

Dear Fifth Grade Parents,

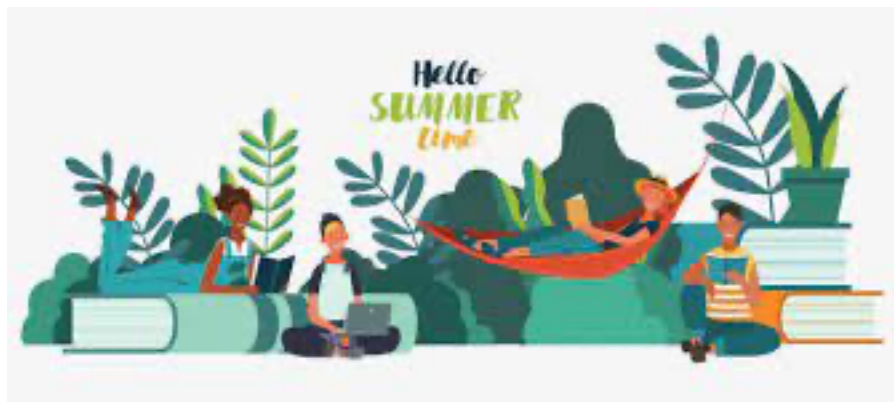
Students entering the 5th grade at Crossroads Baptist School will be required to read "The Green Ember" by S.D. Smith during the summer months. The rationale behind a summer reading assignment is to help students at least maintain the reading skills he/she has acquired during the school year. Research proves that students who read during the summer break period increase fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension; however, those children who do not read during the summer could lose two to three months of reading development.

Attached is a form students may fill out with information from their book. The audible version is available as well with lots of fun resources included on the website listed on the following page. Papers are to be turned in to the teacher on the first day of school and we will take an AR test on the book to kick off our Reading curriculum.

It is our hope that this will be a "stress-free" and enjoyable activity for our students. We hope you will enthusiastically support this program and make reading a daily part of your child's summer.

HAPPY READING!!

Mrs. Scoggins



The Green Ember



Heather and Picket are extraordinary rabbits with ordinary lives until calamitous events overtake them, spilling them into a cauldron of misadventures. They discover that their own story is bound up in the tumult threatening to overwhelm the wider world.

Kings fall and kingdoms totter. Tyrants ascend and terrors threaten. Betrayal beckons, and loyalty is a broken road with peril around every bend.

Where will Heather and Picket land? How will they make their stand?

*More information including free coloring pages can be found at <https://sdsmith.com/book/the-green-ember/> . Please email cscoggins@crossroadsbaptist.com if you have any questions or difficulty locating the book!