

## *Incoming Fifth Grade Summer Reading Program*

Dear Parents,

Madison Campus Elementary has a summer reading program for our students. Reading skills can regress over the summer and this is one great way to combat that, and maintain current reading levels and skills. The idea is to read and enjoy books that have not been previously read.

We are asking that each student participate, and keep a record of books read throughout the summer on the enclosed reading log. Remember to send the reading log on the first day of school. Please make sure that it includes your signature to verify that the books were read. The reading log will count for credit, on the first quarter report card reading grade.

Three books read over the summer are required for all incoming fifth graders. As an incentive students who read more than the required books, a minimum of seven books over the summer, will qualify to attend a reading reward party. A summer reading questionnaire will be required for each book read.

Rather than setting up an inflexible list of must-reads, I am leaving the decision of reading material to you and your child with guidelines listed below. Please take the time to read these.

- Choose books that are 100 pages or more, fifth graders must read 20 pages per number grade.
- Choose a true fiction book that is uplifting and educational
- Choose a variety of books and authors (poetry, historical fiction, non-fiction, biographies)
- Choose topics of interest, but something you child will be able to learn something new and different
- Find some time to read to your child, make reading time, family time, it is an excellent way to bond with your child.
- Unacceptable books include: Harry Potter series, Fairy Tale, Magic, Ghost or Mythical category.

The following is a list of books in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading curriculum, so please refrain from reading any of the following this summer.

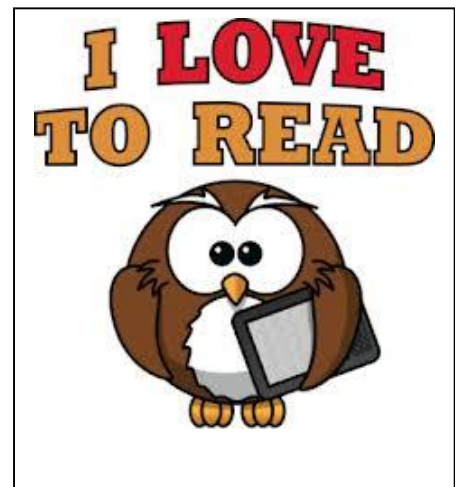
- Shephard Warrior by Bradley Booth
- Spy for the Night Riders by Dave & Neta Jackson
- A Family Apart by Joan Lowry
- Hana's Suitcase, by Karen Levine
- Shiloh, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

**Happy Summer Reading**

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## Fifth Grade Summer Reading Questionnaire

Title of Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Pages: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer the following questions in paragraph form using complete sentences.

1. Who was your favorite character in this book? Describe him/her. What did you like about the him/her?
2. What was the main conflict of the book? How was the conflict resolved?
3. What do you think was the most surprising event in the story?
4. What was your favorite part of the books? Why?
5. Do you like the way the book ended? Why or why not?
6. Would you recommend this book? Why?