

## High Mountain Summer Reading

5<sup>th</sup> Grade



Dear Parents,

It is time to think about summer reading for students entering the **fifth grade** at High Mountain School.

We encourage all of our students to read as much as possible over the summer. Students entering fifth grade will be asked to present a brief “commercial” (similar to the PBS program, “Reading Rainbow”) when they begin their school year in September.

Each fifth grader will have two to three minutes to present their commercial. They will have to describe the book they read. They will name the author, title, major characters, plot of the story, and tell how it ends. They will also tell why they liked the book and, hopefully, recommend it to their classmates.

I have attached instructions for your child, a sheet to list facts about the story, and a list of recommended books. (Your child’s reading teacher may also give you a list specifically recommended for him or her to use instead.)

Your child must choose at least one book from the list. He/she should fill in the attached sheet and bring it to school in September. In the fall these sheets will be used to create their commercials.

Although you may purchase the books, the public library will also be made aware of the summer reading list. I hope you have a great summer, and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Mrs. Nordyk☺  
High Mountain Librarian

*“Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.”*     *Richard Steele*

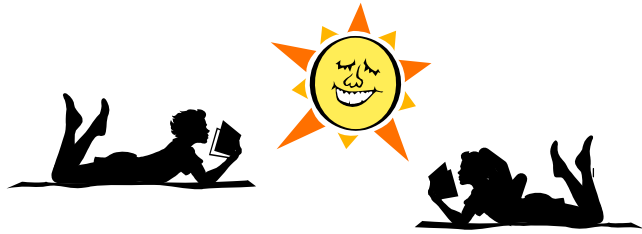
If you should misplace this form, a copy will be available on my website through **nhschools.net**. Click on **High Mountain, Teachers**, and **Mrs. Nordyk** to access the information.

Or, you may go directly to my web page at this address:

<http://www.oucoursesystems.com/school/webpage.aspx?id=492365>

## Instructions for High Mountain

### Summer Reading:



1. Read a book chosen from your list of recommended books.
2. Fill in the **Summer Reading Fact Sheet**. You will use this in September to create a “commercial” about your book.
3. Be sure to include your name, the author, the title, a list of the main characters, the plot, and the ending.
4. To describe the plot tell what the story is about. You should write three paragraphs. The first paragraph will tell the beginning of the story. The second paragraph will tell the middle of the story, and the third paragraph will tell how the story ends.
5. Think about why you would recommend the book to your classmates.
6. Bring the **Summer Reading Fact Sheet** to High Mountain School in September. During library classes you will use it to create a commercial about your book (similar to the “Reading Rainbow” programs).
7. **Enjoy your summer!**



**Recommended Books for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade High Mountain  
School Summer Reading**  
Starred Books (\*) = Challenging Books

**Alan Armstrong...** *Whittington*

**Avi.....***The Barn, Crispin: the Cross of Lead, Don't You Know there's a War On?\*, Man from the Sky, The Secret School, S.O.R. Losers, Who Was That Masked Man?*

**Blue Balliett...***Chasing Vermeer\**, *The Right 3\**

**Judy Blume...***Fudge-A-Mania, Superfudge, Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*

**Georgia Byng...***Molly Moon Stops the World*

**Eoin Colfer....***The Legend of Spud Murphy*

**Susan Cooper...***The Boggart*

**Sharon Creech...***Grandma Torrelli Makes Soup, Ruby Holler\**

**Roald Dahl....***BFG, Matilda, James and the Giant Peach*

**Paula Danziger...** *Everyone Else's Parents Said Yes*

**Kate DiCamillo...***Because of Winn-Dixie, The miraculous journey of Edward Tulane\**

**Sid Fleischman....***The Whipping Boy*

**Cornelia Funke...***Thief Lord\**, *Inkheart\**

**Cynthia Kadohata....** *Kira-kira\**

**Jeff Kinney....***Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Roderick Rules*

**E. L. Konigsburg....***The View From Saturday\**

**Gordon Korman...***Swindle, Any* of the books from the *Dive, Everest, or Island* series.

**Madeleine L'Engle ...***A Wrinkle in Time*

**Lois Lowry.....***Number the Stars*

**David Lubar....** *Dog Days*

**Mike Lupica...***Heat*

**Patricia MacLachlan...***Cassie Binegar*

**Alan Madison...***100 Days and 99 Nights: a Novel*

**Lucy Maud Montgomery...***Anne of Avonlea*

**Michael Morpurgo....***Kensuke's Kingdom*

**Mary Norton...***The Borrowers*

**Robert C.O'Brien...** *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*

**Barbara O'Connor...***How to Steal a Dog*

**Scott O'Dell.....***The Black Pearl \**

**Linda Sue Park.....***A Single Shard\**

**Gary Paulsen ...***Curse of the Ruins #17, Danger on Midnight River, Escape from Fire Mountain, Hatchet, Rock Jockeys*

**Richard Peck.....** *The Teacher's Funeral\**

**Louis Sachar....** *Dogs Don't Tell Jokes, Sideways Stories from Wayside School, There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom, Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger, Holes*

**Laura Amy Schlitz....***A Drowned Maiden's Hair: A Melodrama*

**Jerry Spinelli.....***Maniac Magee*

**Jane Yolen...***Boots and the Seven Leaguers: A Rock-and-Troll Novel*





