



Summer Reading and Writing Assignments

Dear 5th graders,

This summer, your required reading is Roshani Chokshi's *Aru Shah and the End of Time*. This book is part adventure and part mythology and tells the story of a young girl who, having set free some magical beings in a museum, finds herself in a difficult situation. It has been a great hit with incoming 5th graders for many years, and we hope you will enjoy it too. This book will be your first text in English class next year, so make sure to bring it to class in August.

In addition, you are expected to read one additional novel from the list below and to do some writing of your own.

Required: *Aru Shah and the End of Time* by Roshani Chokshi

Choice: Choose at least one book from this list:

- Katherine Patterson - *Bridge to Terabithia*
- Nicole Chen - *It's Boba Time for Pearl Li*
- Barry Jonsberg- *My Life As an Alphabet*
- Amie Kaufman - *Ice Wolves*
- RJ Palacio - *Wonder*
- Tim Tingle - *How I Became a Ghost*
- Lisa Yee - *Maizy Chen's Last Chance*
- Louis Sachar - *Holes*
- Katherine Applegate - *Home of the Brave*
- Alan Gratz - *Refugee*

Over the summer, we would like you to keep a handwritten journal of at least five entries using these prompts or any others of your own. Write as much as you can about your topics. You can **fictionalize** your entries if you like - pretend to be someone else and write in their voice. You could write in the form of **poetry**, **song lyrics** or **drama** as well. Be honest, be descriptive, be creative.

1. Write about your day. What happened? With whom did you interact?
2. Write a response to a book you read this summer. What did it teach you? What did it make you wonder?
3. Imagine that you get to meet a celebrity. Describe what happened.
4. Write about a time you said something that you regretted.
5. Write about a time that someone said something to you that hurt you.
6. Write about something that you are proud of.
7. If you could live in any book, what book would it be? Why?
8. Write a review of a movie.
9. Write a review of a television show.
10. Write a story inspired by a recent dream that you had.
11. Write a new ending for your favorite book.
12. Write a story inspired by one of your pet-peeves.
13. Write about a time you kept a secret from someone else, or someone else kept a secret from you.
14. Write a story or journal entry about a photograph you have in your house. If you can, tape your photograph into your journal. You may also draw the photograph!
15. Interview a person in your life. Write a transcription of your interview. Try to ask them questions you do not already know the answer to!
16. Imagine you find a time traveling machine. Describe how you use it. Where do you go? What happens?

Wishing you a healthy and happy summer and looking forward to seeing you in the new school year,

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