



May 9, 2016

Dear Parents and Students,

Attached are the Summer Reading and Math Activities for our incoming fifth graders. These activities will be collected on the first day of school and will count as a **test grade** in the first quarter of the school year in ELA and math. The grading rubric is attached.

For the math assignment, follow the directions on the MATHO page. It is similar to bingo.

For the ELA assignments, students will choose one fiction novel and one nonfiction book to read. The books can be any appropriate book as long as the Lexile level is appropriate for students in grade 5, which is Lexile 780 or above. We hope students will select books that they are interested in and will enjoy their reading experience. Lexile levels can be found online at <http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/>. Just enter the title of the book in the search box, click the "Lexile Measure" button and the "Find Books" button.

The assignment for the fiction novel is to create a PowerPoint presentation with 5 slides. The slides must include:

1. Title of the book and author with the student's name.
2. Characters and Setting
3. Plot (beginning, middle, end)
4. Conflict and Resolution
5. Theme of the book

If a student does not have access to PowerPoint, a poster board can be created with 5 panels including the above information. Students should be prepared to give an oral presentation using their PowerPoint.

The assignment for the nonfiction book will be to create a brochure. The brochure template is attached. It is also uploaded to <http://mrsloyola.wikispaces.com>.

Remember, all summer projects are **due the first day of school, Thursday, August 11 and will count as a test grade**. Points will be deducted if it is late. No projects will be accepted after Friday, August 12.

Have a great summer.

Sincerely,  
5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers

These are suggested books for fifth grade.

Fiction:

- *Rules* by Cynthia Lord (Lexile 780)
- *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman (Lexile 820)
- *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell (Lexile 1000)
- *The Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snicket (Any book in the series) (Lexile 1010 – 1280)
- *The Willoughbys* by Lois Lowry (Lexile 790)
- *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart (Lexile 840)
- *Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Red Banks (Lexile 780)
- *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick (Lexile 820)

Nonfiction – The following authors are suggestions. Remember that the Lexile level needs to be above 780.

- Any book by Seymour Simon
- The True Book series by Scholastic
- *Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance* by Jennifer Armstrong (Lexile 1090)
- *The Case of the Vanishing Golden Frogs: A Scientific Mystery* by Sandra Markle (Lexile 910)