

All students entering 5th grade in September must read two books and complete book reports for each. Please be advised that everyone must read *Skinnybones* by Barbara Park. Also note that there will be a test on *Skinnybones* sometime in September. For your second book report, you may use any of the following ten books. Kindly use the attached guidelines to complete both book reports.

1. *Frindle* by Andrew Clements

When he decides to turn his fifth-grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

2. *No Talking* by Andrew Clements

This story is about noisy fifth-grade boys who challenge the equally loud fifth-grade girls to a "no talking" contest.

3. *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson

Jesse Aarons is determined to be the fastest runner in class, so when a new girl named Leslie turns out to be faster, he's not happy!

4. *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume

Nine-year-old Peter Hatcher has it rough: his little brother, Farley (Fudge), gets all the attention, despite his tantrums and infuriating behavior. Peter's one consolation is his pet turtle, Dribble - but even Dribble falls victim to Fudge, who ends up in the hospital after swallowing the unfortunate critter.

5. *Sisters* by Raina Telgemeier

Raina can't wait to be a big sister. But once Amara is born, things aren't quite how she expected them to be.

6. *Lunch Money* by Andrew Clements

This story illustrates how a hardworking boy can have as much effect on the world as any adult - even when adults try to stand in his way.

7. *Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster

Milo gets in his toy car, goes through the tollbooth and finds himself in a magical place called the Lands Beyond.

8. *Loser* by Jerry Spinelli

It details the growth of Donald Zinkoff, who is branded a "loser" by his classmates due to his clumsiness, poor performance in school and athletics, and sometimes clueless enthusiasm.

9. *Nasty, Stinky Sneakers* by Eve Bunting

In this story, a kid named Colin has spent weeks making his sneakers smell bad and stinky as possible. He is doing this because he wants to win the Stinkiest Sneakers in the World Contest.

10. *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo

Life is pretty rotten. Enter Winn-Dixie, a mangy stray dog that Opal befriends as he ransacks a Winn Dixie grocery store. The lovable mutt falls in love with Opal and the preacher, they fall in love with him, and voila! Opal's summer suddenly takes a turn for the better.

A book report tells a reader about a particular book. It often gives the writer's opinion about the book.

For Mr. Demonte's summer work, please follow the guide below to help you write your fiction book report on loose leaf paper.

1) Write an introductory paragraph. You may want to start with a question to get your reader interested. Be sure to include the title and author of the book and let the reader know what type of story it is.

2) Write a paragraph summarizing the plot. Be sure to give the names of the main characters and tell a little about them. You could explain the problem they face in the book and what they are doing to overcome it. Be careful not to give away the ending!

3) Write a paragraph that gives the reader your opinion of the book. Here you might want to write about your favorite part or what you learned.

4) Write a conclusion that lets the reader know if you recommend this book. Tell the reader why he or she should or should not read this book.

5) Once you have finished your paper, be sure to check your spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Math – Students also are required to complete a math packet, which contains math problems to review what they have learned throughout the year. They must hand this packet in on the first day of school.

SUPPLY LIST

*** Students entering the 5th grade in September will need the following supplies at the beginning of school:**

- * 2 – 200 page marble notebooks**
- * 5 – 300 page marble notebooks**
- * 1 – package of loose leaf**
- * 1 – homework book (purchase in school)**
- * 1 – 8-pocket folders**
- * 5 – 2-pocket folders**
- * 1 – pocket size notebook for Health**

The following supplies are due by the end of September:

- 1 – safety scissor**
- 1 – zippered pencil case – (soft)**
- 1 – Elmer’s glue stick**
- 1 – Mini Stapler**
- #2 pencils (lots and lots of pencils)**
- 1 – 12” ruler (with centimeters)**
- Paper Mate erasable pens (blue, black, red)**
- Highlighters (3 different colors)**
- 1 – box of Crayola Markers**
- 1 – box of Crayola Crayons**
- 1 – black Sharpie**
- 1 – bottle of Elmer’s Glue**
- 1 – roll of Scotch Tape**
- 2 – boxes of tissues**
- 1 – roll of paper towels**
- 1 – pack of construction paper (assorted colors)**
- 1 – package of Clorox wipes**
- 1 – bottle of hand sanitizer**
- 1 – self-contained pencil sharpener**