

# OLA Free Choice Summer!

## Purpose of Summer Reading

The goal of summer reading is to establish a community of readers. Summer is a perfect time for kids who are so busy during the school year to

- \* Read and ENJOY new books
- \* Discover the pleasures that reading can provide
- \* Maintain reading skills

You should read **AT LEAST** two books<sup>1</sup> Kids who don't read over the summer lose reading ability and comprehension over the break. You don't want that!! So think about reading a book by an author you like. Ask friends, family, or a librarian for suggestions. Email me if you want my help! I will be checking my email all summer and am constantly thinking about books my students may enjoy.

**Read for enjoyment** - but also pay attention the details that make the book enjoyable. **If you choose something that you don't like, change books and start over!**

## Suggested Books

Read anything you'd like this summer! You read that correctly, you get to choose the books you read! One...well two...well three rules...

- 1> **Be sure to choose books that interest you;**
- 2> **Be sure the book is appropriate for your age and reading level;**
- 3> **Be sure one of the two books you choose is a Newberry Honor or Award Winner.**

## Summer Reading Assignments

What??? You thought there was going to be no assignment?? This is fifth grade you are starting! Your assignments are attached to this handout. They are due the first day of school.

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<sup>1</sup> What two books?! Come on... you can read more than TWO BOOKS! Check out our **COMPLETELY voluntary** reading bingo card. You get a FUN TREAT if you check off more than 32 boxes, but even better, you will have a summer of awesome reading! WOO HOO!

## Create an End of Novel "One Pager" Response to the novel you chose to read.

What is a One Pager you ask? A One Pager is a single-page response that shows your understanding of a piece of text you have read. It is a way to respond to your reading using imagination and creativity!

### The Rules

- Create a one-pager for your non-Newbery Award Book
- Read the instructions carefully and follow them. Do the project on 8 ½ by 11 sheet of **unlined** paper. If you need a bigger piece of paper to get your thoughts down, go for it!
- Use a lot of color and patterns to illustrate your thoughts and ideas clearly and creatively. Show that you read and thought about the book you chose.

### What to Do

Include the following on the **front**...

1. Title of novel and author's name
2. 5 adjectives you would use to describe the novel
3. One important quotation (A sentence or two from the novel) - Write the quotation in quotation marks - Include the page number - Next to the quotation, explain why this is important to the story (i.e. "This quotation shows me...")
4. Answer **one** of the following questions:
  - a.) Write about something you found interesting, important, or surprised you. Explain why
  - b.) What is the theme or lesson learned from this book? How might this apply to your life?
  - c.) How did your feelings or thinking change throughout the book?
5. At least 3 drawings, symbols, and/or images that represent parts of the story - Use color, be creative, be neat, and fill the page! This should be fun!!

Include the following on the **back**...

1. A paragraph summary of the selection that includes details about the plot, setting, characters, main ideas and conflicts, and the ending. Also put your name!

### What Not to Do

- Don't not (double negative = positive!) enjoy yourself. This project should be fun...and creative...and FUN! No stress!

### Still Not Sure What to Do?

- That's ok! Go ahead and Google "One Pager Reading Response" you will see plenty of examples to get you started.

## Newberry Medal Book

The Newbery Medal is awarded annually by the American Library Association for the most distinguished American children's book published the previous year. Books that are on this list are some of the best chapter books available! You can find a list of all winners to date at this website.

You will definitely find a book you like on this list! You have likely already read many of them! I challenge you to read one you have never read before over the summer!

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberyhonors/newberymedal>

We will be doing a project on your Newbery Winner in September. If possible, please bring the book you chose to read with you the first week of school. I have included a **Book Report Form** that you may want to fill out after you read. The answers to these questions will help you with the project. This is for your use! I will not collect it, so you can present the information in whatever way works best for you!