5th Grade Summer Reading Project

Summer 2015

(**Parent Night-May 20, 2015 6:00-8:00 PM in D.H.H. Lengel Cafeteria. Books will be available. **)
Dear Parent/Guardian,

As the school year comes to an end, it is important to remember that learning must continue over the summer. The Pottsville Area School District requires all students in grades 5 through 12 to complete a Summer Reading Project. This project has similar requirements to the “Independent Reading Project” that students complete during the school year.

All students in the Pottsville Area School District will be required to complete the assignment for their respective grade. These assignments have been designed with the student’s best interest in mind and what we as a faculty feel will benefit the student.

Thank you for your cooperation and your support!

Parents and students can contact ashappell@pottsville.k12.pa.us, dlong@pottsville.k12.pa.us, or kkubeika@pottsville.k12.pa.us with any questions throughout the summer months. Also, all requirements for this project will be on the district website.

*** Parents and students are reminded that the Summer Schuylkill Achieve Program will run from July 7th to July 30th (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8AM-12PM), and provides students with time to complete the summer reading program.

If interested, please complete the forms (available in the middle school office) and return to the middle school office.

To locate the projects on the web, go to:
- www.pottsville.k12.pa.us
- Hover over the tab “For Students”
- Click on “2015 Summer Reading Project”
- Click DHH Lengel Middle School
- Click on 5th Grade Modified Summer Reading Project
Dear Incoming 5th Graders,

The time is almost here! We are very excited for you to be with us next year at DHH Lengel Middle School. As you enjoy your summer vacation and prepare for 5th grade, we are going to ask you to think positive, brush up on your elementary skills, and enjoy some reading.

Our 5th grade summer reading requirement is for each of you, as students, to read one novel from the choices provided this summer. You will have two books to choose from as your summer reading project.

Once you have chosen your book, you will complete a mini-project that will help ensure you’ve read and comprehended your novel of choice. A list of the book choices is attached, as well as the description of the mini-project.

Please remember that, as always, your best work is expected. It is due by Friday, September 11th of your 5th grade school year and will be collected by each homeroom teacher. This will be your first graded assignment for the 2015-2016 school year, so it is important to remember not to procrastinate (wait until the last minute) or forget to complete the assignment. We want your year to start off on the right foot, so have a great summer and get ready for a wonderful time at the middle school!

Sincerely,

The Fifth Grade Teachers
All students coming into 5th grade at the DHH Lengel Middle School for the 2015-2016 school year, must complete a summer reading project. This year’s project consists of a fiction novel.

**Novel Requirement:**
1. Choose a Book (*Night of the Twister* OR *Thank You, Jackie Robinson*).
2. Complete the activities on the quilt on the attached graphic organizer.
   - Each patch of the quilt (activity) is worth 20 points, for a total of 100 points.
3. Enjoy your summer!

**Independent Reading Quilt**

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| **Describe the setting in your book.**  
(Setting includes time and place). Draw a picture illustrating your setting. | **Describe one conflict (problem) in the story.** | **Did something in the story remind you of something in your own life, another book, or the world?**  
(The part in the story when_______reminds me of _________.)  
***At least a paragraph to describe your connection*** |
| **Write a summary of two of your favorite chapters.**  
Each paragraph should have at least 5 sentences. | **Name three (3) major characters and describe their role in the novel.** |
**Important information**

Students will be able to utilize the resources available in the school library during the summer. The DHH Lengel Middle School library will be open on the following days: **June 10th, July 1st and August 5th** from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. You may borrow and return books and use computers to work on this assignment during this time.

**Project Due Dates:**

These assignments will be due on **September 11, 2015** for all fifth grade students. No projects will be accepted after this date. The project will count as the student’s first major ELA grade of the year.

Students and parents may access project information on the school district website at [www.pottsville.k12.pa.us](http://www.pottsville.k12.pa.us) (position cursor over the “For Students” tab and select the “Documents and Forms” option at the bottom of the dropdown menu. Please make sure that you view the “Modified” version of the Summer Reading Project.)
Entering 5th Grade Summer Required Reading Graphic Organizer

Directions:

This is the document you will use to prove you have read your novel. This mini-project has five parts. All of the activities must be completed.

Student’s Name: ________________________________________________
Book Title ____________________________________________
Author __________________________

Setting

Time (ex. year, month, day) & Place (ex. state, country, town, building)
Time: ______________________________
Place: __________________________________

Draw a picture illustrating your setting. Your illustration should be colored and included with your project. Please use the space provided below for your picture.
Character
Name three (3) major characters and describe their role in the novel.

Character One
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Role in story
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Character Two
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Role in story
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Character Three
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Role in story
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Conflict
Describe one conflict (problem) in the story. The conflict/problem drives the action in the plot.
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Summary
Write a summary of two of your favorite chapters. Each paragraph should have at least 5 sentences.

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Connections

Did something in the story remind you of something in your own life, another book, or the world? Share your connection in a short paragraph. Your paragraph should be 3-7 sentences and should include the words:

The part of the story when ___________________________________________

reminds me of _____________________________________________________

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