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Dear Fifth Graders,

Hello! It is amazing how quickly we slip into summer mode. Sleep in late, stay up late, play from sunup to sundown, swim to your heart's content, go camping with your family in your own backyard or at a campground, catch lightning bugs (Or do you call them fireflies?), travel, and so much more.

I look forward to meeting all of you in the closing weeks of summer. Until that time, I would like you, the "newly-minted" fifth graders, to enrich your summer vacation with reading and writing.

Each student should pick **two books to read** and share with their classmates and English teacher upon our return to school. Pick **one** of the books **from the list below**. **The other book** should be **one** of **your choosing**.

Reading regularly during the summer months is a healthy habit. I recommend frequent trips to your local library where you will find suggested reading lists. Also, many of the local bookstores have summer reading programs with incentives beyond the joy of reading. I hope you surpass the two required books you are to read for school. I include in your reading choices magazines, newspapers, and books.

As for a **summer writing assignment**, I would like you to write of your summer experience at home, in the neighborhood, or wherever your path leads you. This assignment may take the shape of a scrapbook, a journal, a collection of six or more postcards filled with writing, a memory box with six items and six or more index cards explaining the significance of each item, a memory stick decorated with six symbols of summer with accompanying writing explaining the symbols, or other creative forms. **Make sure there is writing** on every page/postcard/index card.

You will be sharing this piece of written work in the first weeks of school. You may focus on several events or the whole summer. I want to give you some freedom, in terms of the format, so you can be creative and have fun with this **writing project!**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at my e-mail address listed below. May each one of you have a happy, healthy, relaxing summer! It will be a privilege meeting all of you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Molly Murray Petre -- [petrem@countryday.net](mailto:petrem@countryday.net)

Choose **one** of the selected books below. You can find them through your local library, bookstores, and Amazon.com.

*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* - Kelly Barnhill

*While I Was Away* - Waka T. Brown

*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* - Kate DiCamillo

*The Last Last Day of Summer* - Lamar Giles

*Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* - Chris Grabenstein

*The Phantom Tollbooth* - Norman Juster

*Hello, Universe* - Erin Entrada Kelly

*Regarding the Fountain: A Tale, in Letters, of Liars and Leaks* - Kate Klise

*Red, White, and Whole* - Rajani LaRocca

*A Wrinkle in Time* - Madeleine L' Engle

*Show Me a Sign* - Ann Clare LeZotte

*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* - Grace Lin

*Travel Team* - Mike Lupica

*The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* - Stacy McAnulty

*The Boy Who Saved Baseball* - John Ritter

*Pegasus - The Flame of Olympus* - Kate O' Hearn

*A Good Kind of Trouble* - Lisa Moore Ramee

*Look Both Ways* - Jason Reynolds

*The Football Boy Wonder: The Charlie Fry Series* - Martin Smith

*Harbor Me* - Jacqueline Woodson

*Front Desk* - Kelly Yang

