



Reading Assignment Summer 2021
Directions for Rising Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade Students

Dear Students and Parents,

To ensure that students maintain the academic skills they acquired during the school year, we assign summer reading and IXL over the summer months. Summer work provides an opportunity for students to work on time management and academic skills. Scheduling work time with your child will help them reach these goals.

This summer all rising third, fourth, and fifth grade students are required to:

1. Read at least **three** books: one required book (see below), one non-fiction book, and one book of choice. Students will complete an in-class project on the required book and discuss their book of choice. For their choice book, students will share their favorite part and why they chose that book. We ask that students take notes (either in their books or on Post-It Notes) while they read to help them recall information. Please bring a copy of the required book to school on the first day. The in-class project and choice book sharing will both be graded.
 - Grade 3: Choose any **biography** from the *Who Was?* or *Who Is?* series. These books appeal to a variety of interests and range in ability level. For a list of available titles visit their website: <http://www.whowasbookseries.com/books/>
 - Grade 4: *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davis
 - Grade 5: *Because of Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea
2. Write down all books you read on the attached Summer Reading Log and return to your ELA teacher on the first day of school, Monday, August 30, 2021. **To avoid confusion, do not hand work to your homeroom teacher.**
3. Complete the assigned IXL skills. **Students will complete the assigned skills at the grade level that was just completed.** Return the form with your IXL skills to your ELA teacher on the first day of school. Remember that this will be your first ELA grade of the year.

Please see the attached list of book suggestions. These are suggested books and series that we hope appeal to a variety of interests. We have provided classics along with more recently published books. Do not let this list limit you. Feel free to choose other books. Visit the local library now that libraries have been reopened for browsing. Thank you for your continued partnership in strengthening your child's skills and fostering a love of learning. We are looking forward to seeing what you read over the summer. Best wishes for a safe, happy, and fun-filled summer!

Sincerely,

The Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade Teachers