

May 13, 2024

Dear Parents of Incoming Fifth Graders,

Each year, students entering fifth grade are required to read a summer novel. Instead of students only reading one assigned novel, they will be able to choose a novel from three different choices. Students will have the opportunity to complete a comprehension test on their selected novel during the summer on five different occasions with the chance to earn bonus points. The bonus opportunity is an incentive to get students to read over the summer instead of waiting until the last days.

On **June 13** and **June 20**, the library will be open from 8:00-9:00 for student testing. If students attend the June sessions to test, they will receive 3 bonus points toward their grade. In July, two more dates will be open for testing. On **July 9** and **July 18**, testing will be done from 8:00-9:00 in the elementary hall. There will be a sign on the door to show students where to go. Students who come to testing these days will receive 2 bonus points toward their grade. In August, the week before school starts, students will have one more chance to test in the library for 1 bonus point. The last day of testing will be between the hours of 8:00-9:00 on **August 1**. If students have not taken a test on one of the summer reading novels before school starts, they will be required to take the test in class the day they come for orientation.

At the end of the test, the student will receive a grade before leaving. If you or your child is unsatisfied with the grade on the first novel, the student is more than welcome to come back on another scheduled testing day and test on a different novel from the book list. The teacher will then take the better of the two grades.

These tests are worth 50 points and consist of 25 multiple-choice questions. Testing should not take more than 20-30 minutes, so we ask guardians who drop students off for testing to wait outside in the front parking lot until they are finished.

I hope to meet many of my new fifth graders this summer. If you have any questions, please contact me at cbroussard@chspanthers.com.

Thank you,

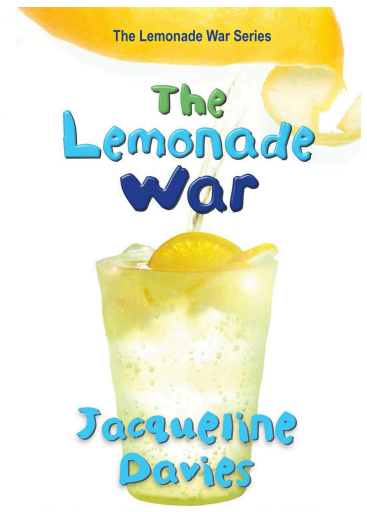
Chenee Broussard
5th Grade ELA

5TH GRADE NOVELS (Choose one)

The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies (AR level: 4.0)

"For a full hour, he poured lemonade. 'The world is a thirsty place,' he thought as he nearly emptied his fourth pitcher of the day. 'And I am the lemonade king.'"

Evan Treski is people-smart. He's good at talking with people, even grownups. His younger sister Jessie, on the other hand, is math-smart - but not especially good at understanding people. She knows that feelings are her weakest subject. With just five days left of summer vacation, Evan and Jessie launch an all-out war to see who can sell the most lemonade before school starts. As the battleground heats up, there really is no telling who will win - and even more important, if their fight will ever end.



Trapped in a Video Game by Dustin Brady (AR level: 4.3)

"Here lies Jesse Riggsby of Middlefield, Ohio. He was tragically taken from us by a giant praying mantis while trying to save a video game world from fake aliens. He bravely led the resistance, which lasted for all of 10 seconds."

Jesse hates video games - and for good reason. You see, a video game character is trying to kill him. After getting sucked into the new game Full Blast with his best friend, Eric, Jesse quickly discovers that he's being followed by a mysterious figure. If he doesn't figure out what's going on fast, he'll be trapped for good!



Flying Solo by Ralph Fletcher (AR level: 3.9)

"Writing words is like flying, Rachel thought. Words aren't solid. Words are lighter than air. But even so, they can sometimes give you a lift."

When the substitute for Mr. "Fab" Fabiano never shows up and his sixth-grade students are on their own, they set out to prove that they can run the class by themselves. With a little ingenuity and some careful planning, they might just succeed. But when a fight breaks out between Bastian Fauvell and Rachel White over a classmate, Tommy Feathers, who died six months earlier, everything begins to fall apart. Can Rachel deal with the anxieties that plunged her into silence the day Tommy died? Inventive and uniquely constructed, "Flying Solo" follows Mr. Fab's students hour by hour as they tackle the challenges of an unusual school day.

contains a small theme of alcoholism in one chapter



TESTING DATES

Location: CHS Library and Elementary

Students should explore their three novel choices and choose one to read over the summer. As soon as students finish reading, they should select one of the dates provided below to complete their summer reading test either in the CHS library or elementary hall.

Students will receive their grades immediately upon completing their tests. If a student is unhappy with his/her grade, he/she is encouraged to read an additional novel from the list provided and return at a later testing date to retest. Teachers will use the student's highest score for his/her first grade in ELA for the quarter.

All times are scheduled between 8:00-9:00 on testing mornings.

June: (Library)

June 13

June 20

*June testers will receive 3 BONUS points towards their test grade!

July: (Elementary hall)

July 9

July 18

*July testers will receive 2 BONUS points towards their test grade!

August: (Library)

August 1

*August testers will receive 1 BONUS point towards their test grade!

Orientation Day:

Students who are unable to test over the summer will take their test on Orientation Day during ELA class.