Summer Reading List for Students Entering Grade 5

Summer Writing Assignment for *Webster* by Ellen Emerson White

Step 1: Please choose three characters from the novel, *Webster*, and pretend that you are a journalist who will interview each character. The characters are dogs, so you'll have to imagine that you can talk to them, and that they will speak to you. Imagine that you are interviewing each character for a talk show, or the evening news. You do not have to choose the main character in the book (Webster), it might be fun to learn about the minor characters.

Step 2: Using the book as background, write three good questions for each character that cannot be answered by a "yes" or "no" answer. Imagine things that you would want to know about each character about their life both inside and outside the story. You can ask them about things that were not included in the book, like what their siblings were like. Make sure that your questions are interesting, and that they will also reveal more information about the character when they are answered.

Step 3: *Answer* all of your questions as you imagine that each character would. You are asking each character three questions, then imagining that you are that character when you answer. You can make up answers that do not connect directly with the book, but might have been written in the book if the writer had included this information. The answers should reflect details about the characters as they were written in the book, for instance, an energetic dog should have an outgoing personality rather than a shy one.

Note: Using the book as your base, please feel free to use your imagination with this assignment! *Your answers must be at least three sentences long, but may be much longer.* You will ask and answer a total of nine questions (three questions asked and answered for three different characters.)

Due on the first day of school.