

5th Grade Summer Assignments

Welcome to the beginning of your 5th grade journey at LCA. This is going to be fabulous year and there are many things that you can be doing over the summer to be prepared for 5th grade.

1. Read a LOT.

In 5th grade we do a lot of reading in all different subjects and it is important that you can read, comprehend, and recall what you read. Each of the exercises below will resemble activities we will do in class together over the year. Please complete each and bring it with you on the first day of school. These will be counted as a completion grade for the first trimester.

- Read *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- As you read, complete the double entry journal.
- Vocabulary sheet

- Choose 1 other book from the list and write a book summary according to the directions provided.

2. A math problem a day keeps the memory loss away.

Math in 5th grade is going to get more difficult. However, if you can master your math facts and practice over the summer, it will make difficult concepts easier. Practicing math over the summer will also help you be prepared for the placement test when you arrive in September. Please complete the included math set which works out to about one math problem a day (with a few days off). The idea is to spend 3 minutes each day completing a math problem to keep everything you have learned this year fresh in your brain. You are to complete these problems on lined paper. Number your paper and show all work by the number of each problem. I should be able to easily and clearly locate the work for each problem. This will be your first math grade of your 5th grade math class.

I am so excited to get to know you this year. We are going to have a lot of fun, but we are also going to work hard and learn a lot. It's going to be different and challenging, but I know that you can rise to the occasion and be successful.

Mrs. Goetz (Pronounced Gets)

Shiloh Double Entry Journal

As you read *Shiloh*, I want you to take a moment and respond to some quotes that I have chosen. Your response does not need to be long; one to two **sentences** is perfect, but feel free to write more if you wish. It should express what you are thinking or feeling during this part of the book, what the quote teaches you about the characters, or the emotions you feel during certain events. It can even be a prediction about what might happen next. There are no “right” answers. This is just a way of stopping and responding to the quote before moving on in the reading.

CH	Quote	Date of Response	Thoughts and Ideas
1	Never shoot anything, though. Never had the slightest wish.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
3	I know everybody sweats and everybody's sweat stinks, but seems to me, Judd's sweat stinks worse than anyone's. Mean sweat.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
6	Funny how one lie leads to another and before you know it, your whole life can be a lie.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

8	I'm about as happy right then as you can get in your whole life. And then I hear someone say, "Marty." I look up, and there's Ma.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
9	Then I hear a yelp, a loud yelp, then a snarl and a growl, and suddenly the air is filled with yelps, and it's the worst kind of noise you can think of. A dog being hurt.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
11	But the more I sit there petting his head, feeling his happiness, the more I know I can't give him up. I won't.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
13	"Son, it's hard, I know, but sometimes you just got to do what has to be done. It's Judd's dog and there's no getting around that."		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

Book Summary

Look at the list below and choose one book that looks of interest to you. I have chosen books that I think will be enjoyable to you. If the book is too difficult to read, it is best to choose another book that you will be able to read fluently and enjoy, but give the book an honest shot first. Always read the back cover of the book to see if it is something that is of interest to you.

Possible Book Choices

- Ella Enchanted
- Mr. Popper's Penguins
- The Bridge to Terabithia
- Anne of Green Gables
- The Secret Garden
- Stuart Little
- Chasing Lincoln's Killer
- Indian in the Cupboard
- Treasure Island
- Island of the Blue Dolphins
- Alice in Wonderland
- Snow Treasure

After choosing and reading your book, you will need to write a three-paragraph essay about the book. I have written an outline for you to follow to help you know what should go in each paragraph. I am looking for creative writing, neat handwriting, spelling, grammar, and to get to know your strengths and weaknesses as a reader and writer.

Paragraph 1 (5+ sentences)

- Title and author of the book
- Setting- Where and WHEN
- A basic introduction and description of the main characters. You should describe what they are like as well as their role in the story, i.e. hero, villain, etc.

Paragraph 2 (8-10+ sentences)

- Summarize the plot of the story
- Tell about the main problem and the solution, if any, to that problem
- Be selective about the information you include. Only include what you think is most important, without leaving out too many details.

Paragraph 3 (5+ sentences)

- Tell what you thought of the book and explain why
- What is one lesson that you think you can learn from this book? What event or character taught you this?