

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Assignment for Ms. Quinn's Class

Students who will be entering the 5<sup>th</sup> grade in September have an exciting summer ahead! Through your summer reading assignments, you'll join the Penderwicks on their family vacation and follow them as they find themselves in all kinds of interesting situations. You will also choose another book from the reading list and complete a simple book report. **I grade summer reading and it is required**, so be sure to finish all of your work and do your best.

Your required book is *The Penderwicks* by Jeanne Birdsall. Every year my new students (boys and girls alike) tell me how much they LOVED this book. There is a sequel to the book, so be sure to get the right one. It is simply called, *The Penderwicks*. Upon completing this novel, you will:

- Get a paper bag and decorate the outside with the title of the book, the author, and your name. Feel free to include a drawing or picture that relates to the story.
- Gather seven to ten items that represent events or characters in the story and place them in your bag. These items can come from outside, around the house, or from a local store. PLEASE do not spend a lot of money to complete this project. You can make some of your items out of craft supplies or even draw pictures of one or two things.
- On an index card or small piece of paper, write the name of each item and give one to two complete sentences on how it is linked to the story. Be sure to put the cards in the bag with the items.

For your second novel, choose a book that you have not read from the attached list. When you finish reading, complete the Book Report form.

I really hope that you enjoy these books and I look forward to seeing you when you return to school in August. Have a great summer!

Ms. Quinn

These definitions will you complete your book report forms (which are two-sided, so turn them over!)

**Plot** - is the way the series of events are ordered or sequenced. The plot is all the action that takes place in a story. It is the events that make up a story.

**Climax** - is the major turning point in the story. It is when the plot changes for better or worse for the "good guy" (protagonist.) The "bad guy" (antagonist) is often defeated at the climax.

## Rising 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading List

In addition to the assigned book and project, choose one of the novels below that you have never read and complete the attached book report sheet.

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck

Missing May by Cynthia Rylant

Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare

The Twenty-One Balloons by William Pene du Bois

Little House on the Prarie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Rules by Cynthia Lord

# My Book Report

My \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Pages: \_\_\_\_\_

Illustrator: \_\_\_\_\_ Copyright Date: \_\_\_\_\_

My Rating: 

List and define any new words you learned from this book.  
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Setting—When and where does this book take place?  
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Who are the main characters?  
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How did you feel about the main characters?  
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Give a plot summary of this book. Be sure to tell about the beginning, middle and end of the story.

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What is the climax of this story?

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What was your favorite part of the book?

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What lessons were learned in the story?

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Why did you like or dislike this book?

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Draw your favorite part of the story: