

Dear Fifth Graders,

I am excited to learn with you and about you in Humanities class! You will grow immensely as a reader and a writer, and that growth starts with your summer reading and writing assignments. Here are a few things I would like you to complete this summer in preparation for the 2022-2023 school year:

## READING:

- **Read three fiction or nonfiction books** that you will enjoy. Below you will find a few suggested titles that my previous students have found entertaining. You will be expected to discuss the books you read with your classmates when we return to school in the fall, so make sure you read carefully—and enjoy! We will also write about summer reading in class together.

### Recommended Titles:

- *My Life in Dog Years* by Gary Paulsen [fiction]
- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen [fiction]
- *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling [fiction]
- *New Kid* by Jerry Craft (graphic novel) [fiction]
- *Class Act* by Jerry Craft (graphic novel) [fiction]
- The *Track* series (*Ghost*, *Patina*, *Sunny* and *Lu*) by Jason Reynolds [fiction]
- *Al Capone Does My Shirts: A Tale from Alcatraz* by Gennifer Choldenko [fiction]

## WRITING:

Choose one of the prompts to respond to in 1-2 paragraphs. Make your response as detailed as you can imagine, **and** most importantly this should be your own work. You may handwrite your response or type it. Although this will not be graded, expect to share your writing with me during the first week of school.

- **Write a story about a group of kids who have an exciting summer adventure.**
- **Write a story about a summer in which it snows every day.**
- **Describe your ideal summer day from start to finish. Use as much detail as you can.**
- **Does your family have different rules or routines during the summer? Explain what changes at home and what stays the same.**

Have a great summer, and I'll see you soon!

Warmly,

Mrs. LaShanda Lawrence  
Fifth Grade Humanities Teacher