

Dear Parents,

I am looking forward to your child coming to 5th grade. I am busy planning our year! It will be full of interactive and hands on learning, as well as visual, audio and traditional learning. My prayer is that your child will leave 5th grade with a wonderful memory of lower school and well prepared for entering upper school. In 6th grade, students will have a summer reading requirement each year through 12th grade. This is the reason we decided to start a summer reading requirement for 5th grade. The reading requirement will be *The Magicians Nephew* by C.S. Lewis. In 4th grade your child read *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. *The Magicians Nephew* is the first book in the series and explains how Narnia was created. I believe your child will enjoy reading this book.

Listed below is the required book, outline, project selection and timeline for reading. This will help students pace themselves and not be overwhelmed at the beginning of school. **The book must be read prior to the first day of school.**

* Book - *The Magicians Nephew* by C S Lewis

*This book has 15 chapters - I suggest students read one chapter each day (Monday through Friday). At this pace the book will take 15 days to read and then your child can start their project.

- After each chapter write 4 or 5 sentences or notes about the chapter (this helps to remember what a chapter was about without reading it again). The notes can be kept in a spiral notebook, folder or composition book.

Next you may choose one of the projects listed below. **The project must be complete and is due the first day of school.**

Project options:

Shoe Box
File Folder Report
T-Shirt Report
Pizza Box
Book in a Bag
Hanger Report
Hand with Charms
Trifold Report

Projects must include:

- Title of Book
- Author
- Beginning- Middle - End of Story
- Characters
- Setting
- Plot
- Be creative with your project display/decorations

Below are picture examples of each project.

We will spend the first 2-3 weeks reviewing *The Magicians Nephew* including in class discussion. Students will present their projects and take the test.

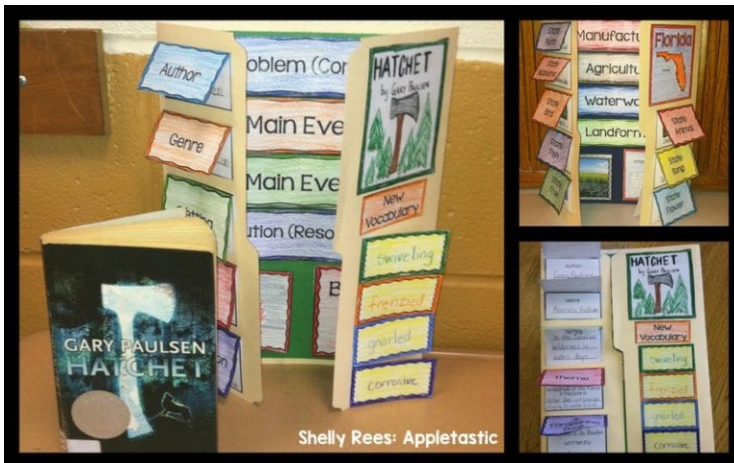
Thank you,
Mrs. Johnson

5th Grade Summer Reading Project Examples

Shoe Box – Create a shoebox diorama of an important scene in the book.



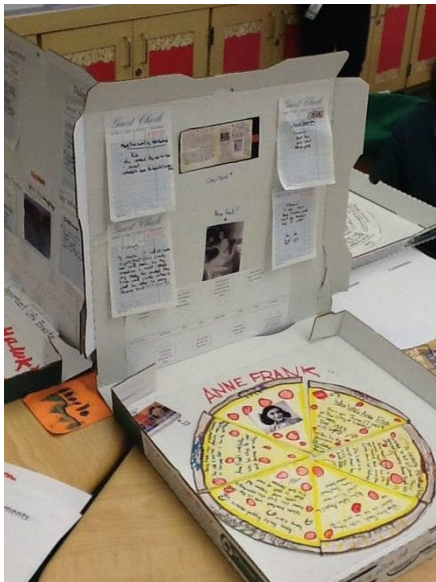
File Folder Book Report - Also called a lap book, this easy-to-make book report hits on all the major elements of a book study and gives students a chance to show what they know in a colorful way.



T-Shirt Book Report – Push up your sleeves and get creative with this fun book project.



Pizza Box - Each wedge of the pizza pie tells part of the story.



Book in a Bag – Decorate a paper grocery bag with a scene from the book and place in the bag five items that represent something from the book.



Hanger Report - The body of the hanger is used to identify the book, and the cards on the strings dangling below are filled with information about the book.



Hand with Charms - "What a charming way to write a book report! Each illustrated bracelet charm captures a character, an event in the plot, setting, or other detail."



Tri-fold Book Report – Using a tri-fold board to illustrate the book. Be creative.

