

Hello, upcoming 5th graders and parents!

My name is Ms. Salamone, and I will be your students' homeroom and ELA teacher next year. Attached, you will find the summer work for 5th-grade ELA. I hope you all have an amazing summer!

SUMMER READING:

- Students are asked to read and write a report on one of the fiction books included in this list:

- <i>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</i>	Blume, Judy
- <i>The Lemonade War</i>	Davis, Jacqueline
- <i>Because of Mr. Terupt</i>	Buyea, Rob
- <i>The Firefly Summer</i>	Matson, Morgan
- <i>The Terrible Two</i>	Barnett, Mac
- <i>The One and Only Ivan</i>	Applegate, Katherine
- <i>Holes</i>	Sacher, Louis
- <i>Spy School</i>	Gibbs, Stuart
- <i>Frindle</i>	Clements, Andrew
- <i>Save Me a Seat</i>	Weeks, Sarah

Essay Assignment:

- Students must write a three-paragraph essay about one of the following things:
 1. Writing about a major character who changes throughout the story. Discuss his/her initial character, the force(s) that cause the change(s), and how the character evolves because of the struggles he/she has endured.
 2. Discuss the book's theme and how the author communicates this message to the audience.
 3. Character Study: Write about your favorite character in the book. Why you connected with them and what makes them memorable. How do their actions affect the story?
 4. Describe the setting of the story and how it influences the characters and the plot.

Your essay should include the following paragraphs:

- Introduction: A quick 5-6 sentence summary of the book that you read.
- Body Paragraph: 6-7 sentences discussing the topic of your choosing from the list above.

- Conclusion: 5-6 sentence summary of how you felt about the book and an overall review of the book.

Simple Solutions:

- All students will bring home their simple solutions book from school to finish over the summer. This should be turned in by the first week of school.