



## Fifth Grade Summer Reading: 2018



**Students entering fifth grade will read four books in total and hand in two required essays.**

**1.) Choose one book from the following list to read:**

*Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* (or any of the series) by J.K. Rowling  
*The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau  
*Because of Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea  
*Holes* by Louis Sachar

**For the recommended book, answer the following question on notebook paper in cursive handwriting.**

In a **five** paragraph essay, explain the book's plot. Choose one main character and explain how they added to the plot. How did the setting of the book add to the plot? Make sure to include an introduction and conclusion.

Suggested format:

Paragraph I: Introduction to book (title, brief sentence(s) about plot)

Paragraph II: Summarization of plot

Paragraph III: Character's addition to the plot

Paragraph IV: Setting's addition to the plot

Paragraph V: Brief conclusion

**2.) For a book of your choice, answer the following question on notebook paper in cursive handwriting.**

In a **three** paragraph essay, explain why you would or would not recommend this book to another fifth grader. Provide specific reasons.

**3.) Read the following two books and prepare to talk about them as an introduction to your ancient civilizations classes.**

*Who was King Tut?* by Roberta Edwards

*What was Pompeii?* by Jim O'Connor