journal-** Minimum of 5 entries (you might want to do one per week)

Please demonstrate the excellent writing skills that you learned in fourth grade. It is up to you about what you would like to write about. You might want to include drawings or pictures. Be creative! I want you to enjoy this!

When turning this in please make sure your name is on it and that all your entries are neatly put together (Ex: stapled together or if you created a book you folded all the pages together).

\*Ideas: maybe write about a fun trip, a play date, a movie you watched, perhaps even what you wish you were doing, what you are looking forward to doing, etc. If you don't want to write about the summer, you can create a short story. Just make sure that you include a minimum of 5 entries.

**Optional Summer Review:**

**3.) Math Summer Review:** Please practice your multiplication tables (0-12) and use IXL regularly over the summer. If you do not remember your account info, you can do up to 20 free math problems per device each day on [www.ixl.com](http://www.ixl.com).

**4.) Social Studies Review:** Over summer you might want to start learning the location of all 50 states and their capitals as you will need to know them by the end of 5th grade.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [g.bruno@stfinnbarr.org](mailto:g.bruno@stfinnbarr.org). I look forward to a fantastic school year!

Thank you,  
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