

June 2026

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As we bring the school year to a close and look forward to a well-earned summer break, we want to ensure our students continue to grow and stay engaged in their learning. To help maintain and strengthen reading skills over the summer, we have designed a simple and enjoyable reading assignment. This assignment is optional for all students.

Summer Reading Assignment Expectations:

- Students should read for at least 15 minutes, three times a week.
- A reading project related to their summer reading will be completed and submitted by September.

This assignment is meant to be a fun and manageable way to keep students connected with reading while allowing plenty of time for relaxation and exploration during the summer months.

We hope your family enjoys a summer full of curiosity, creativity, and joyful learning!

Warm regards,

The 4th Grade Teachers



Appleby School - Summer Reading

Rising 5th Graders

Welcome to your Summer Reading Response assignments! Reading is a fantastic adventure, and these assignments will help you explore the worlds you discover in your books. Please choose one of the following assignments to complete over the summer. Get creative, have fun, and be ready to share your work when school starts! All assignments are due on **September _____, 2026.**

1. Character Interview:

Imagine you are a reporter interviewing one of the characters from your book. Write down at least eight questions you would ask and the character's answers. Make sure the answers fit the character's personality and the events in the story!




*Please note: This is only for fiction.

2. Create a Mobile:


Select 7 items that represent people, places, or events in the book. Make a representation of them and hang them from a hanger using string or yarn. Write a key that explains each object and why you chose it.

3. Alternative Ending:

How would you change the ending of the book? Write a new ending that is different from the original. Once you write your new ending, explain why you chose to change the ending and how it affects the story. Make sure it's still believable! 

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4. Letter to the Author:

Write a letter to the author of your book. Tell them what you liked about the book, what you found interesting, and at least 2 questions you have for them. Be polite and thoughtful in your letter! 

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5. Draw or Paint a Portrait of a Character :

Draw or paint a portrait of a character. Pictures should be detailed in colored in. Write a 1 paragraph description of the character to go with your portrait. 🧑

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6. Design a New Book Cover:

Create a new book cover for your book. Include the title, author's name, and an illustration that represents the story. Explain why you chose the image and colors for your cover in 1 paragraph. Be creative and make it eye-catching! 📖

7. Design a T-Shirt:

Illustrate a scene or character from the book on a t-shirt that you could wear. Write a short summary of the scene or description of the character and explain why either is important to the story. 👕

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8. Create a Ten Facts handout:

Create a fact sheet or pamphlet of 10 important facts you learned by reading your book. You can create one on paper or create a Google Slides presentation! 📄

*Please note: This is only for nonfiction.

We look forward to seeing your creative reading responses in September! Have a wonderful and book-filled summer! ☀️📖🍏🐝