

Hackensack Public Schools

Hackensack Middle School

Incoming 5th Grade

Enrichment Language Arts

Summer Reading

Assignment

June 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians and Grade Four Students:

I hope that you had an enjoyable year in fourth grade, and that you will have a great summer! In order to prepare for a year filled with reading, I have planned a summer reading assignment that is due on Friday, September 16, 2016. Whether on the beach, beneath a shady tree, or on a plane, please take this time enjoying yourself with the adventures of a new book. I expect you to read at least two books this summer: one nonfiction and one fiction. While reading these two books, please fill out the graphic organizers attached. These graphic organizers will be used to complete your first writing assignment of the school year. Please be sure to make this assignment, as well as reading in general a priority for your child because only through sustained reading can you improve reading skills.

Sincerely,
Ms. Russell

If your book is **fiction** respond to the choices:
Answers must be at least three sentences long.

Give a 3 sentence summary of the book you read.

What conflicts/problems did you see and how were they resolved?

Identify one character trait for the main character of your book and explain why you selected this trait.

Describe the setting (time and place) of your story.

If your book is **nonfiction** respond to the choices:
Answer must be at least three sentences long.

What was an important detail in your text (quote it!)? Explain why this detail is so important.

Give a 3 sentence summary of the book you read.

Make one connection to the text. Explain how it helped you understand the text.

Write and define two vocabulary words you learned while reading this text. Explain how you figured out the meaning for each word.